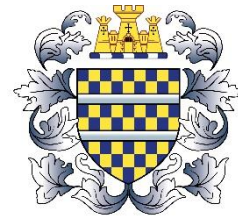


Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control Simmons Park, Okehampton



Okehampton Town Council

In 2020 West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) held a public consultation about Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control. As part of this process Okehampton Town Council requested the thoughts of residents about the overall proposals and how they would affect dogs in Simmons Park.

Numerous responses were received and noted by the Town Council and fed back to WDBC for consideration. A new Order for the Control of Dogs under the Public Spaces Protection Order was confirmed by WDBC in 2021.

Okehampton Town Council has reviewed the Order and the implications for the control of dogs within its outdoor spaces.

In line with the Order made by WDBC, from 1st April 2022 dogs will be required to be on a lead in the formal garden area of Simmons Park. This is the area on the Chalet/pond side of the river as outlined in red on the plan.



The following rules are unchanged and will continue to apply in the other areas of Simmons Park:

- Fenced in Play Area – No Dogs
- Unfenced Play Areas – Dogs Under Control
- Recreation Area – Dogs Under Control
- Cricket Field – No Dogs (area open to public use outside of school hours only)
- Playing Field – No Dogs during school hours or whilst the area is in use. Dogs Under Control at all other times

Your dog should be under control when off the lead and not be a nuisance to other people, animals (farm and wild) children and dogs (Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005/Control of Dogs Order 1992/Dangerous Dog Act 1991).

It remains an offence not to pick up after your dog.

WDBC Officers and the Police are able to issue fixed penalty notices of up to £100 to those who do not comply with the Order.

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