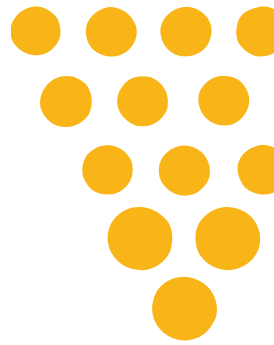


Public Protection

Supporting your community address low level crime



Tackling littering, dog fouling and dogs on restricted beaches

Are there problems with dog fouling or littering in parts of your town or parish?

Do dog owners ignore seasonal restrictions on beaches or let their dogs run loose in areas where they must be on leads?

It is a criminal offence to breach a Public Spaces Protection Order ([PSPOs dog related](#)) or to drop litter in a public place.

Cornwall Council is offering a couple of options to assist local councils address these issues.

Option 1 – Authorised officers

Available to Town and Parish Council staff only (not Councillors or community groups)

Become an authorised officer to undertake patrols and have the ability to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to any offenders

Option 2 – Education approach

Suitable for employees, local community groups or volunteers

Understand the legislation and what constitutes an offence in order to engage with and educate the community

If offences are witnessed, understand the evidence needed and where appropriate forward the information to Cornwall Council for issue of FPN / warning letters

Ideal for a more low-key approach

For any public areas in the Town or Parish that need cleaning reports can be made via the Cornwall Council website

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/street-cleaning/>

Contact us

Email: publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk

Call **0300 1234 212 (opt 2)**

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: **0300 1234 100**

The Offer

Option 1

Authorise Local Council employee to issue FPNs

An employee of the parish council can be authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices. As part of this option, they will receive

- Fixed Penalty Notice training
- Opportunity to undertake a joint patrol in the area with an experienced enforcement officer
- Authorisation documents
- Written guide for issuing of notices
- Local Council keeps 50% of any FPN's paid
- Ongoing support available from Cornwall Council
- Cornwall Council will undertake all admin, follow up of notices and undertake prosecution (where appropriate) for unpaid fines.

Cost £120

(£100 per person if multiple from same Town or Parish Council)

Option 2

Train staff, volunteers, councillors or community interest groups

Engagement, encouragement and education can be very important within local communities.

For this option we offer a training session, report card and ongoing support.

- Training on what is an offence and the potential penalties
- Advice on communication skills
- Evidence gathering and what information is needed for a FPN to be issued
- Report card for any reports to be escalated to Cornwall Council
- Evidence from informal patrols will be used to target Council resources for formal patrols if evidence of persistent offending

Cost £40

(£30 per person if multiple from same organisation)

Training Dates

Fixed Penalty Notice training (Option 1) – 15th March (9.30-12)

Community awareness and report training (Option 2) – 21st March (14.00-15.30)

Further dates to be added

To book or express an interest in further dates please contact

publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk or call 0300 1234 212 (opt 2)