

We recognise that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible owners who pick up after their dogs and keep them under proper control. However, there are a minority of people who don't. We've made four dog control orders to tackle these issues. The information below is a guide to what the dog control orders cover and where they apply.

Dog Fouling Order

The Dog Fouling Order applies to all land within the Borough and requires any person in charge of a dog to immediately remove any dog fouling that their dog has produced and to dispose of it properly.

'Land' in this case means any land that the public are entitled or permitted to have access to and is open to the air. It does not apply to private land where the public are not permitted to have access.

Here are some examples of the type of land to which the dog fouling order applies:

- Parks and public open spaces, including Hastings Country Park;
 - Town centres, shopping areas;
 - The seafront including the promenade, beach and foreshore down to the waters edge;
 - Roads, pavements, public footpaths, byways, bridleways etc;
 - Woodlands, but not Forestry Commission land;
 - Agricultural land where the public have access;
 - Common land.
- A person is guilty of an offence unless they have a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with the order. Not knowing a dog has fouled, or not having the means to clear it up e.g. a bag, are not reasonable excuses.

Dogs on Leads Order

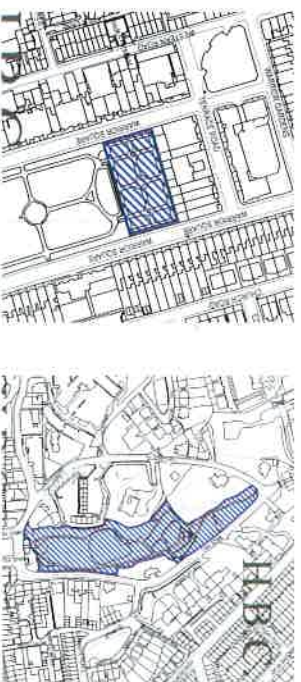
The Dogs on Leads Order requires dogs to be kept on a lead in a number of areas throughout the town at certain times specified in the order. Signs have been put up to indicate the areas covered by this order.

In Parks and Open Spaces

Dogs can be exercised off a lead in all parks and open spaces **except** the following areas. See maps below.

- Lower Alexandra Park between Dorrecht Way and Bethune Way. Dogs must be kept on a lead between 8am and 6pm every day.
- St Leonards Gardens. Dogs must be kept on a lead between 9am and 6pm every day everywhere within this site.
- Upper Rose Garden, Warrior Square Gardens. Dogs must be kept on a lead between 9am and 6pm every day.

Please note, outside of these times dogs can be exercised off a lead (i.e. before 8am in Alexandra Park and before 9am in St Leonards Gardens and Warrior Square Gardens and after 6pm at all of the sites).



Clockwise from top left:
Warrior Square Gardens;
St Leonards Gardens;
Alexandra Park

On the Promenade and Beach

The order requires people to keep their dogs on a lead on the promenade at all times. People also have to keep their dog on a lead between 1 May and 30 September on the part of the beach in front of the car park at the very end of Rock-a-Nore beach opposite the Hastings Motor Boat & Yacht Club between groynes one and three. The area covered is shown on the map on the back of this leaflet shaded yellow.

On the Road

Dogs must be kept on a lead on all roads in the town at all times. This includes the pavement as well as the carriageway. In this case 'road' is as defined by section 142 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The definition includes, bridges, public rights of way, such as public footpaths, as well as permissive paths, which are paths to which the public has access by permission of the landowner.

Dog Exclusion Order

The Dog Exclusion Order requires people in charge of a dog not to take it into, or keep it in, any area designated by this order. All the dog ban areas have signs indicating that dogs are not allowed. The areas where people cannot take dogs (except for assistance dogs) are as follows.

In Parks and Open Spaces

- All playgrounds, multi use games areas, skate parks, tennis courts, bowls greens and the water bodies in Alexandra Park and St Leonards Gardens.
- The grounds of Hastings Castle and Hastings Cemetery.
- Torfield School multi use games area and the access to it.
- The Peace Garden, Alexandra Park; Hughenden Road Pocket Park; and the fenced part of Duke Green, Duke Road.

On the Beach

There are two parts of the beach where you cannot take a dog between 1 May and 30 September. These are between the Harbour Arm and the Pier and between Warrior Square and The Royal Victoria Hotel in St Leonards (between groynes 32 and 42). The area covered is shown on the map on the back of this leaflet shaded green.

Dogs on Leads by Direction Order

The Dogs on Leads by Direction Order is designed to be used when a dog is not under proper control and needs to be put on a lead. It requires the person in control of a dog to put and keep it on a lead when told to do so by an authorised officer of the Council or Sussex Police.

This order applies to all land within the Borough where the public are entitled or permitted to have access. An authorised officer may only give a direction under this order if, in their opinion, a dog is not under proper control and is likely to cause a nuisance or disturbance to other people or wildlife.

Penalties

The Council will issue Fixed Penalty Notices to enforce the new dog controls. The Fixed Penalty payment is £75 if paid within 14 days, or £50 if paid within 10 days. Non-payment of the penalty within 14 days and repeat offences may result in prosecution action being taken. The maximum penalty for a successful prosecution is a £1,000 fine and a criminal record, plus any court costs that may be awarded.

Further Information

Please note that copies of all the dog control orders, together with maps of the areas they refer to, can be found on our website at www.hastings.gov.uk/environment_planning/cleaner_hastings/dogs/dog_control

Printed copies and large print versions of this leaflet and the draft orders are available for inspection at the Hastings Information Centre, Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1QR.

For telephone enquiries please call Hastings Borough Council on 01424 451077.



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The yellow area and the promenade between the red markers are covered by the Dogs On Leads Order. Green areas are covered by the Dog Exclusion Order. See inside for information.

Dog Controls in Hastings



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