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Trees fall foul of dog muck

Slough Borough Council is calling on residents of Cippenham to be vigilant after a spate of dog poo bags have been found in the trees of the bridal way leading from Mercian Way recreational ground to the Jubilee River.

It's not known who has been doing this or why, but the situation has grown over the last few months as used poo bags are being thrown up into the tree branches.

This is not only littering, but could also be a health risk. The council is asking residents to call the community wardens on 01753 875255 if they see anything.

Joe Byrne, community warden, said: "Not only does it look unsightly having bags full of dog poo hanging from the trees, but it isn't the healthiest of pastimes – either for the person(s) involved or residents trying to enjoy the bridal way.

"We had the same problem in Mercian Park last year, which we sorted out. I'm now following this up after speaking to residents and I'd urge anyone who sees this happening to call me. Anyone caught will be fined for littering."

One resident who uses the bridal way to walk their dog said: "I've seen the bags in the trees before and often wondered why people would throw them up there.

"I called the council to let them know and they cleared it up very quickly, but they shouldn't have to be picking up dog mess from trees."

Commissioner for environment and open spaces, Cllr Satpal Parmar, added: "The council is committed to improving the local environment to make Slough a great place to live, work and play.

“I can’t understand why someone would find it amusing to throw dog mess up into the trees. Not only makes it harder for people to enjoy the park, but it’s not very nice for the council staff who have to clear it up.

“Residents have been very good at cleaning up after their pets. We all need to help keep our communities clean and safe.”

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