

I sending this email as agreed per our conversation today concerning the unpleasant subject of the need for a receptacle for dog litter at Truckle Bridge on the Foxley Road. There is a metal gate that opens onto the road from the river walk past Daniels Well. On a couple of occasions I have fished out from the uncapped metal gate post an assortment of small bags whose contents I need not describe. Further exemplars I collected had also been thrown into the verge. The two neighbours included in this email were with me last week when I did my latest clear out and join with me in requesting another dog bin being sited close to the gate (preferably to the right if you have your back to the town since this is where the additional bags were found).

I understand from Councillor Gundry that the Council workers can only deal with clearing a limited amount of dog litter receptacles and their quota is complete. It was suggested that one of the two at the Mead could be moved to the Turtle Bridge site. However I understand from you Jeff that one cannot move the bins either! As we are clearly expanding as a town and there appear to be an increasing number of dogs on the streets these days (also leaving evidence of their passage) I would imagine that there is more money at the disposal of the Town Council. Dog shit is not only unpleasant in itself and for the look of the town, it is also a health hazard. I would therefore plead not only for this additional bin but also some kind of plan to prevent owners allowing dogs to soil the streets freely.

Hoping that you will be able to move the machinery of local politics sufficiently to deal with this problem!

Best wishes

yours sincerely