



Hordle Parish Council Dog Walkers' Charter

This charter has been drawn up to ensure that everyone that uses the public open space can do so safely and healthily. The standards are higher than the minimum recommended and reflect that the open space is a shared facility with multiple uses for recreation and leisure.

1. Carry a lead for each dog in your care.
2. All dogs must wear collars with ID tags with the owner's post code and phone number.
3. Carry sufficient dog poo bags with you. Pick up after your dog; put bagged dog poo in a dog waste bin or litter bin or take it home. Dog bags are available from the Parish Office at £1 for 50.
4. Public open space is not a dog toilet. Where possible, ensure your dogs have toileted before coming to exercise on the shared space. Please pay close attention to your dog at all times.
5. Keep dogs on leads in and around car parks and alongside roads and on entering and leaving public open space. Please monitor your dogs closely at this time and clear up dog poo.
6. Always keep all dogs under effective control; if you cannot reliably and quickly call your dog back to you and away from people or other dogs, please keep it on a lead and do not allow them to stray onto adjacent land.
7. Keep your dog from jumping up at or approaching other people, especially children, or other dogs and prevent excessive barking.
8. Show respect for other dogs (especially those displaying yellow as this indicates they need space); if an approaching dog is on a lead, put yours on a lead too.
9. Show respect for other users of the public open space. Observe warning signage; for example dogs must remain on leads during sports club usage.
10. For the safety of your dog please keep it on a lead when work such as grass cutting are taking place.

Charter for professional dog walkers

Must comply with the above, setting good examples of animal welfare and dog walking and comply with relevant legislation.

1. Must hold public liability insurance which covers use of public land.
2. Walk no more than 4 dogs at any time on Parish Council public open space.
3. Dog walkers should not meet up and walk together on Parish Council public open space.
4. We also require that dog walking businesses should be familiar with the Professional Dog Walkers' Guidelines since they have a broader scope than the Hordle Parish Council Dog Walkers Charter. [dog walking guide online.pdf \(dogtrust.org.uk\)](https://www.dogtrust.org.uk/dog-walking-guidelines)

