

Enforcement in parks and green spaces

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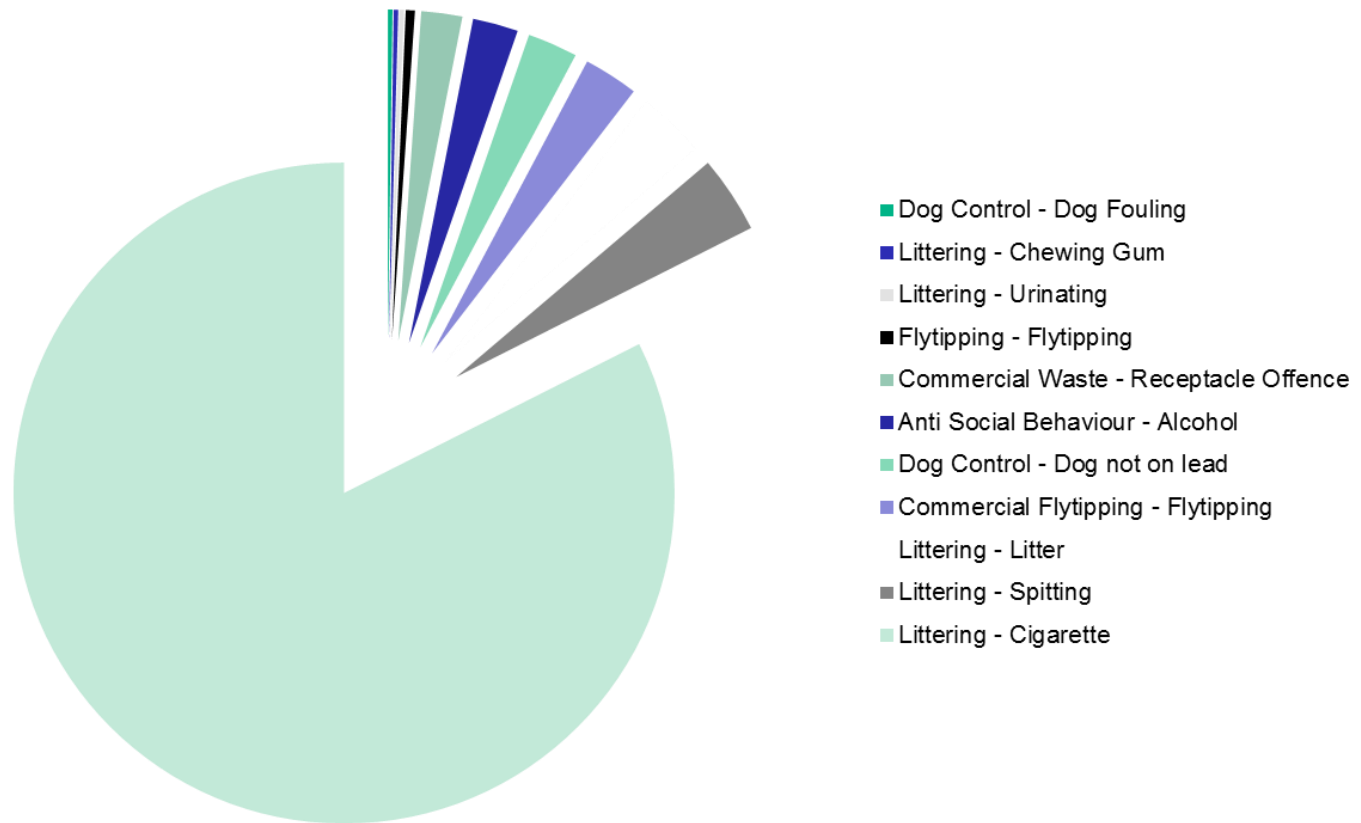
Background

- Pilot project with Kingdom Environmental Services to tackle environmental enforcement started 6 November 2017
- Longer term contract with 3GS started 5 February 2019
- <https://news.bristol.gov.uk/news/3gs-set-to-take-on-environmental-enforcement-role>
- Over 17,000 Fixed Penalty Notices served by contractors during the past 22 months



Type of offences

Since 3GS started more action taken against a wider range of offences.



Dog related enforcement

Dog fouling- 2 Fixed Penalty Notices since April

3GS hotspot patrols informed by pooper snooper app and requests from councillors. Maps of operations coming.

Handing out poo bags. Stickers available.

<https://www.natural-apptitude.co.uk/pooper-snooper-an-app-to-help-tackle-dog-poop/>



Dog related enforcement

Dogs off leads - 28 Fixed Penalty Notices since April
Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) 2017 offence

A PSPO bans or restricts certain acts or behaviour in a certain area. They're used in areas where certain behaviour is having a negative effect on the quality of life of those using the space.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/3235486/Sealed+PSPO+-+Dog+Control.pdf/7fb60f39-7d62-ae41-7d94-99552085d963>

Some areas are exempt from dog lead restrictions

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/0/Areas+where+dogs+are+allowed+off+leads+in+Bristol/989c21c3-bde0-4907-c381-fcab3e4381dc>

Littering and fly tipping enforcement

Littering (non smoking) – 269 £100 FPNs since April

Flytipping – 16 £400 FPNs/ 5 prosecutions

Serious issue in parks-improve evidence gathering

Introducing the Reportable smart phone app for parks crews

Clean Streets ‘Big Tidy’

- intelligence led
- tailored solutions
- encourage witnesses
- encourage reporting



Byelaws

- Most of Bristol's parks and green spaces are covered by the byelaws for pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces
- Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and council officers check parks and green spaces. If they see someone breaking a byelaw that person will be asked to stop. If they continue they might be removed from the area and can be fined up to £500.
- Breaking byelaws can be reported on Council's website

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/museums-parks-sports-culture/someone-breaking-the-rules-in-park>

- Could be holding an unauthorised event/running a business activity without permission/ camping or parking overnight/damaging plants, flowers, life-saving equipment or park furniture/driving a motor vehicle through the park/ barbeques

Reports go to Parks' Client and Operations Coordinators