Public Spaces Protection Order

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 (as extended 2026)

Ribble Valley
Borough Council
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Notice is hereby given that Ribble Valley Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and under all other enabling powers has extended the **Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 for a period of 3 years**

1. This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedules to this Order and shown edged in red on the plan attached - ("the restricted areas").

2. The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:

   (a) occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the order, or

   (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities.

3. This Order will come into force on the **19 October 2026** and ends on **18 October 2029** unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers.

BY THIS ORDER

4. The effect of the Order is to extend duration of the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the restricted areas at all times:

   (i) **Fouling of Land by Dogs**

   a) If a dog defecates at any time on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 1 of this Order and the person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:

      (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
      (ii) the owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
      (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 1

   b) For the purpose of this article:

      (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(ii) Means to Pick up Dog Faeces

a) A person in charge of a dog on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 2 must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:

(i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
(ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
(iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 2

b) The obligation in Article 4 (ii) (a) is complied with if, after a request from a constable or authorised officer, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces.

c) In this article, "an authorised officer" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

(iii) Dogs Excluded

a) A person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto, or permitting the dog to enter or to remain on land within the restricted area referred to in Schedule 3 of this Order unless:

(i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
(ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
(iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 3

b) For the purpose of this article:

(i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(iv) Dogs on Lead by Direction

a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 4, unless:

(i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
(ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or

b) For the purpose of this article:

(i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

(ii) a constable or authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any other animal or bird on any land to which this article applies;

(iii) in this article, "an authorised officer of the Council" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

(v) Dogs on Leads in Clitheroe Cemetery and Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Cemetery

a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead in the restricted areas detailed in Schedule 5 and Schedule 7, unless:

(i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so;

b) For the purposes of this article:

(i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(vi) Maximum number of Dogs

(a) A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, he takes onto any land in respect of which this Order applies, more than 4 in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 6, unless:

(i) he has reasonable excuse for doing so; or

(ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.

(b) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

5. PENALTY

i) Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements or prohibitions at Articles 4(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) in this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1000) on the standard scale.

6. Fixed Penalty

A constable or authorised person of the Council may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence

will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100, failing which they may be prosecuted.

1. **Appeals**

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated this 19th day of October 2026

THE COMMON SEAL of

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereto affixed in the presence of:



Mayor Councillor Janet Alcock

Chief Executive Sarah Threlfall

RESTRICTED AREAS

SCHEDULE 1

1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley, and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

b) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

3) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630).
v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169).
vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

SCHEDULE 2

4) Subject to the exception in paragraph 5 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley, and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

5) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

c) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

d) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

6) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).

iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630).
v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169).
vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

SCHEDULE 3

1) This Order applies to any land within the administrative area of Ribble *Valley* which comprises of any enclosed children's play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court, bowling green, putting green, sports pitch(es) and/or any other recreational facility.

2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants); or

(c) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants).

3) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

(i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
(ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
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(vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
(viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
(ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
(x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
(xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

SCHEDULE 4

1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley, and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

2) Exemptions

None

SCHEDULE 5

1) This order applies to all land at Clitheroe Cemetery, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 2JD (as shown outlined in red on the attached plan).

2) Exemptions

None

SCHEDULE 6

1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley, and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

2) Exemptions

None

SCHEDULE 7

1) This order applies to all land at Whalley, Wiswell & Barrow Cemetery, Clitheroe Road, Whalley, Lancashire BB7 9AD (as shown outlined in red on the attached plan).

2) Exemptions

None

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Plan of Clitheroe Cemetery, Waddington Road, Clitheroe BB7 2JD

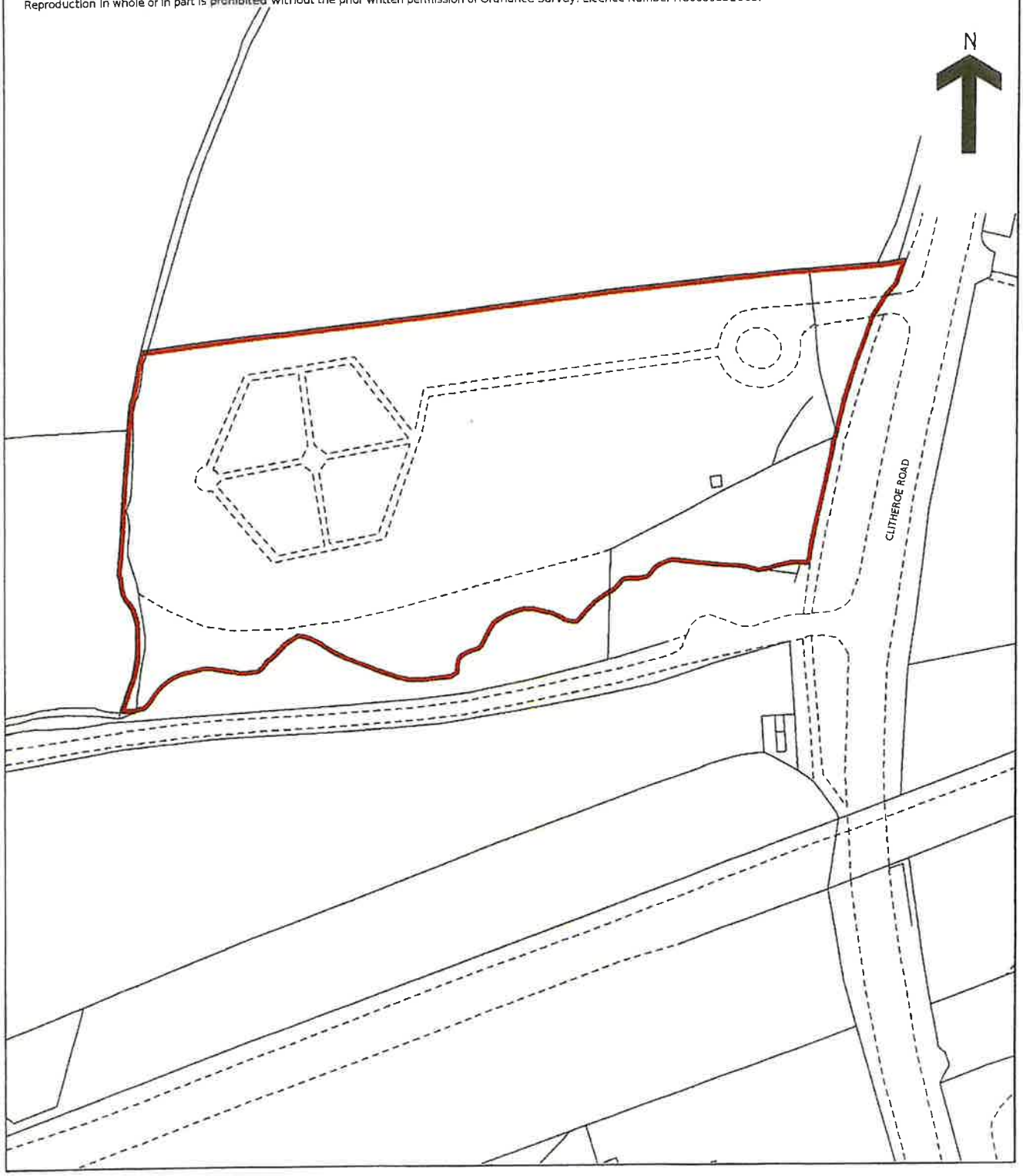


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