

RUFFORTH PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Dear Residents

The Rufforth Playing Fields are a valuable asset to the village and are used by many residents as well as others from outside the village for recreational purposes. Many that use the playing fields exercise their dogs there. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control and pick up after them. Unfortunately, there is a small minority that don't or may not be aware of what their dog is doing when out of sight and dog fouling has become a major problem not just on the playing fields but also along the Southfield Lane approach onto the field.

We have a number of new junior football teams using the playing fields and the continued use of the fields for dog walking has come under review.

For health reasons we cannot continue to allow dogs to freely exercise over the playing fields. We do not want to have to ban dogs entirely and therefore we are introducing new rules for all those that walk their dogs there. The rules are introduced with immediate effect and are as follows:

1. All dogs are to be kept on leads or under close control.
2. All dogs shall be under the control of a responsible person.
3. Dogs shall not be allowed to exercise over the football or cricket pitches and shall be kept to the field perimeter and within the areas shown on the plan below.
4. A maximum of 3 dogs per person will be allowed to exercise at any time.
5. All owners must pick-up after their dogs and shall carry spare poo bags at all times.

To ensure the rules are followed, members of the Playing Field Committee will be monitoring the situation and may approach those that do not adhere to the rules to ask that they do. Signs are also going to be erected so that those visiting from outside the village are also aware of the rules.

Poo bins are located at the Southfield Lane entrance to the field as well as adjacent to the club house for convenience and are regularly emptied by Club volunteers.

Please be respectful of these rules as we do not want to have to ban dogs entirely from the playing fields.

If you have any questions or wish to bring to the attention of the committee any persistent offenders, you may do so by emailing rufforthplayingfields@gmail.com.

**Please keep your dog
off the hatched areas
of the sports field.**

