

Clean it up or pay the price, residents warn dog owners

DOG fouling is top of a list of issues a new residents' group want to tackle.

The Rossall Beach Residents Association, which represents 80 homes, say the highest priority is to re-educate owners who do not clear up after their pets.

The group, which represents 80 homes, has conducted a survey of beach and promenade users and found the top concerns were litter and dog mess.

Committee member Janice Pickup said: "The survey showed these two issues let the area down badly.

"Rossall Beach residents now have a very strongly-worded warning for all dog owners who visit - 80 pairs of eyes are watching you, so, please, clean up your dog poo!"

Mrs Pickup said offenders would be reported to the dog warden if they failed to heed warnings.

She added: "Dog fouling on the promenade and beach is a major problem and high on our agenda.

"Every day we get dozens of owners arriving by car to exercise their animals on the beach and we're determined to get them to act responsibly and clean up the mess.

"A number of residents in the area have dogs themselves and we are promoting responsible dog ownership to visitors."

She said the action on the litter issue had already begun with the arrival of new litter bins from the Wyre Community Safety Partnership.

They are also hoping to tackle

speeding motorists and want an extra CCTV camera for the area to deter anti-social behaviour.

The group has also been instrumental in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Mrs Pickup added: "It's not that crime is a large problem in Cleveleys generally but this is a dark, dead end in winter and we all have to be careful with security in a seaside place with lots of visiting traffic, which could bring opportunist criminals."

The organisation was formed after locals attended a Police and Community Together meeting and were told issues could be better resolved with a collective voice.

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