

## DOGS IN THE RECREATION GROUND

**NEW** signs have been displayed reminding members of the public that dogs are not allowed on the recreation ground & clubhouse.

**PLEASE** can we ask that you **refrain from entering and walking your dogs in the recreation club and ground** as they are not permitted to enter this area. This rule has been in force for many years and mostly it has been adhered to and respected by members of the public.

It has been brought to our attention that there has been **numerous sightings** of dogs and their owners entering and walking within the recreation ground/field at various times of the day.

The recreation ground is a **great community facility** enjoyed by many children and adults, where local football matches, games and recreation activities regularly take place. It is important that the ground remains a **welcoming, safe and healthy environment** for all residents to experience.

There have been recent reports of **dog excrement found** on the ground, which is not only **causing disruption** to activities taking place but is a serious **health & safety concern** for the public using the ground. Even if you pick up your dog waste, the ground can be left contaminated and be a major risk of **toxocariasis, particularly to children**.

We have many lovely areas to walk your dog and we would encourage you to **explore as many of these places** around the village.

We thank **the majority of dog owners who act responsibly** and respect the recreation ground rules around health & safety.



**We thank you for your cooperation.**

**Westoning Parish Council**

