

## **Report to Millbrook Parish Council.**

### **Littering.**

Cornwall Council is urging residents to make sure used items of personal protective equipment (PPE) go in the bin – or they could face a £150 fixed penalty notice.

In recent months the Council has received lots of reports about PPE being discarded on streets, beaches, green spaces and walkways.

Residents are being urged to put used face coverings and disposable gloves in litter bins or take the items home.

Littering is an offence and those found dropping any item of litter can receive a £150 fixed penalty notice.

If you see someone dropping litter, please email Cornwall Council at [publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotection@cornwall.gov.uk).

### **Hedge cutting:**

People in Cornwall are being reminded to follow the rules for hedge and tree cutting at this time of year. Between 1 March and 31 August, hedge cutting and trimming is not allowed unless there is a safety issue. This is because it is the main breeding season for birds which have legal protection.

Landowners also have a duty to ensure that the highway is not obstructed and they are being encouraged to cut back any overhanging vegetation now, rather than wait for an official reminder. People should also check the condition of their trees and hedges and seek professional arboricultural advice where required.

For all the latest advice about managing trees and tree risks, please visit the Managing your Trees page on Cornwall Council's website.

You can report issues with overgrown hedges or overgrown or fallen trees causing a concern in the highway, via the Report issues with hedges or verges page on Cornwall Council's website.

### **Dog Fouling:**

Back in January 2020, Cornwall's first "We're watching you" anti-dog fouling pilot achieved an average reduction in dog fouling by 72.5% across eleven hot spots. Now Cornwall Council's Communities and Public Protection team have launched a brand-new 2021 campaign, targeting seven additional sites across Cornwall.

The successful applicants have each received "We're watching you" signs to put to the test at their chosen hot spot. The 2021 campaign participants include Kenwyn Parish Council, Porthleven Environment Group, Porthleven Town Council, St Columb Major Town Council, St Ives Town Council, St Just Town Council and St Gennys Parish Council.

The ability of the signs to nudge irresponsible dog owners to "pick up" at their sites is being closely monitored by dedicated community ambassador volunteers through weekly survey visits.

If you would like to place your council on the interest register to receive “We’re watching you” signs in the next phase of the 2021 campaign, please email [cep@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cep@cornwall.gov.uk) with your contact details. There’s more about the “We’re watching you” campaigns in Cornwall on Cornwall Council’s website.

**Covid 19:**

If anyone has any coronavirus related enquiries or issues, then please use Cornwall Council’s dedicated email address [covid19@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:covid19@cornwall.gov.uk). Residents can also ring 0300 1231 118 for any COVID-19 related queries.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting

Best Wishes

George