

# EXPRESS NEWS



## Paint campaign to tackle dog mess

Parishes and groups across Daventry district are taking part in a renewed campaign to rid our streets and open spaces of dog fouling. The Paint Means Poo campaign revisits the successful scheme first launched by Daventry District Council in 2013. The initiative saw volunteers spraying dog mess with brightly-coloured biodegradable paint in order to highlight the extent of fouling and shame owners into picking up after their pets. This time more than 30 groups are taking part,

including 27 parish councils across the district as well as volunteers in areas of Daventry including Lang Farm, Ashby Fields, Middlemore, Southbrook and The Grange. The Canal & River Trust is erecting signs on towpaths in the district and supporting a volunteer to spray dog fouling in the Whilton Locks area. Cllr Mike Warren, health and housing portfolio holder on Daventry District Council, said: "The aim of the Paint Means Poo campaign is for local communities to highlight the extent of

the dog fouling problem in a particular area and to embarrass irresponsible dog owners by spraying dog fouling with orange paint. A lot of groups who have taken part in paint spraying activities in the past have reported very positive results and we hope this renewed campaign will have a similar impact, as well as encouraging even more communities to take part." People and groups wishing to take part in the campaign can find out more at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/dogfouling).

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# Grandfather locked up for choking youngster

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