

## **EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **East Budleigh Recreation Ground – Voluntary Scheme for Control of Dogs**

After ten months of negotiation the Parish Council are fully aware that the issue of dogs on the Recreation Ground has been difficult for everyone involved and not an easy task to resolve. The Parish Council has wanted to take account of the views of all parties involved and believes that it might now have a workable solution, which the Parish Council will be putting forward on the 27 March:

It is proposed to run a voluntary trial scheme for a year on the Recreation Ground with unrestricted access for dogs, with the exception of the football pitch area where dogs will be excluded.

The scheme will be self-policing under the guidance of the Parish Council's Dog Warden, Cllr Mike Smith, assisted by Cllr Valerie Lister and it is hoped that Parishioners will support both Mike and Valerie in their task. Three new signs with a map detailing the excluded area will be placed at the entrances to the field and it is intended to improve access at both Vicarage Road entrances.

A number of Parishioners wish to hold a Public Meeting to put forward a vote of no confidence in the Parish Council over its handling of the Recreation Ground problem. While all Councillors support their right to conduct such a meeting, it is hoped that Councillors and residents will support the voluntary trial scheme.

Jon White (Chair)  
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