

Dear NHC Cemeteries and Area Monitoring Officer

I have tried to contact John O'Conner directly but without success to request that the dog poos waste bins in Ashwell be emptied first thing on a Monday morning.

We have received many complaints from parishioners at the unsightly look and smell of overflowing bins after the weekends use. I believe Ashwell was scheduled for Monday morning collection, but this has now moved to a Tuesday.

Please can you request this change with John O'Conner for the parish of Ashwell?

Thank you

Kind regards

Sally Roberts - Clerk

Thank you for your last email with the information.

And apologies in advance for another photo but this is today's offering.

Imagine it in the summer with the flies buzzing round it - yuck.

If we are not getting any more could it be moved to a more central location instead please?

Perhaps near the tennis courts or football field? Then when it is overflowing it isn't next to our house?

Please can you send me a copy of the map?

thank you

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On Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 2:41 PM <clerk@ashwell.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear xxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email. We have received several complaints since the Caravan Park decided to remove their own bin (red dog poo bin) and put it back onto their site as it was for use by their customers and not the general public. I believe many people were under the impression that the Parish Council had removed a bin which they had not, they only ever owned and serviced 11 bins in the village and the extra one was owned by Ashridge Caravan Park. We have put the subject onto the council agenda 2-3 times during this period and the last time it was discuss was in August, please see extract from the August Minutes.

Dog Poo Waste Bins complaints - to discuss adequacy of bins and service following parishioners correspondence. Dog poos waste bins are emptied each Monday. NHC have informed us that if the waste is double bagged it can be disposed of in residents Purple Bin. Cost to the Parish Council to empty the 11 bins owned by the Parish Council and located around the village on a weekly basis is in excess of £2,000 per year.

Action: Cllr Mahy to produce updated map of dog poo waste bins with markers and Deputy Clerk/Clerk to laminate and fix to existing dog poo bins.

The next parish council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm and there is an open session where members of the public can address councillors. I will forward your email to parish councillors and alert them again to the issue but if you would like to come to the meeting to speak to them during the open session you would be most welcome. We did enquire the cost of a new bin which was approx. £350, plus installation plus weekly emptying fee by NHC.

Sally Roberts - Clerk

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: 09 February 2026 11:16

To: parish clerk <clerk@ashwell.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd:

Hello Ashwell Parish council,

Apologies for sending you photos of full up dog poo bins but wanted to highlight the issue to you.

A while ago (last year) the dog poo bin outside the Ashridge disappeared.

Since then the bin on the corner of Ashwell St and Station Road is always full and at times overflowing.

Many people walk their dogs up and down The Ruddery, past the Caravan site to the Tennis Club etc, to "The Stret" and around Small Gains (with increased numbers during cycling and football events) yet this is the only dog poo bin in the area now.

Please could we have some more poo bins around this area to help this situation?

Best wishes

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From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: 16 March 2026 15:46

To: parish clerk <clerk@ashwell.gov.uk>

Subject: Poo bin 16.03.26



Sorry you are the one opening the emails but going to keep sending when particularly overflowing to highlight the point.

Best wishes

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