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### CIRENCESTER ABBEY GROUNDS

Local people and community groups are making a growing number of complaints to Cirencester Town Council regarding the amount of discarded litter and dog fouling in town and, in particular, the Abbey Grounds. The Town Council wants people to enjoy this town centre green space and encourage visitors to pick up after themselves and their dogs.

‘The majority of people who use the Abbey Grounds act in a considerate manner and don’t leave a mess but unfortunately some people discard their rubbish’ says Mayor Mark Harris who is also Town Councillor for Park Ward. ‘The amount of rubbish left by some people eating lunch or having a picnic is at times awful, despite there being litter bins all around the Abbey Grounds.’ Last year the Mayor spoke to pupils at Deer Park School to raise awareness and to seek support.

The Mayor says something also needs to be done about dog fouling. ‘The park is for everyone, including dog owners, but dog fouling is just plain nasty and presents health risks to children playing. The Abbey Grounds are a popular place to walk dogs but a minority of irresponsible people are ruining it for everyone else, including wildlife’.

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Last year a female swan on the lake was killed by what was most likely to be a large dog. The wildlife on the lake is important and the Mayor is concerned that more should be done to protect it. Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs out of the lake during nesting season.

The Lead Member for Estate Services, Councillor Andrew Lichnowski, said that the Estate Services Group, which oversees the management of open spaces on behalf of the Council, would be looking at introducing initiatives and considering a range of options to tackle these issues.

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