

MTC Full Council 21.7.20

Report No 3 Littering in land adjacent to Daniels Well and the fields under the bypass near Baskerville.

1. There has been an ongoing issue of littering by groups of people socialising at Daniel's well and the land adjacent to the bypass. This issue has been significantly increased and exacerbated by the 'lockdown' period, with these locations increasingly be used as an outlet for leisure use. The issue is particularly the result of young people's and young adult's behaviour; although not exclusively according to witness reports.
2. Both locations fall within St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish boundary, and are in private land ownership.
3. In response to this issue, the Council has gifted three bins at these sites over the past few years; two at Daniel's Well and one the bypass.
4. The bins are heavily used by dog walkers for the disposal of dog waste, and to some degree for general litter.
5. Based on current practices Malmesbury Town Council's ground staff spend around 7 hours a week furnishing these bins, and also clearing the litter around the bin. This generates 30-35 bags of waste a week, which are then deposited in our Hills general waste container bins. The weight of these bags continues to take us over our contractual weight allowance.
6. The cost of furnishing these bins we estimate to be in costing us £200 per week (**£10400**ⁱ per annum) accounting for labour, transportation, and waste disposal.
7. The current provision is proving an additional ongoing cost to the Council, and in itself as a response does not seem to deal with the issue.
8. The Council are asked to consider the matter and instruct the Town Clerk accordingly.

Richard Spencer-Williams – Town Clerk

ⁱ Amended 25.1.21