



## **Which filthy “animals” are littering our woods?**

99% of dog owners are fully responsible for clearing up if their dog fouls in the wood and are indeed very welcome visitors. It is that irresponsible 1% who tarnish the good name of all responsible dog owners; who themselves are very annoyed and disgusted at those who bag up their dogs mess and LEAVE it in the wood for others to collect. Coed-y-Felin is a major community asset and is therefore greatly looked after and used by the community. If you are not prepared to take your soiled bags back home, why should you expect a neighbour to do so?

THE OTHER WEEK, OVER 20 POO BAGS WERE COLLECTED FROM THE STEPS AT THE END OF MILLRACE CLOSE!!!! But they are not just here, they are found all round the wood.

We have put posters up at all entrances and written many articles here in the Link BUT it still goes on! We have tried slogans such as:

- “Stick and flick” – If your dog fouls on the path, get a stick and flick it into the wood where it will decompose naturally.
- “Would you like to put your foot in it?” – We have many children visiting the wood so this could become a very grave health issue.

It is a legal duty to clean up every time your dog fouls in a public space and if found not doing so or leaving litter (poo bags), then you can be subject to an “on the spot” fine of £75.

If we discover any of these culprits, then we will name and shame them here in the Link.

Apart from that, things are looking good for Coed-y-Felin:

- We have secured another grant from Environment Wales; this year for over £4k in order to repair the Ivydale entrance and fence, repair a number of steps throughout the wood, plant trees to create a new hedge behind Ridgeway and the never ending repairs to the paths. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers will be helping us with some of the larger and heavier jobs through the year.

- This sunny and rainy summer has certainly made things grow. The hedge that we laid over the last 2 years below Ridgeway has really grown well.

So, if you fancy helping us to look after the wood, this month's work day is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September when we will be making further repairs to the steps at the end of Millrace Close leading down to the stepping stones and bridge. We will meet at the Hoel Cefn Onn entrance at 2.00pm. Leadership, tools and gloves will be provided and do wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear.

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### **Future work days**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Meet at the Hoel Cefn Onn entrance at 2.00 pm**  
The painting of our fences and gates.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Meet at the Hoel Cefn Onn entrance at 2.00 pm**  
Thinning the trees below Ridgeway to prepare the area ready to plant trees to create a new hedge..