

Granddad's anger at foul problem

Village streets blighted by dog mess

By **ALEX HICKEY**

A GRANDFATHER has blamed irresponsible dog owners for the "disgusting" state of a popular village.

Brinley Williams, 66, has called for action to be taken to tackle the problem of dog mess littering the streets of Felinheli.

Mr Williams of Bangor Street said there was dog muck spread over half the length of his street and was also a problem on the beach and on other roads.

"When I take my grandson out for a walk in the park I have to pick my way through the streets carefully to avoid stepping on dog mess, I have now had my belly full.

"The problem seems to be that some owners are letting their dogs out at night on their own to do their business.

"It's not a nice subject to talk about but something has to be done about it. It's disgusting, a danger to children and a nuisance to everyone else," he added.

According to him, the community or the county council had to "get a grip" on this issue.

He also called on the majority of residents in the village to stop tolerating this behaviour from a minority.

Felinheli county councillor Sian Gwenllian assured Mr Williams that the problem would be dealt with.

She said: "I have had a number of complaints about dog fouling in the village and am appalled that a small minority of irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs to foul on our streets."

Enforcement officers from the council had prom-



FELINHELI: is being plagued with dog mess claims one resident

ised her they would fine anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog.

A new group has been set up, called Felin Daclus, to tackle this issue, she added.

"I am chairing this group and one of our first tasks will be to tackle the dog fouling problem in the village. I hope villagers will support us as our campaign gets under way," Cllr Gwenllian said.

A council spokesman said: "Enforcement officers have met with the local member Cllr Gwenllian to discuss this particular matter; and we will be closely monitoring the situation in Felinheli as a result. We also welcome the establishment of the new voluntary group, Felin Daclus which has been set up in the village, and we believe that this is a very positive step in the process of developing a new sense of community pride."

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