



Broken glass bottles left on Tenterden recreation ground last summer

Crackdown on Rec bottles

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A crackdown on glass bottles being taken onto Tenterden recreation ground has been demanded.

Town councillor Sue Ferguson said it was a problem that needed tackling.

“It is important that we do something about this,” she said. “Young people are drinking and then smashing bottles and are playing games which involve doing that.”

“Our council maintenance crew picks up the glass, but it is a bigger problem for them when there are hundreds of little pieces.”

At a town council highways and amenities committee meet-



Tenterden deputy town clerk Robert Parham and Town councillor Sue Ferguson

ing on Monday, councillors agreed to put up two signs asking people to be more considerate with glass bottles.

They will be placed on the Rec by the football field where the



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problem is at its worst.

The committee was told there was no law covering taking glass bottles onto a recreation ground.

Cllr Ferguson said: “There should be a by-law; it despairs

me. I think there is something more we need to do.

“People do not always see the problem because our maintenance guys are out there early morning picking it up.

“It’s a waste of money clearing it up every day and dangerous for dogs running over the area on their early morning walks.”

Deputy town clerk Robert Parham said the broken glass was an issue but not one that had been raised by the ground crew recently.

“It is an on-going thing but is part of the issue of clearing up rubbish,” he said. “It takes us longer to pick it up.”

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