



**WHITEHILL
TOWN COUNCIL**
Serving Whitehill & Bordon

GRAFFITI REMOVAL POLICY

Graffiti Removal Policy

The quality of the local environment has a significant impact on people's perceptions of well-being and quality of life. The Council is committed to improving the environmental quality of Whitehill & Bordon and tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.

Graffiti is an all too frequent fact of everyday life. In highly visible areas such as streets, town centres and open spaces, graffiti has a great impact on the public and their perception of the area. The cost of graffiti is twofold; the financial cost of removing and enforcing it and the cost to the local community.

Whitehill Town Council adopts a zero-tolerance approach to graffiti on Council owned and managed property;

- The Council will remove racist, abusive and offensive material, which is present on council property, within 5 working days of notification to the Council.
- The local authority will remove non-offensive material, which is present on council property, within 30 working days of notification to the Council.
- Offences will be reported to the Police and, where sufficient evidence is gained, perpetrators of graffiti will be reported to the Police and maybe prosecuted under the Criminal Damages Act 1971.