

Something a bit Different

My job as Parish warden is quite varied at times but one job I was not prepared for was when 3 big Husky's ran out in front of the van while I was driving through Westcroft.

What do you do when you see 3 big husky's run across the road? Well I stopped the van, got out and hoped that they were friendly. I was a bit nervous when they came running towards me but, fortunately they were playful and were just having fun whilst on the run. I rang the Milton Keynes dog warden on 01908 252187 and they said they would send someone out but it might be a little while.

I decided I had better follow the dogs as they were now heading towards Kingsmead after taking a plunge in the ponds (and shaking near me). I wasn't too sure what to do as the dogs didn't have any collars on so I couldn't take them home or hold on to them so I rang Andy Ridgway (Youth Worker) at the office and asked him to come and give a hand and bring some rope. A



few minutes later Andy arrived with 3 skipping ropes. This is when the fun really began; trying to catch 3 dogs and get a rope around them when all they want to do is play is no mean task!. Andy had another great idea. He had a tennis ball with him which we used to trick the dogs into thinking we were playing. This gave us time to get the skipping ropes on to them.

Andy and I were happy as we thought we had out-smarted the dogs but they kept escaping from the temporary leads by shaking the heads. Fortunately, after about 5 or 6 at securing them a lady came along who owned the dogs and was really

grateful that we had caught them. They had escaped from the garden and she had been really worried about them. We eventually got their proper leads on and said goodbye to our new playful friends.