

We have been up today to find the bins at The Buck are full of what appears to be remnants of DIY jobs and home improvements e.g. packaging from new TV's, plasterboard, and old carpets. Presumably, this is not visitors to the village bringing their rubbish with them, but villagers taking advantage of the pub, and us, in this dire time.

We have taken steps to cordon off the carpark, to try and discourage visitors from congregating in the middle of the village, and we will upscale those efforts this weekend as we have heard visitors are disregarding what we have done so far. We are very saddened to now have to protect the property from locals using us to their own advantage.

We are trying to get the pub ready to reopen as soon as we are allowed and as safely and hygienically as possible, but we were met today with a situation where we cannot put our own rubbish in our own bins. This is really not acceptable or fair. Regardless of the obvious moral code here that you don't take advantage of others, there is potentially a real health hazard to us personally that people are touching our bins and dumping their household waste on us, potentially leaving the virus with it. Skipton refuse centre is open again for business so there is no need for anyone to dump their waste on us.

Thank you, Jo & Jeremy