

PARKING ISSUES & ABANDONED VEHICLES

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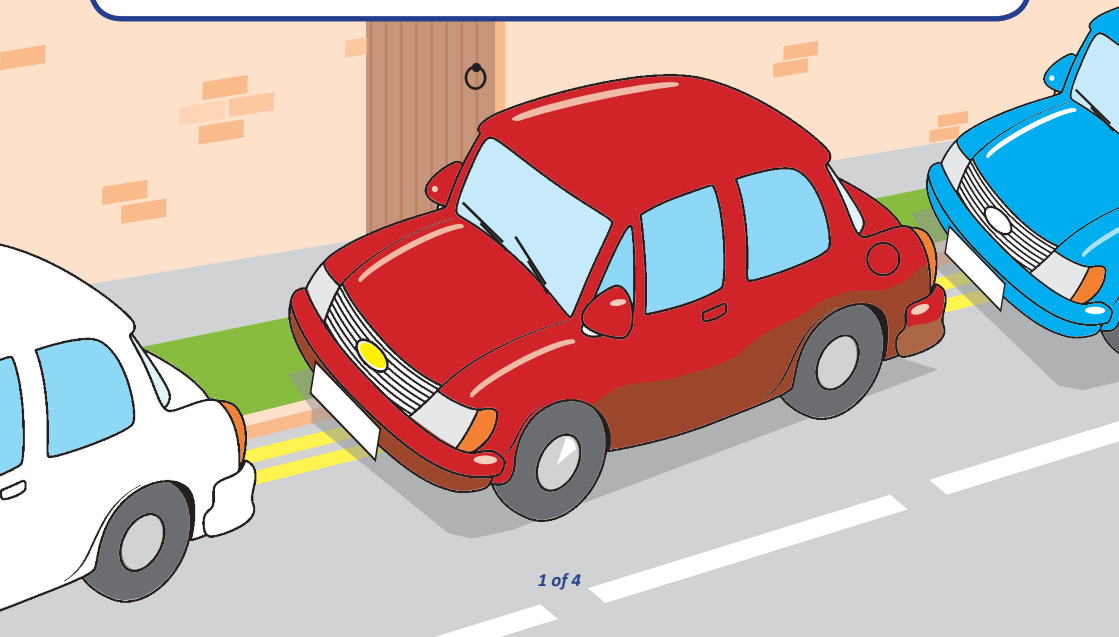
Many households don't have the space to park all their vehicles.

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Narrow roads, turning areas, drop-kerbs, parking restrictions, delivery vehicles, busses, taxis, etc.

SITUATIONS INVOLVING PARKED VEHICLES WILL OCCUR

This leaflet will give you information on what you should do, if you find yourself in one of these situations.



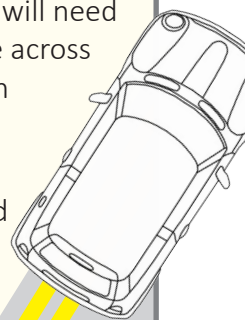
Parking in a restricted area/illegal parking

A vehicle can only be illegally parked if there are on-street parking restrictions in operation at that location. There are two types of on-street parking restrictions:

- **‘Prohibited’ parking** is where there are yellow lines or clearway restrictions in operation and it is an offence to park on the adjacent pavement or verge; and
- **‘Permitted’ parking** is where there are meter bays or resident bays permits.

If a vehicle is parked on yellow lines – double or single, you will need to report this to the Civil Enforcement Officers who operate across Norfolk from Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council on (01553) 616222.

If a vehicle is parked in a restricted parking zone without an appropriate permit or has parked for too long in a restricted time period area, you will need to check the street signs for information about who you should contact to report this. Please do not report it to Broadland District Council as we have no powers to deal with these issues.



Inconsiderate parking

You have no legal entitlement to be able to park on a public road directly outside your home therefore vehicles can be parked outside your property providing there are no parking restriction in place (ie. double yellow lines or parking permits – if this is the case, please see above information on what to do).

It is not illegal for vehicles to be parked in turning circles, immediately before or after a drop-kerb, opposite a drop-kerb or driveway entrance, take up too much space or park in other inconsiderate ways.

If you are experiencing this situation, you will need to speak with the driver/owner of the vehicle directly to find a solution.

If such parking is in addition to other anti-social behaviour, please contact the Community Safety Manager for advice at:
community.safety@broadland.gov.uk

Vehicles that block a driveway

If a vehicle has parked directly across a dropped kerb and this prevents you from getting your car/bike off the driveway, then this may be an offence of wilful obstruction (Section 137 The Highways Act 1980) and you can report it to the Police using the 101 service at the time the obstruction is occurring. If such parking is in addition to other anti-social behaviour, please contact the Community Safety Manager for advice at: community.safety@broadland.gov.uk

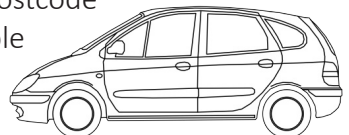
Vehicles parked on a footpath and or causing an obstruction

There is no national prohibition against parking on a pavement except in London and more widely for heavy commercial vehicles. However, it is an offence under section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 to drive onto the pavement, whether with the intention to park or not. Further, it is possible that this might also be considered an offence of wilful obstruction under Section 137 of The Highways Act 1980. Both of these are criminal offences and Broadland District Council has no powers to deal with them. Such offences should be reported directly to your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team or if a more urgent need for the police to attend please call 101.

Vehicles without current tax

You can report anonymously to DVLA a vehicle you suspect is untaxed and you've seen on a public road. Note - tax discs are no longer needed.

- To check if a vehicle is taxed before you report it - this is a free service, go to: www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax Don't report the vehicle to DVLA if it's taxed but not showing the tax disc. Only report a vehicle that's either untaxed or registered as SORN and parked on a public road.
- You can report the vehicle online at: www.gov.uk if it's untaxed and you have all the details needed to report it.
- You need to include the vehicle registration number, its make, model and colour and the street name, town and postcode where the vehicle is parked. You won't be able to report the vehicle without these details.



Vehicles without a current MOT

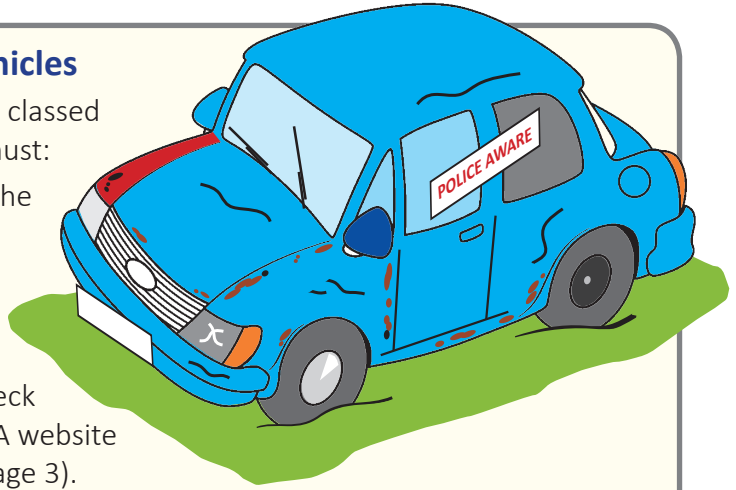
Call the Police's non-emergency number (101) to report a car, van, motorcycle or other vehicle that doesn't have an MOT.

You need the vehicle's registration number, make, model; colour and location.

Abandoned vehicles

For a vehicle to be classed as abandoned it must:

- Have stayed in the same place for 21 days; and
- Have no current MOT or Tax (you can check this on the DVLA website for free – see page 3).



The vehicle may also be in a bad state of repair – have flat tyre(s), rusted brakes for example.

If there is no tax or MOT and you think it has been abandoned, please contact Broadland District Council at:
contracts.envhealth@broadland.gov.uk

If the vehicle is blocking a road, please report this to the Police using the 101 service.

If the vehicle is in a stream or river, please report this to the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 as the vehicle could have contaminated the water.

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