CAR PARKING SCHEMES AND ENFORCEMENT

South Ribble Borough Council owns over 50 car parks around the borough, including town centre pay and display, car parks at public and council buildings, parks and open spaces and small car parks in residential areas.

Parking charges within South Ribble have remained constant since their introduction in 2004. Consideration is now being given to simplifying the current tariffs, reducing the number of bands.

**Pay and Display Car Parks – Monday to Saturday**

- King Street, Leyland
- Sumner Street, Leyland
- Ecroyd Street (Leyland Market)
- Churchill Way
- Leyland Railway Station
- Hope Terrace, Lostock Hall

**2 hours restriction (no return within 2 hours) - Monday to Saturday**

- Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale,
- Cann Bridge Street, Higher Walton
- Front of Leyland Leisure Centre
- Front of Civic Centre, Leyland

**Worden Park Car Park, Leyland - restricted to 3 hours no return within 3 hours (term time only)**

Monday to Friday

Consideration is being given to the introduction of car parking charges on two of our parks – Worden Park in Leyland and Withy Grove Park in Bamber Bridge. Both are very popular parks both with residents of the borough and visitors from a wider area.

Worden Park has been subject to an investment of over £900,000 in recent years. Works undertaken include a reconfigured main entrance, reconstruction of footpaths and driveways, improvements to the fish pond and an extension to the existing car park. Further investment is planned for this year, with works planned including refurbishment of both the Vine House and the Conservatory and the provision of a new toilet block.

Withy Grove Park has also been subject to significant investment in recent years, including the construction of the play area and landscaping to the eastern side of the park. Further investment in the region of £250,000 is planned in the coming year to the western side of the park with the aim of achieving Green Flag status.

The introduction of charges would help support this substantial investment and help meet the increasing maintenance costs generated as a result of the popularity of the play area, also assisting in achieving the standards required for the award of a Green Flag.

Customer feedback has highlighted a number of issues relating to the use of a number of car parks within shopping areas for long-term parking, meaning spaces are at a premium at certain times of the day. As a result of this, consideration is being given to the introduction of parking restrictions on several car parks located in shopping areas.

They are:

- Bowling Terrace in Leyland
- Seven Stars in Leyland
- East Street in Leyland
- Ryefield Avenue (off Hawksbury Drive), Penwortham
- Liverpool Road, Penwortham

This would enable shoppers to park more easily when visiting the surrounding shops.
The council provides off-street enforcement on the pay and display car parks and the car parks which have a time restriction. Lancashire County Council provides enforcement on-street across the borough. Discussions have taken place to make this service more efficient and effective by working together on joint enforcement schedules and prioritising known problem areas.

Should anybody be aware of an area where the restrictions are flouted on a regular basis we would like to know, so we can look to prioritise enforcement in these areas.

**Proposals for each car park:**

1. **WORDEN PARK CAR PARK, LEYLAND**

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Currently, waiting restrictions are in force Monday to Friday (term time only) - restricted to 3 hours no return within 3 hours. It is proposed that the introduction of pay and display parking be considered at a charge of £1 per day between the hours of 10am and 4pm (Monday to Sunday). There would be no charge for Blue Badge holders. The income generated would help the council achieve a balanced budget and support the provision of further improvements to the park facilities.

Should parking charges be introduced this may have a potential impact on the surrounding roads. We are currently working with Lancashire County Council to assess the issues. If it is felt significant displacement would take place, Lancashire County Council would consider the introduction of restrictions to prevent displacement. It is thought that the following restrictions may need to be introduced: no parking 10am – 4pm Monday to Sunday on the roads closest to the park (Worden Close, Edale Close, Ennerdale Close, Vicarsfield Road, part of Dalehead Road, Wharfdale Close, Dovedale Close, Colt House Close, Lonsdale Close, Cairndale Drive, Silverdale Close, part of Langdale Road and Parkgate Drive) See the plan below - the roads involved are marked in red.
The existing restrictions already in place on part of Dalehead Road, Brookdale Close, Wyresdale Drive, Kingsdale Close, Lyndale Close, Ferndale Close, Glendale Close, Tamar Close, Nene Close, Borrowdale Close, Matterdale Close, Bleasdale Close, Eskdale Close - no waiting Monday to Friday 10am – 3.30pm (term time only) - would remain in force. Worden Lane’s restriction of no waiting at any time would also remain in force.

2. WITHY GROVE PARK, BRINDLE ROAD, BAMBER BRIDGE

Withy Grove Park has also been subject to significant investment in recent years, including the construction of the play area and landscaping to the eastern side of the park. Further investment in the region of £250,000 is planned in the coming year to the western side of the park with the aim of achieving Green Flag status.

The playground at Withy Grove Park is one of the best equipped facilities in the North West, providing a wide range of equipment for children of all ages and abilities. It brings visitors from all over the North West region. It is proposed that the introduction of pay and display parking be considered at a charge of £1 per day between the hours of 10am and 4pm (Monday to Sunday). There would be no charge for Blue Badge holders. The income generated would help the council achieve a balanced budget and support the provision of further improvements to the park facilities.

As the park is adjoining a leisure centre and swimming pool a reimbursement scheme could be introduced for the customers of the leisure centre.

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4. CAR PARKING CHARGES

Currently South Ribble operates two tariffs on its car parks, the town centre car parks are designated short stay car parks and primarily for use by shoppers, whilst their use by commuters and office / shop workers is discouraged; they are encouraged to use the long stay car parks, the current tariffs are as follows:-

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Tariffs within South Ribble are relatively low in comparison to other neighbouring authorities in Lancashire. We are seeking general views on the current charging regime and on proposals to simplify the tariffs by raising the charges slightly for an increased stay.

5. BOWLING TERRACE, OFF LEYLAND LANE, LEYLAND

Bowling Terrace car park is situated behind the shops at Seven Stars. The car park is well used and often there are no available bays, so vehicles are parked on the access road. This is adjacent to a busy shopping area. In order to ensure spaces are available to shoppers and are not occupied by those parking all day, consideration is being given to the introduction of waiting restrictions as follows: Waiting Restricted to 2 hours no return within 2 hours - this would allow visitors to park and would assist the local shops, hairdressers and dentist.
The access road and Leyland Lane has existing waiting restrictions – No Waiting at Any Time. The opposite side of Leyland Lane is a mix of No Waiting at Any time and limited waiting bays – Limited Waiting 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour Monday - Saturday
6. EAST STREET, LEYLAND

East Street car park is situated on East Street which is just on the outskirts of Leyland town centre off Hough Lane/Turpin Green Lane. The car park is well used and often there are no available bays. There is a children’s nursery situated on Orchard Street which backs onto the car park with the access gate situated on the car park.

Consideration is being given to the introduction of waiting restrictions – Waiting Restricted to 3 hours no return within 3 hours. This would allow visitors to park and would assist the local shops. The residents of East Street would be offered a permit (similar permits are currently £26.80 per annum), as the road outside their properties is restricted – No Waiting at any Time Monday to Saturday.

There are existing restrictions on East Street. On the south side two parking bays Limited Waiting 1 hour No Return Within 1 hour, and No Waiting at any Time. Outside properties 1 – 13 East Street No Waiting at Any time Monday – Saturday.
7. RYEFIELD AVENUE, OFF HAWKSBURY DRIVE, PENWORTHAM

Ryefield Avenue is situated off Hawksbury Drive, Penwortham. The car park is situated to the rear of the shops on Hawksbury Drive and the rear of the shops on Pope Lane in the heart of the Kingsfold shopping area. The car park is well used by both shoppers and employees from the surrounding shops and businesses, often space is limited.

Consideration is being given to the introduction of waiting restrictions – Waiting Restricted to 2 hours no return within 2 hours, this would allow visitors to park and make use of the local shops and amenities.

There are existing restrictions on both Pope Lane and Hawksbury Drive. The library situated off Hawksbury Drive has a car park for visitors.
8. LIVERPOOL ROAD CAR PARK, PENWORTHAM

The car park on Liverpool Road is situated behind 52 – 64 Liverpool Road, Penwortham. There is also a private car park situated behind 50 – 50c Liverpool Road which is accessed off our car park. The properties on Liverpool Road are shops, takeaways or businesses.

The car park is well used by both employees and visitors.

Consideration is being given to the introduction of waiting restrictions – Waiting Restricted to 2 hours no return within 2 hours, this would allow visitors to park and make use of the local shops and amenities.

Liverpool Road A59 is the major route into Preston from the Longton/Hutton area. Liverpool Road has a mix of No Waiting at Any time or parking bays – Limited Waiting 30 Minutes No Return within 30 Minutes
9. ST CATHERINE’S PARK

St Catherine’s Park is a recent development and as part of this a small car park has been installed off Todd Lane South, to park whilst visiting the park and the new war memorial at the junction of Watkin Lane / Lostock Lane. It has become apparent that a number of vehicle utilise the park on a daily basis. It is thought these vehicles may belong to commuters or employees of local businesses. Consideration is being given to the introduction of a time restriction on this car park.