

Parking Enforcement in Adlington

As part of its budget savings strategy, the county council recently reduced the number of enforcement hours it undertakes, but offset this reduction by implementing the more effective targeting of enforcement resources to those areas where parking offences have the greatest potential to adversely affect the safe and efficient functioning of the highway. This inevitably means that the targeted hours are now largely concentrated on the main urban areas and at peak times, where parking offences cause the greatest disruption and delay to the travelling public.

In taking this decision, it was recognised that the deployment of enforcement officers to schools or remote locations, where parking transgressions are often too occasional or fleeting to warrant the issuing of penalty charge notices, will be reduced. It should also be recognised that there are circumstances where vehicles are entitled to park on double yellow lines, for example where there are vehicles loading / unloading or vehicles that are displaying a valid blue badge. Therefore there is often a perceived view that there is a parking offence being committed, where that is not always the case.

Notwithstanding the prioritisation of enforcement resources set out above, patrols take place in Adlington and this approach is considered appropriate in considering the volume and nature of restrictions in the area. Furthermore, when a specific issue is raised in an area where parking restrictions are in place, officers are deployed to assess the problem and a decision is then taken whether to include that area in the regular beat of the enforcement officer.

The approach to enforcement in Adlington was examined recently in a complaint considered by the County Council Complaints Committee, and the Committee was satisfied that Adlington receives an appropriate level of service.

Additional information requested following Chorley Three Tier Liaison meeting in July 2014:

Further to the Chorley Three Tier Liaison meeting on 16 July 2014 officers were asked to provide more information on the number of visits over the last 12 months and penalties issued. This information is set out in the table below:

Year	No. of Visits	Vehicle Registration Numbers	Penalty Charge Notices Issued
2013	153	12	5
2014 (to date)	28	5	3

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