On 1 March 2008 a major change will be introduced to the way in which the County Borough’s parking regulations are enforced. If you park correctly this change will not affect you in any way.

If you park in the wrong place, or don’t pay for the amount of time you park, when you return to your vehicle you may find a penalty charge notice on your windscreen.

Changes to Parking Enforcement in Wrexham County Borough from 1 March 2008

What will happen on 1 March?

On that date Wrexham County Borough Council will take over responsibility from North Wales Police for managing parking enforcement throughout the County Borough. From then on parking attendants employed by the Council will be on patrol on the streets and Council car parks. The Council’s parking attendants will issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to drivers of vehicles who have parked in contravention of any regulations in force at the time.

The Police will still issue Fixed Penalty Notices to vehicles causing obstructions on the highway. All other parking, loading and waiting offences will come under the remit of the Council’s parking attendants.

Why the Change?

The new parking enforcement arrangement is not about raising revenue. There are a number of reasons all of which will benefit people living in, working in and visiting the County Borough.

- Encouraging sensible and safe parking.
- Improving safety for drivers and pedestrians.
- Improving the general flow of traffic and journey times through the County Borough.
- Preventing emergency and public service vehicles from finding their routes blocked.
- Improving the general environment.

Freeding the police to concentrate their resources on issues left by the public to be more directly their responsibility.

Over 220 local authorities around the country are already managing parking enforcement in their areas and have seen the benefits; many other local authorities will take on this responsibility in the future.

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It is your responsibility to park your vehicle correctly. Here are some reminders of where not to park.

Don’t Park...

- In areas where waiting and loading restrictions are in force at the time;
- In a reserved bay (e.g. for blue badge holders) without correctly displaying a valid permit;
- At a bus stop or in a bus lane during prohibited times;
- On mandatory zig-zag lines outside a school or by pedestrian crossings;
- On the pavement or grass verges behind waiting restrictions in force at the time;
- In a pay and display space without paying the correct amount for the duration of your stay;
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