

Special Bulletin

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Communities and Devolution Bulletin

Useful information for Town and Parish Councils

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Dear Town and Parish Council Colleagues,

I wanted to let you know about a new parking scheme that we are introducing that allows Blue Badge holders to park for free in Cornwall Council owned car parks.

I believe it is important to allow those disabled drivers who previously qualified for free parking when they had a tax disc to continue to benefit from free parking. When the Government stopped producing vehicle tax discs it meant our parking enforcement officers were no longer able to see if a vehicle is entitled to free vehicle tax and should therefore be exempt from paying for parking. My Cabinet colleagues and I did not want to remove the concession, so we had to find an alternative way to help disabled drivers park in our car parks for free.

Therefore, from 1 July, Blue Badge holders, with an adapted vehicle or a registered disabled vehicle that qualifies for free tax, are able to register their vehicle to park for free in Cornwall Council car parks.

Anyone who was previously registered with us on our temporary scheme, for free parking in Cornwall Council car parks, will also need to reapply; Provided they have re-registered their vehicle with us by 31 July 2016, they can continue to park for free in our car parks.

The new electronic exemption scheme means our parking enforcement officers will be able to see electronically if a vehicle doesn't need to pay for parking.

The scheme is open to all Blue Badge holders, whether they live in Cornwall or not, who have a registered disabled vehicle which qualifies for free tax. Anyone who is currently registered to park for free will need to reapply.

There will be a small charge of £10 per year, to register a vehicle for the scheme and users will need to reapply annually.

To qualify for the Council's free parking scheme a vehicle must be registered as disabled on the vehicles registration document (V5C). You will need to provide the make, model, registration number of your tax exempt vehicle and a copy of the V5C document.

A full single point online application process, including the ability to pay by card and receive renewal reminders, will be introduced in the future. Until this is available we can still accept applications in a number of ways including on-line, by email or by post.

More information about the scheme and how to apply is available on our website:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/disabledparkingpermit

Application forms are also available:

- from your local [Cornwall Council One-Stop-Shop](#)
- by email to disabledparking@cornwall.gov.uk
- in writing to: Parking Services, PO Box 664, TR1 9DH

When approved, the vehicle details will be automatically loaded onto the Civil Enforcement Officers hand-held devices; As the officers will be able to see if a vehicle is registered, and does not require a pay and display ticket, they will not need a permit to display.

Anyone who parks a registered vehicle in a Cornwall Council car park will still need to display a valid Blue Badge and clock as well as abiding by the other appropriate rules or they may receive a penalty charge notice.

Kind regards

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