

Parking in Dolton – a polite request to all residents

Car parking in our village is always going to be a problem. Many households have more than one vehicle and many have no option but to park on the street.

Recent problems with parking on the grass verges in Stafford Way, parking dangerously on blind corners, parking in Fore Street restricting access, and other such problems have all been mentioned at recent Parish Council Meetings.

The Parish Council does not have any direct authority over parking – when there are serious problems they have to involve either the Highways Authority or the Police, depending on the nature of the problem.

However, many day-to-day parking problems could be reduced or eliminated if the following points were considered. Please:

1. **Don't** park on blind corners – it could cause an accident
2. **Don't** park on the pavement – it forces pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs, onto the road.
3. **Always** ensure there is room for a fire engine or ambulance to get through
4. **Avoid** parking on grass verges – it destroys grass, causing a muddy mess.
5. **Don't** park where you will impede the line of sight of moving traffic.
6. **Think** how you would feel if a member of your family was affected by an incident caused by any of the above
7. **Remember** that the police can prosecute for dangerous or illegal parking.

We are very lucky to live in a village without loads of double-yellow lines and parking restrictions, and there are many good places to park. Let's keep it that way and be sensible about where we park.