



Councils to Tackle Abandoned Vehicles in Braunton

There has been an increase in the number of abandoned vehicles being reported in Braunton, and the Parish Council are coordinating a response with North Devon Council and are in close contact with the Police. The Council has had a problem with unauthorised vehicles in Caen Street car park for some months and during the busy summer period these spaces are needed for the additional visitors. Vehicles being abandoned elsewhere in the village are taking up spaces needed by residents, visitors and carers.



Of course, the vehicle owner may be abroad or the vehicle may have broken down but if it is suspicious you can contact the relevant authorities. If you think it may have been abandoned you can first check if a car is taxed or mot'd by visiting the government website vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/

When to Contact North Devon Council - An abandoned vehicle with no tax or mot can be reported to northdevon.gov.uk/environment/street-care/abandoned-vehicles

NDC may investigate vehicles which are alleged to be abandoned. Abandonment is considered likely if at least one of the following applies:

- There is no registered keeper on the database and the vehicle is untaxed
- It has been stationary for a significant length of time
- It is significantly damaged, run down or unroadworthy
- It is burned out or in a state which could be an immediate risk to public safety
- The number plates are missing

When to contact the Police - You can only report a vehicle with no MOT to the police if it's being used on a road. You can not report abandoned vehicles to the Police.

When to contact the DVLA - To report a vehicle that appears to be **untaxed** but is being used or kept on the road it can reported on the government website here contact.dvla.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle

Hedgehog Highway Project

Can you help us to make Braunton a more hedgehog friendly parish? Did you know that hedgehogs can travel up to 2 miles a night! If you have a wall or fencing around your property this could be inhibiting access to allow them to forage for food and meet mates. A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for Hedgehogs.

Braunton Parish Council have signed up for the Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project and are offering free hedgehog shaped fence surrounds to raise awareness to the plight of Hedgehogs. The fence surrounds are made of recycled plastic and can be easily fitted to allow hedgehogs to travel through your neighbourhood. The surrounds are free and available

from the Parish Council office next to the library. Get the whole family involved to help make your garden more hedgehog friendly. For further information on the project visit <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/>



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Meetings Calendar 2024

Full Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held virtually. Councillor Surgeries are held in the Parish Hall on the first Saturday of alternate months.

Full Council Meeting

7pm Tuesday 13 August 2024

Additional Council Meeting

7pm Monday 27 August 2024

Councillor Surgery—Parish Hall

10.30am Saturday 3 August 2024



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