



RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL PARKING POLICY

Purpose:

The Council's parking policy seeks to clarify the conditions under which parking is permitted in council owned car parks and on council owned open spaces.

Town Council Car Parks

The Town Council is responsible for the following car parks:

- Saxon Hall Car Park
- Amos Lawrence Playing Field Car Park
- Marshalls Road Car Park
- The Square
- The Town Hall

Conditions of use of Council Car Parks:

1. No overnight stays are permissible at Amos Lawrence car park or The Hall, cars may be left overnight at Saxon Hall by prior arrangement.
2. All cars must be parked within designated bays only.
3. The Council reserves the right to designate parking bays for their own use within any car park.
4. No vehicle which exceeds 7.5 tons axle weight shall be taken onto any car park.
5. No vehicle which exceed xxx height shall be taken onto the car park at Marshalls Road..
6. All Council contractors must report to The Hall on arrival, and indicate where they have parked.
7. Only 'blue badge' holders may park in the disabled space(s) at any time.
8. All users must observe the Highway Code and all vehicles must be properly taxed and insured.

9. The Council expects everyone to comply with the Highway code and observe all parking regulations. All users must abide by any traffic signs and notices, whether permanent or temporary and any instructions given by Council staff.
10. The speed limit on all Council property is 5mph and drivers must proceed with caution. This limit must be adhered to at all times due to the presence of pedestrians.
11. It is prohibited to cause an obstruction.
12. It is prohibited to park in a location in which a notice prohibits any parking, for example outside emergency exits.
13. Council staff have authority to direct traffic on Council owned property, regulate entry to car parks, exercise control over parking and ensure compliance with the Council's parking regulations.
14. Use of the Car Park at the Hall is restricted to use by Councillors, Staff, Tenants and visitors to the Hall. No public parking is permitted.
15. With the exception of the Car Park at the Hall all parking is open to the public.
16. The Council reserves the right to restrict parking at any car park to facilitate any local events. This will include the regular Friday Market on The Square.
17. All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk and Raunds Town Council accepts no liability for the safety and security of such vehicles.

Most car crime is opportunist and you can put thieves off with vigilance and by taking the following simple precautions:

- Never leave a car door unlocked or a window/sun roof open
 - Do not leave any belongings on display in your car (lock them in the boot)
 - Security mark your stereo and if it's removable, always take it with you
 - Do not leave credit cards or cheque books in a glove compartment
 - Never leave your vehicle documents in your car
 - Double check that all doors and windows are locked before leaving the car
18. The Saxon Hall Car Park barrier will remain open under normal circumstances. The Council reserves the right to close the barrier and stop access to the car park for reasons of security, undertake repairs or to stop anti-social behaviour.

Town Council Open Space

1. Parking is normally prohibited on all Town Council open space.
2. In certain circumstances the Town Council may grant the use of The Millfield or Bassfords Recreation Ground or Amos Lawrence Playing Field as parking areas for local events. This is only permissible either with the express written permission of the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Council or for Town Council events.
3. The Clerk may rescind any permission to park on open space if in the Clerks view the ground conditions are such that parking would cause damage to the land.
4. The Town Council will take any steps necessary to prohibit parking on open space as this is unsightly and/or damages the open space.

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