

Abandoned Vehicles



The removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles is ultimately the responsibility of the local authority. Under Section 3(1) of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 we are responsible to move any vehicle which is abandoned on council land and privately owned land in certain circumstances. This costs authorities a great deal of money.

However, joint working ventures with the DVLA have now made it easier to trace owners. Removing these vehicles should improve our streets and attract less anti-social behaviour.

How to identify an abandoned vehicle

Before reporting abandoned vehicles, please obtain as much information as possible. We would ask that you make a note of the following information:

- Make and colour of the vehicle
- The registration number
- How long the vehicle has been there
- The exact location of the vehicle

NEVER move, enter or touch an abandoned vehicle as there may be health and safety risks or the vehicle may have been involved in a crime related incident.

NEVER approach a burning or burnt out vehicle. If you find a vehicle that is on fire:

- Call **999** immediately and ask for the Fire Service
- Keep well back
- Do not attempt to put the fire out yourself

When speaking to the operator you will be required to give details of:

- The location of the fire
- Life or property in danger
- Whether you feel the fire is accidental or deliberate

If a vehicle is in a dangerous condition or burnt out, the Police will be called to move it.

Reporting an abandoned vehicle

To report an abandoned vehicle please contact the Council on **01543 462621** or email **customerservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk**

If you report an abandoned vehicle the authority will investigate. Upon completion of the investigation, should the vehicle be confirmed as abandoned, the Council may have the authority to remove it within **24 hours**.



Abandoning a vehicle is a criminal offence. The maximum penalty for abandoning a vehicle is a fine of **£2,500** or **3 months imprisonment** or both. Owners may also be liable for the costs of the removal and storage of the vehicle.



Further Information can be obtained from:

Vehicle Customer Services (VCS)
DVLA Swansea
SA99 1AR

Telephone: **0300 790 6802**
Website: **www.gov.uk**

How we use your personal information

The information provided will be used by Cannock Chase Council, who are the data controller, to allow us to administer and manage your tenancy. We will only share your information when necessary, with other departments such as Housing benefits, Council Tax, Environmental Health and external agencies such as Social Services, Staffordshire Police, NHS Choices, or where the law requires or allows us to. For further information please see www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/PrivacyNotice

Data Matching

Cannock Chase Council are under a duty to protect public funds and, to this end we may use the information held or provided by you for the prevention and detection of fraud. We may also share this information with other bodies including credit reference agencies, for these purposes and also for the administration and collection of taxes and charges and for performing other statutory enforcement duties.

Tenants are reminded of the conditions detailed in Sections 3.1 and 3.6 of CCDC's Tenancy Agreement which states 'You agree to live in your home as your only or main home and keep it secure,' 'You agree not to part with possession of or sub-let the whole of your home'. Tenants found breaching these conditions may be prosecuted under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013.

This leaflet can be provided in Braille, on audio cassette tape/disk, large print and in the following languages on request to Cannock Chase Council on 01543 462621.

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