

# Parking in Pembrokeshire



**Pembrokeshire County Council is tackling illegal and problem parking across the County from 1st February 2011.**

The County Council will be taking responsibility for the management and enforcement of on-street parking from the Police/Traffic Wardens. The work will be carried out by a team of Enforcement Officers employed by the Council.

The Council aims to improve safety, traffic flow and the environment.

[www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking)

## **What are the benefits?**

The new scheme will bring a range of benefits to everyone in the County.

- Improve safety
- Reduce the misuse of disabled parking bays
- Reduce delays to emergency vehicles
- Improve conditions for all road-users, particularly pedestrians and disabled people
- Reduce parking problems, especially around schools and in residential areas
- Improve public transport reliability and journey times.

## **How will the new scheme work?**

A team of Enforcement Officers will be out and about across the County seven days a week, including evenings and any vehicles found to be parked in contravention of restrictions could be issued with a penalty charge (PCN).

The Police will continue to issue fixed penalty notices to drivers who cause obstructions and park dangerously.

## **How much will a penalty charge be?**

The charge will be £70 or £50 depending on the seriousness of the offence. A 50% discount will apply if the penalty is paid within 14 days reducing the charge to £35 or £25.

## **What to do if you receive a penalty charge notice:**

If you receive a Penalty Charge Notice, you can pay in several ways. This is explained on the back of the Notice. Please pay within 14 days to take advantage of the discount. BUT, please remember that if you don't pay (or challenge the Notice) within 28 days, the charge will be increased by a further 50%.

Information about the appeals process is available from [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking) or 0845 605 6556

## **Top Tips to avoid a fine...**

- Don't be a problem parker!
- Don't park on double yellow lines
- Don't park where yellow line waiting or loading restrictions are in force
- Always read the road signs – they tell you what restrictions apply
- Don't park on zigzag lines
- Only park in loading bays if you are loading/unloading goods
- Only park in bays reserved for disabled badge holders or residents if you are entitled to do so
- Make sure you have paid and displayed in a car park

## **Is this a fund-raising exercise?**

The purpose of penalty charges is to encourage motorists to comply with parking restrictions. It is not about raising revenue. All money raised is retained by the Council and will be used to fund enforcement. Any surplus money will be used to fund local parking, highway and transport improvements.

## **How can I find out more information?**

More information on the new scheme can be found on our web site [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/parking) or you can call the Council's Contact Centre on 01437 764551.