

Calling all Blue Badge drivers!

Changes to Blue Badge parking

You may be aware that the traffic rules have changed to make London Road pedestrian precinct and the central area of High Street vehicle-free as far as possible. All vehicles are being prohibited at all times including Blue Badge drivers, apart from delivery vehicles which can only arrive outside of core shopping hours, and the buses in the High Street.

To help you find other parking close to your favourite shops, the map below shows designated Disabled Parking bays, places that you can and can't park around the town centre with a Blue Badge, and some walking routes that take you into the precinct from surrounding roads. If these alternatives don't work for you, you could rent an electric scooter or wheelchair from Shopmobility which is based in the Regis Centre car park near the seafront. You need to contact Shopmobility to book ahead on 01243 830077 or www.bognorshopmobility.co.uk and they will open early if necessary to accommodate you.



Extract from West Sussex County Council website regarding Blue Badge parking

The Blue Badge must be displayed and show the time of arrival. There should be an interval of at least one hour from a previous period of waiting before the same vehicle can be parked in the same road or part of a road on the same day.

Where to park

Badge holders may park free of charge and without time limit at parking meters on-street and 'pay-and-display' on-street parking, unless a local traffic order specifying a time limit for holders of disabled parking badges, such as a ban on loading, is in force. Badge holders may be exempt from limits on parking times imposed on other users – check the local signs for information. Badge holders may usually park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours, except where there is a ban on loading or unloading, and at a few locations where local schemes apply. If you are in doubt, display your parking disc.

Where not to park

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. You must not park during the time a ban on loading or unloading is in force (normally indicated by one or two yellow marks on the kerb at the times shown on the post mounted plates) Restrictions may include:

- where double white lines are in the centre of the road, even if one of the lines is broken
- in a bus or tram lane during its hours of operation or a cycle lane
- on any clearway, double or single red lines during their hours of operation
- on all pedestrian crossings and the zig-zag markings before and after crossings
- in parking places reserved for specific users e.g. permit holders, loading bays, taxis, cycles
- on a residents parking bay, unless there are signs showing that you may do so

- in suspended meter bays or when use of the meter is prohibited
- where temporary restrictions on parking are in force along a road – e.g. no-waiting cones
- on school 'Keep Clear' markings during the hours shown on a yellow no-stopping plate

Also, you must not park where it would be obstructive or cause a danger to others such as:

- At school entrances, bus stops, bends on roads, near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- Where it would make it difficult for others to see clearly – for example, close to a junction
- Where it would make the road narrow – e.g. by a traffic island or roadworks are in progress
- Where it would hold up traffic e.g. narrow stretches of road, blocking vehicles in entrances
- Where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out – for example, hospital entrances
- Where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to form a pedestrian crossing
- On a pavement, unless signs permit it

Remember the following...

- If you park where it would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users your vehicle could be removed by the police. You could also be prosecuted and your badge withdrawn
- Vehicles cannot legally be wheel-clamped on the public highway for parking offences provided a valid Blue Badge is correctly displayed on the vehicle. However, you should be aware that if you park improperly on privately owned land you may risk having your vehicle wheel-clamped
- The vehicle must be moved if a police officer or a traffic warden in uniform requests it

