

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Stroud District Council has a duty to investigate and removed abandoned vehicles. This is part of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act, and the clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We work with County council and Stroud has a responsibility to remove vehicles where they are deemed to be abandoned and the county council has a duty to store and dispose of them.

The table shows the number of vehicles reported to us in ascending numerical order. As in the previous year Stroud remains the area with the highest number of reported vehicles, however this area has still seen a reduction in the number reported and removed vehicles.

	2018/19	2017/2018	Variance
No of vehicles reported	530	686	156 (23% reduction)
No of vehicles inspected	45	124	79 (64% reduction)
No of vehicles removed	22	54	32 (59 % reduction)

The number of vehicles being reported to us has fallen by 156 (23%) since the previous year. This could be to a number of factors including better information on the website indicating what is / is not considered to be abandoned, highlighting that the council cannot remove vehicles that are causing an obstruction and how to report an untaxed vehicle on the highway directly to the DVLA.

We have also been working directly with the DVLA giving them information on vehicles in situ without road tax that they are able to remove on their own operations. The police have also introduced OP GIG (Get It Gone), this gives the local PSCO the ability to arrange for the removal of untaxed vehicles on the road directly with their recovery company. Where a vehicle is identified by SDC this information is passed on via the Neighbourhood Warden to see if the vehicle can be removed rather than go through the ABV process to speed up its removal.

Area	Reported	Inspected	Removed
CRANHAM	1	0	0
HAMFALLOW	1	0	0
MORETON VALANCE	1	0	0
FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN	1	1	0
HARESFIELD	1	1	1
BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON	2	0	0
BROCKWORTH	2	0	0
KINGSWOOD	2	0	0
STANDISH	2	0	0
WHITMINSTER	2	0	0
ARLINGHAM	2	1	0
RANDWICK AND WESTRIP	3	0	0
WHITESHILL AND RUSCOMBE	3	0	0
HAM AND STONE	3	2	0
FREATHERNE-WITH-SAUL	4	0	0
UPTON ST LEONARDS	4	0	0
HORSLEY	4	1	0
NYMPSFIELD	6	0	0
WOODCHESTER	7	0	0
EASTINGTON	8	1	1
SLIMBRIDGE	8	4	2
KINGS STANLEY	9	1	0
BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT	10	1	1
WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE	11	1	1
BERKELEY	11	2	1
BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP	12	0	0
ULEY	13	0	0
LEONARD STANLEY	16	1	1
PAINSWICK	16	1	1
CHALFORD	17	2	1
HARDWICKE	20	1	1
NAILSWORTH	24	1	0
CAINSCROSS	27	3	1
MINCHINHAMPTON	29	3	2
STONEHOUSE	34	0	0
CAM	35	0	0
RODBOROUGH	37	1	1
DURSLEY	37	3	2
STROUD	104	13	5
Totals:	530	45	22