

Newbald Traffic & Parking Appeal



SAFER ROADS FOR ALL

OUR HISTORIC VILLAGE WASN'T DESIGNED TO HANDLE THE CURRENT LEVELS OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING SO WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE NEWBALD SAFE

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restricted accesses all cause issues are the number one thoughtless parking is not streets. Additionally, NPC much concern. We have identified a list of potentially dangerous traffic and parking hotspots in the village. (See below and overleaf). While NPC continues to seek creative solutions to ease the pressure on our historic road system, this is proving very difficult in these austere times, with both ERYC and the Police being extremely under-funded. Therefore NPC would like to appeal to everyone to drive slowly and park carefully, with a heightened awareness of others and what is going on around them. We all have a duty to do what we can to prevent an accident from occurring in Newbald.

AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN? SOME SAT NAVS NOW GUIDE MOTORISTS THROUGH THE VILLAGE

NPC has established that many drivers are using Newbald as a short cut. The main route in question is High Hunsley Road - Burgate - Ratten Row - Galegate - Westgate and then on to the A1034 (and vice versa).

who unfortunately run the risk of meeting or colliding with the speeding motorists. NPC anticipates that the difficulties at this junction will increase with the extra traffic generated when the pig farm is built down Cliffe Road and when Stoneledge opens its lorry park at Sands Top.

We have on many occasions arranged for ERYC officers to visit to see the issues for themselves. However, it seems a serious accident has to take place before we will move far enough up ERYC's list of priorities to justify further consideration.

Speeding
Despite having a motion activated speed sign at the top of the village, motorists and cyclists often race down Burgate at high speed causing a hazard for pedestrians and oncoming vehicles.

Dangerous corner
Where Burgate meets the corner of The Green, there is a dangerous blind corner for those looking to turn out of the diagonal road across The Green onto Burgate

Dangerous junctions
As the speeding cars continue their journey along Ratten Row, there are two hazards lying in wait. Cars pulling out of South Newbald Road on to Ratten Row have to do so blindly because of poor visibility. Equally the combination of a narrow road and sharp corner on Ratten Row, as it moves round to the right towards Galegate. makes for the danger of a collision, with drivers unable to see oncoming cars or stick to the left side of the road.

The cars often continue driving very fast along Galegate and Westgate. When they reach the junction of Westgate and the A1034, there can be a considerable

ERYC says Newbald is not dangerous enough for them to help

NPC has often asked ERYC for help in relation to all the above matters, with many measures being considered, such as: chicanes, mobile speed cameras, 20mph zone throughout the village, one way stretches, speed bumps, motion activated speed signs and more.

Unfortunately, ERYC is not willing to fund any traffic calming measures in the village as it does not perceive Newbald to have a problem.

Cyclist badly hurt on Burgate

Even a recent accident involving a cyclist on Burgate, who was admitted to hospital with multiple broken bones was not enough to warrant ERYC taking another look at the issues we have raised. So what do we do about these and the many other traffic issues Newbald faces? Well of course we can watch how we drive ourselves. We can also encourage anyone who visits us or companies that we engage with to do the same.

COULD WE ALL PARK WITH MORE CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS?

THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS TO NEWBALD'S BIG PARKING PROBLEM

Although most properties (and certainly all of the ones built in the last ten years) do come with dedicated parking spaces and/or garages, many residents choose not to use them, instead parking on the road outside their houses. Often the reason given is that the garage/land is being used for other purposes, there are more cars than spaces or quite simply it is easier to do that. NPC has received complaints about cars and tradesmen's vehicles parking on pavements to allow space for cars to go round them, thus forcing parents with prams and people in wheelchairs to move onto the road, which is clearly inherently dangerous.

As well as damaging and increasing the maintenance costs of grass verges and footpaths, cars parked in this way could also cause safety issues with pedestrians, children or animals being hidden from the view of drivers.

Sometimes roads are blocked to larger vehicles by inappropriately parked cars, such as cars parking on both sides of the road or on bends. This may mean that emergency services, buses or gritters are unable to get through when required.

Cars parked on corners or near junctions can hamper visibility, making negotiating the village's roads much more dangerous.

In an ideal world, we would create parking areas in order to ease the pressure that residents and visitors are experiencing; however there is no way to do that in Newbald. Therefore NPC would like to appeal to all residents to think carefully when they park their cars and consider what the possible dangers and impact on others may be. If you can encourage any visitors and trades people that you have contact with to do the same, maybe we can make a difference, reduce the accident risk and keep Newbald a safe and pleasant place to live, work and drive.

A REMINDER OF THE HIGHWAY CODE RULES ON PARKING

Here are Highway rules which are relevant in relation to a village such as Newbald:

You **MUST NOT** park in parking spaces reserved for specific users, such as residents, unless entitled to do so.

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

You **MUST NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend.

You **SHOULD NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IS BREAKING PARKING REGULATIONS

It is good practice to approach the matter of inconsiderate parking amicably at first, by means of an informal chat or a polite note through the door of an offender. Failing that, if someone blocks the dropped kerb entrance/exit to your property, then you can request enforcement by contacting parkingnotifications@eastriding.gov.uk. All other parking problems listed opposite are police matters and you should call 101. A notable exception is cars parking on grass verges and/or pavements. Currently this is not illegal outside of London. Legislation is currently going through Parliament which will likely make this too an offence from early next year, at which point, it will become a Police matter.

DANGER SPOTS IN THE VILLAGE

Burgate	Too much through traffic and speeding. Lots of parked cars, including on a blind corner. Traffic enters village too quickly.
Dot Hill Close	People park too close to the end of the street or opposite the street end on Eastgate.
Eastgate	Too many parked cars. Where Eastgate meets the other part of Eastgate next to the Green, people rarely give way.
Eastwold	People park too close to the end of the street or on Eastgate opposite the end of the street.
Galegate	Too much through traffic, speeding and parking.
Ratten Row	Too much through traffic, speeding and parking. Blind bend taken too quickly. People park too close to end of street or street ends. Dangerous exit from South Newbald Road onto Ratten Row - very poor visibility from South Newbald Road.
South Newbald Road	Too many parked cars, in particular the stretches on the N. Newbald side. Large vehicles cannot get through for parked cars. Pedestrians forced off pavement onto road to get past parked cars. Many of the kerbs/verges have been trashed.
The Green	Too many people park on The Green, including the corners. The main diagonal road across The Green should really be closed because the exit from that road onto Burgate is dangerous due to poor visibility.
Townend Road	People park opposite road ends.
Townside Road	People take the sharp blind bend at the school end of the road too quickly.
Trundlegate	Parking and speeding problems at the Trundlegate/South Newbald Road junction make this blind bend dangerous.
Westcroft	Increase in the speed and volume of traffic waiting to pull out of Westcroft onto Westgate.
Westgate	Traffic accelerates from the Galegate/Townside road corner up towards the A1034. Westgate/A1034 junction is getting busier and will in the future be exacerbated by the Cliffe Road pig farm and Stoneledge lorry park.