

The Enforcement Team deal with a wide range of public amenity legislation and local byelaws.

If you wish to report an Environmental Crime:

Abandoned Vehicles
Bonfires
Grass Verge Parking
Fly Tipping
Fly Posting
Overgrown Hedges
Stray Dogs

Please contact us on (01462) 474000,
Text Phone (01462) 474800.

Graffiti 0800 3286023
Untaxed Vehicle (DVLA) 0800 0325202

Email: service@north-herts.gov.uk

Opening hours for general enquiries
Monday to Thursday 08.45 to 17.15 hours
and Friday 08.45 to 16.45 hours.

Enforcement Officers are constantly out and about patrolling North Hertfordshire and will act whenever they see an offence being committed.

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If you witness Grass Verge Parking in Letchworth Garden City and the vehicle is still on site, please contact the Licensing and Enforcement Team on (01462) 474000, Text Phone (01462) 474800 giving the exact location, the vehicle registration number and vehicle details.

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Letchworth Garden City
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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
BYELAW NO.16

VERGE PARKING

IT IS AN **OFFENCE** FOR THE OWNER OR PERSONS IN CHARGE OF A VEHICLE TO PARK A VEHICLE ON THE GRASS VERGE IN LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED IN COURT

MAXIMUM PENALTY £500 AT COURT

IT IS ALSO AN **OFFENCE** UNDER THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 TO PLACE ANY BUILDERS' MATERIALS, SKIPS AND WASTE ON THE GRASS VERGE. THIS APPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT

North Hertfordshire District Council attempts to minimise grass verge damage by enforcing a byelaw in Letchworth.



It is an offence to park, drive or place any item on the grass verge.



Offenders will have their vehicle or property details noted and will receive a letter and/or notice and may be prosecuted under the byelaw and on summary conviction be liable to a fine of up to **£500**.

Costs may also be recovered to repair any damage caused to grass verges.



There are similar offences for the whole of the district under the Highways Act 1980, which the Council may seek to prosecute.

The Highways Act 1980, Section 131 makes it an offence for any person to place anything on the highway if that causes damage. This includes skips, builders' materials and cars, on the grass verge or otherwise.

Builders' skips need permission to be placed on any part of the highway, but even with permission it is an offence to place on the grass verge or if it results in damage to the highway.

The Highways Act 1980, Section 148 makes it an offence to place anything on the highway if that prevents other persons from having free access along the highway and the maximum fine if prosecuted for both offences is £1,000 at court.

Grass verges adjacent to roads are within the public highway. The roadside verges are regarded as an amenity, which

enhances the attractive landscaped character of the town. It is important that they are adequately protected and properly maintained.

The unauthorised use of the grass verges for parking vehicles and driving over as a shortcut, can and does give rise to a good deal of unsightly damage, which not only spoils their appearance but also involves the Council in unnecessary additional expense on making good the damage. It is an offence to drive or park a vehicle on any grass verge in Letchworth as this is likely to damage the grass or plants.

The Council arranges grass cutting in-house or via external contractors. Funding is allocated annually through the routine highways maintenance budget to ensure that grass cutting is continued throughout the growing season.

The Council has to pay for works to restore the grass verges which is additional to our grass cutting budget and this is funded by the Council tax payers of the district.



For information on vehicle access across footways and verges, please contact Hertfordshire Highways.