

The Parking of Motorhomes

At present, large motorhomes fall outside of the class of vehicles permitted to park on District Council car parks. This Council, like many others, imposes a weight limit of 1500kg (30cwt) unladen on vehicles using the facilities, with specific exclusion from the restriction for coaches in certain locations. The purpose of this limit is to enable the Authority to prohibit the use of the site for the daily parking or overnight storage of larger commercial vehicles, all of which would fall in to the excluded category by weight. However, whilst motorhomes, motor caravans and many large 4x4 vehicles also now fall into this category, we do exercise discretion in allowing entry, where **(a) it is clear that the vehicle is intended for private use; (b) the vehicle can negotiate any height restriction that is in place; and (c) it can be accommodated in a normal marked bay (on those car parks where bays are clearly defined).**

Three car parks with height restriction barriers (2.2m) are listed on the attached table and will therefore be unsuitable for smaller high-sided motor caravans that would otherwise fit into a marked bay. On other sites where there is no height restriction, the restriction on the weight limit will be relaxed if the leisure vehicle can be accommodated in a standard bay (where ground markings are in place). All of our bays are set out to standard dimensions of 2.4m X 4.8m, which will allow motor caravans constructed on small commercial vehicle chasses to park.

With regard to those private vehicles which are larger than a standard parking space, the Council exercises discretion for parking only on the following unlined sites:

- * **Matlock Bath Station - upper unmarked level (adjacent to coach parking area)**
- * **Matlock Bath Station overspill**
- * **Monsal Head - long stay car park (to rear of Monsal Head Hotel)**
- * **Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell (but very limited parking on livestock sales days, Mondays and Thursdays weekly).**

In each instance, the vehicle or combination must not be parked so as to cause obstruction to other motorists.

Given that the Derbyshire Dales is a popular area for tourists, the Council does not condone the use of reserved coach bays by any vehicle other than a coach or large minibus.

Overnight parking is allowed on most of our car parks, but **camping is prohibited**. Vehicles may be left overnight, but only if unattended. Sleeping within the vehicle is prohibited, as is cooking anywhere within the vehicle or grounds.

A number of our car parks are sited adjacent or near to public toilets. These are marked on the attached spreadsheet. None, however, are equipped with waste disposal points.