

Information useful to drivers of motor-homes and caravans in respect of the Ribble Valley

Type of Information	Information
1. Height restrictions	<p>We do not hold information in relation to roads. Lancashire County Council is the Highway Authority with responsibility for most highway matters. In relation to car park height restrictions (which appears to be the focus of your request) Ribble Valley Borough Council Officers have advised that there are height restrictions in relation to the pay and display car parks at Chester Avenue, Holden Street, Whalley Road (all of which are in Clitheroe), Barclay Road (Longridge), and Chipping.</p>
2. Public car parks	<p>Public pay and display car parks regulated by Ribble Valley Borough Council (including certain disabled or badge-holders only car parks) are subject to the Ribble Valley (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008. This came into operation on 31 March 2008.</p> <p>In the vast majority of parking places which are covered by this Order, the classes of vehicles permitted are limited to:</p> <p>“Motor car as defined in section 136(2)(a),¹ motor cycle as defined in section 136(4) and invalid carriage as defined in section 136(5) of the 1984 Act [i.e. the</p>

¹ In order to assist you in evaluating whether this definition would exclude motor-homes I have looked up this definition of “motor car.” This, on my understanding, currently means:
 “a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being a motor cycle or an invalid carriage, which is constructed itself to carry a load or passengers and of which the weight unladen-
 (a) if it is constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects, is adapted to carry not more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, and is fitted with tyres of such type as may be specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State, does not exceed 3050 kilograms...
 (b).. if it is constructed solely for the carriage of goods or burden of any description, does not exceed 3050 kilograms (or 3500 kilograms if the vehicle carries a container of containers for holding, for the purposes of its propulsion, any fuel which is wholly gaseous at 17.5 degrees Celsius under a pressure of 1.013 bar or plant and materials for producing such fuel) or
 (c) in a case falling within neither of the foregoing paragraphs, does not exceed 2540 kilograms.”
 I would, however, advise you to seek your own legal advice on this aspect.]

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984] and motor vehicles not exceeding 30 cwt unladen weight constructed solely for the purpose of carrying goods.”

The Order also provides that a vehicle must be wholly within a parking bay (please see provisions below as to de-coupling of trailers or caravans).

The other parking places covered by the Order are reserved for “public service vehicles as defined by section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981” (e.g. coaches) or for vehicles displaying permits or disabled badges and will not therefore assist motor-home owners.

There are prohibitions in the Order from using any part of a parking place or any vehicle left in a parking place for sleeping or camping purposes or for eating or cooking purposes.

There is also a provision stating that: “the driver of a vehicle drawing a trailer or caravan shall not permit the vehicle or the trailer to wait in a parking place unless they have been disconnected and, for the purposes of this Order, the vehicle and the trailer or caravan shall be deemed to be separate vehicles and the driver shall be deemed to be the driver of each of the said vehicles.”

The pertinent car parks in the Order are:

Short stay

Railway View, Lowergate, Market and Edisford (all in Clitheroe); and Barclay Road in Longridge.

Long stay

Whalley Road, Peel Street, Chester Avenue, Holden Street, North Street and Mitchell Street (all in Clitheroe); Mardale Road (Longridge); Slaidburn (off Chapel Street); Pope Croft (Ribchester), Sabden (off Padiham Road), and Chipping.

Please see item (1) above in relation to relevant height restrictions.

<p>3.Any provision of toilet and waste disposal facilities</p>	<p>I do not have car park specific information. However, public conveniences in the borough are located in the following places:</p> <p>Ribchester; Chipping; Gisburn; Whalley; Edisford, Clitheroe; Brungerly Park, Clitheroe; Dunsop Bridge; Stonebridge; Downham; Mellor; Chatburn; Waddington; Newton; Sabden; Hurst Green; Church Walk, Clitheroe; Bolton by Bowland; and Slaidburn.</p> <p>None of these public conveniences have chemical waste dumping facilities; these can only be found at private caravan sites.</p> <p>As to public waste disposal facilities, these are the responsibility of Lancashire County Council. There are currently three such facilities in the Ribble Valley located at: Henthorn Road, Clitheroe; Petre Arms, Langho and Chapel Hill, Longridge. You may, however, need a permit to enter these sites in a mobile home. Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres, contactable on 0845 0500 957, should be able to advise you further in this respect.</p> <p>Additionally, RVBC has 23 recycling facilities located throughout the borough. We can provide a list of these if required.</p>
<p>4.Any provision of spaces aimed specifically at motorhomes and/or caravans.</p>	<p>No public spaces are dedicated to this purpose to our knowledge and there are no planning policies in place in relation to this.</p> <p>Some private caravan parks do permit motor-homes and/or caravans. There are various private campsites in the area. It is our understanding that the following sites would permit caravans and/or <u>small</u> motor-homes. However, we would advise you to check directly with the site owners themselves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Rivers Woodland Park, Eaves Hall Lane, West Bradford, Nr Clitheroe, BB7 3JG (Tel: 01200 423523); • Beacon Fell View Holiday Park, Higher Road, Longridge, Nr Preston PR2 3TF (tel 01772 785434);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rimington Caravan Park, Hardacre Lane, Rimington, Nr Clitheroe, BB7 4EE (tel 01200 445355) • Bridge Heywood Caravan Park, Dunkirk Farm, Read, Nr Burnley, BB12 7RR (Tel 01254 886103) <p>The Tourist Information Centre might also be able to provide more details. Their direct dial is 01200 425566.</p>
<p>5. Any provision for (or ban on) overnight parking.</p>	<p>We do not hold information in relation to areas which are not controlled by this authority.</p> <p>As noted above, Lancashire County Council is the Highway Authority with responsibility for most highway matters.</p> <p>Information on Ribble Valley Borough Council controlled car parks is provided at item (2) above. Overnight parking is not prohibited on those car parks covered by the car park Order but the Order does prohibit sleeping in vehicles left in such car parks (i.e. vehicles, provided they fitted within the definition of “motor car” could park on these car parks, provided that no-one was sleeping in them).</p> <p>The maximum period for which vehicles may wait in the car parks is 12 hours on the short stay and 24 hours on the long stay car parks. The hours of operation of the pay and displays vary between 7, 8 and 9 am through to 5 or 6pm (depending on the specific car park). Therefore, for example, from 6pm to 7am the car parks would be free of charge to permitted vehicles.</p> <p>Byelaws also prohibit the parking (as well as the driving or placing) of any carriage, cart, caravan, or other vehicle etc. over/on Salesbury and Copster Green Common.</p>
<p>6. Restricted access caused by narrow roads/entrances.</p>	<p>We do not hold information of this nature. Lancashire County Council is the Highway Authority with responsibility for most highway matters.</p>