



# factsheet

Regulatory Service

## **ABANDONED VEHICLES: THE FACTS**

### **IS IT A CRIME TO ABANDON A MOTOR VEHICLE?**

Yes, Section 3 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) act 1978 enables Charnwood Borough Council to remove vehicles in their area, on any land in the open air, or on any other land forming part of the highway.

However, this does not cover vehicles abandoned on private land. If the vehicle is abandoned on private land, the occupier of land may be served with a 15- day notice by Charnwood Borough Council.

The notice informs them to remove the vehicle, and they have 15 days to object.

However there is no legal requirement for a notice to be served on the occupier if an abandoned or illegally parked vehicle is situated on a road running through private land.

Under this act abandoning a vehicle is a criminal offence, carrying a maximum fine of £ 2,500 or three months imprisonment or both.

### **What Is An Abandoned Vehicle?**

ABANDONED vehicles are those whose tax licence has expired and generally thought to be in a state of disrepair, burnt out or a wreck.



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A vehicle is only abandoned when the authorised local authority officer decides that it has been left on any land in the open air, or on any land forming part of a highway without lawful authority, and is, in their opinion, in such a condition that it should be destroyed.

Charnwood Borough Council have the power to recover costs of removal, storage and disposal from the person responsible for abandoning the vehicle, and may at any reasonable time enter any land for the purposes of investigating the need to remove or dispose of an abandoned vehicle.

### **What Will Happen If I Abandon A Vehicle In Charnwood?**

If you are caught committing the offence of abandoning a vehicle in the borough of Charnwood, you are liable to a fine and prosecution of up to £2,500 in a magistrates court.

To avoid prosecution you will be offered a £200 fixed penalty notice (fine) to discharge your liability and court proceedings if payment is received within 14 days following the date of this notice. This is discounted to £120 for early payment within 10 days. If the penalty notice is refused or not paid then court proceeding will begin.

### **Did You Know?**

*In the last Financial Year, Charnwood Borough Council removed 14 Vehicles for destruction at cost of £700.*

### **REPORT AN INCIDENT:**

[www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk)

(01509) 634564

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