

Farndon, Tattenhall and Malpas Ward Parish Council February 2021

Farndon Ward – Aldford, Barton, Carden, Churton, Clutton, Coddington, Crewe by Farndon, Farndon, Horton Green, Tilston, Saughton, Stretton and Shocklach.

Tattenhall Ward – Aldersey, Beeston, Burwardsley, Brown Knowl, Broxton, Duckington, Gatesheath, Handley, Hargave, Harthill, Hatton Heath, Huxley, Newton, Milton Green, Tattenhall, Tilston Fearnal and Tiverton.

Malpas Ward – Bickley, Bradley, Chorlton, Cuddington, Edge, Hampton, Higher and Lower Wych, Larkton, Malpas and No Mans Heath.

Crimes reported 01/01/2021 – 31/01/2021

Farndon Ward		
Date	Offence	Details
06/01/2021	Theft Other	Tilston – Theft of laptop computer from doorstep delivery box
21/01/2021	Natural Disaster	Farndon/Alford – Reports of flooding

Tattenhall Ward		
Date	Offence	Details
12/01/2021	Theft Other	Milton Green – Farm fencing cut
23/01/2021	Burglary OTD	Tilstone – Business property broken into
20/01/2021	Natural Disaster	Tattenhall/Broxton– Reports of flooding
23/01/2021	Theft Other	Duckington – Welfare unit taken from building site

Malpas Ward		
Date	Offence	Details
08/01/2021	Criminal Damage	Malpas – Garden gate lock broken
20/01/2021	Natural Disaster	No Mans Heath – Reports of flooding

**If you see something suspicious or that you think the Police might need to know about, please report it!
Dial 999 in an emergency or dial 101 in a non-emergency**

PARKED UP AND LEAVING THE ENGINE RUNNING LAW AND FINES



Most of us have seen them – drivers sitting in their car waiting whilst keeping the engine running. Are the drivers cold and have the heater on or perhaps they're hot and are using the air con? Who knows, but whatever the weather, there's always those that simply can't be bothered to turn the engine off? It seems particularly those of diesel engines that appear unable to find the off switch, with their loud clattering engine kicking out a stink to anyone walking past.

So why do drivers of diesel cars keep the engine running? There are some theories from letting the turbo idle so to cool down; allowing oil to circulate in the engine; or indeed to save wear on the glow plugs or starter motor.

Essentially though, it's all nonsense. It's annoying for pedestrians walking through this wall of toxic stench, for residents dealing with noise and pollution and it's not too great for the environment either.

Modern engines whether diesel or petrol are perfectly capable of being turned off immediately after stopping without any damage occurring. In fact most modern vehicles now come with start / stop technology to reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. But what about the legalities of not turning off?

IS IT ILLEGAL TO SIT IN CAR WITH ENGINE RUNNING

Waiting in your car with the engine running can cause detrimental effects the health of some individuals.

On a public road, it indeed is illegal to sit in your car whilst keeping the engine running within the UK.

The Highway Code states:

'You **MUST NOT** leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road'. Generally, if the vehicle is stationary and is likely to remain so for more than a couple of minutes, you should apply the parking brake and switch off the engine to reduce emissions and noise pollution. However it is permissible to leave the engine running if the vehicle is stationary in traffic or for diagnosing faults.'

IS THERE A FINE

A fixed penalty notice under Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002 can be issued by Parking Enforcement Officer (Traffic Warden). Fixed penalty notices are dealt with via local councils.

ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS

A Parking Enforcement Officer should use discretion and will in the first instance, will ask the driver to turn off their engine. If refused, the officer may issue a penalty notice. This legislation covers all vehicles on public roads including buses, taxis and private cars. This law does not apply to vehicles traveling in slow moving traffic due to congestion; vehicles stopped at traffic lights; vehicles that are undergoing repair or being tested and where a vehicle engine is on to defrost a windscreen.

IS THIS A REASONABLE LAW

Air pollution, particularly in cities can affect the health of many. Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter. Whilst emissions from stationary vehicles represent a small contributor to the overall levels of air pollution, they can be of concern to individuals with health concerns such as asthma and other respiratory conditions.

HOW DO I REMAIN WITHIN THE LAW

There's no specific guide, more common sense. If you are waiting and parked in your vehicle for 30 seconds or more, turn off your engine.

Farndon, Tattenhall and Malpas Surgery and Meeting Dates

Please note – due to the current COVID 19 restrictions all face to face surgeries and meetings are postponed until further notice

You can contact your local PC or PCSO via social media or by email, the dates and times will be posted on social media

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