

REPORTING AN ABANDONED VEHICLE

Check the vehicle has been abandoned

- Are the wheels on the car? Are the tyres flat?
- Is there graffiti on the vehicle?
- Are there signs that the vehicle has not moved for some time – mould from overhanging trees?
- Are the windows broken?
- Does the vehicle have number plates?
- Does the vehicle contain items of waste, like litter, old tyres or bags?
- Have any parts been removed from the car – seats / radio?
- Are there any wires hanging from the dashboard because the vehicle has been “hot-wired”?
- Is the vehicle taxed? Is it past the expiry date?

What can the local council do?

The council will investigate whether the vehicle has been abandoned, stolen or involved in an accident, so they will need as much information as you can provide when you report it! If the vehicle is abandoned on a public road, including private roads and estates, the council can remove the vehicle. If the vehicle is on private land, the council will serve a 15 day notice of removal on the owner. If the vehicle is of no value, the council will arrange disposal of it immediately using our Authorised Treatment Facility, where over 85% of all cars brought to us are recycled! If the car is considered to be of some value, the council will send a written notice of destruction to the owner. If the vehicle remains unclaimed the council can contact us and arrange to have it collected and disposed of.

Tracing Vehicle Ownership.

The council works with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, DVLA to trace vehicle ownership resulting in fines on people who have been found to abandon their vehicle. The police have the power to immediately remove any vehicle that is left abandoned in breach of local traffic regulation orders. They can also remove a vehicle that is causing an obstruction or likely to cause a danger. Councils in London also have this power.

Disposing of your car or another vehicle.

It is illegal to dump a vehicle in the street. If you want to dispose of a vehicle, contact ELV Ltd on the dedicated website – scrapmycar.com and we will take it away for you and even pay you for the privilege!

Under European legislation, vehicle manufacturers must provide recycling facilities free of charge. ELV is approved by all major manufacturers within the car industry to operate a Treatment facility, approved by The Environmental Agency, License No WML 80762, where we de-pollute and recycle over 30 cars every day!