

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENCING
 INFORMATION SHEET (NO.3)
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ABANDONED VEHICLES

Stroud District Council has a duty to investigate and remove abandoned vehicles. This is part of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act, and the clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We work with County Council and Stroud has a responsibility to remove vehicles where they are deemed to be abandoned and the County Council has a duty to store and dispose of them.

This is a summary of reports compared to last year. The number of vehicles being reported to us has fallen by 68 (15%) since the previous year. This is the same reduction from year 2019/2020.

	2020/21	2019/20	Variance
No of vehicles reported	381	449	68 (15% reduction)
No of vehicles inspected	7	17	10 (59% reduction)
No of vehicles removed	4	7	3 (43 % reduction)

Of the 4 vehicles that were removed 3 were caravans which have no means of locating a registered keeper. This is something that we have seen an increase in over the past 2 years.

The table shows the number of vehicles reported to us in alphabetical order (areas not mentioned had no reports). As in the previous year, Stroud remains the area with the highest number of reported vehicles, this number has increased from 71 to 96 in the past year. However, Nailsworth has seen a reduction in the number of vehicles reported from 42 down to 25 this year.

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Area	Reported	Inspected	Removed
ARLINGHAM	3	0	0
BERKELEY	14	1	1
BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT	4	0	0
BRIMSCOMBE AND THRUPP	5	0	0
CAINSCROSS	12	0	0
CAM	26	1	0
CHALFORD	18	0	0
COALEY	1	0	0
CRANHAM	1	0	0
DURSLEY	33	0	0
EASTINGTON	3	1	0
FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN	5	0	0
HAM AND STONE	2	0	0
HAMFALLOW	2	0	0
HARDWICKE	15	0	0
HARESCOMBE	1	1	1
HARESFIELD	2	2	2
HINTON	4	0	0
HORSLEY	5	0	0
KINGS STANLEY	4	0	0
KINGSWOOD	2	0	0
LEONARD STANLEY	8	0	0
MINCHINHAMPTON	13	0	0
MORETON VALANCE	1	0	0
NAILSWORTH	25	0	0
NORTH NIBLEY	4	0	0
PAINSWICK	6	0	0
PITCHCOMBE	1	0	0
RANDWICK AND WESTRIP	8	0	0
RODBOROUGH	7	0	0
STANDISH	2	0	0
STINCHCOMBE	2	0	0
STONEHOUSE	17	0	0
STROUD	96	1	0
ULEY	1	0	0
UPTON ST LEONARDS	4	0	0
WHITESHILL AND RUSCOMBE	3	0	0
WOODCHESTER	5	0	0
WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE	16	0	0
Totals:	381	7	4

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The police lead initiative OP GIG (Get It Gone), gives the local PCSO the ability to arrange for the removal of untaxed vehicles on the road directly with their recovery company. Where a vehicle is identified by SDC this information is passed on via the Neighbourhood Warden to see if the vehicle can be removed rather than go through the ABV process to speed up its removal. The police are also able to remove vehicles on behalf of the DVLA for having no tax on the highway.

These are the figures for both of these types of removals since January 2021 from within the district.

	DVLA recoveries	Op GIG recoveries
Jan-21	13	1
Feb-21	3	2
Mar-21	2	0
Apr-21	4	1
May-21	5	1
Jun-21	4	2
Jul-21	4	0