



Felixstowe Partnership Funded PCSO Report

Welcome to my first monthly report as the partnership funded PCSO for Felixstowe. I will be covering a range of topics including the priorities that were set at the end of November and the progress that has been made since then. *PCSO Ben Sagi*

Parking

The main priority set was to deal with the deteriorating illegal parking in the town centre area, mainly Hamilton Road. In the first few days 14 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to illegally parked vehicles. 64% of the tickets were issued to illegally parked disabled badge holders. In this period I noticed that many of the drivers I spoke to claimed they were not aware of the rules or felt they could park anywhere. In light of this I decided to come up with a creative and unusual solution to help deal with the problem.



Felixstowe Safer Neighbourhood Team wish to raise awareness of parking issues in Hamilton Road and surrounding areas. In the spirit of community safety these advisory notices are being issued to vehicles found to be in contravention of parking restrictions.

This leaflet contains information relevant to parking in the Town Centre of Felixstowe.

Please be mindful of where you park, remembering not to block or obstruct junctions, drop kerbs, exits and entrances or to leave your vehicle in a way which could cause danger to other road users and pedestrians.

Look out for signs and lines and ensure your parking is safe and legal.
Thank-you for your co-operation.

Tel: 101 or 999 in an emergency



Hamilton Road, between Cobbold Road and Hamilton Gardens is a RESTRICTED ZONE.

No vehicles are permitted to park anywhere other than the marked or signed bays.

Vehicles which are loading/unloading or displaying a blue badge may park in the signed black bays only.

There are no lines on the road however the restriction is stated on signs which is repeated along the length of the road. Between Orwell Road and Hamilton Gardens parking on Hamilton Road is not permitted anywhere other than the marked bays, some of which are for Disabled Badge Holders. The bays are limited waiting and display this sign.



Disabled Badge Holders
The rules for disabled badge holders can differ.

In Hamilton Road, Blue Badge Holders are only permitted to park in the signed/signed bays.

Badge Holders MUST NOT park outside of these bays. The restriction is the same as a double yellow line with double kerb markings

There is free on-street and dedicated disabled* parking on:

- York Road
- Highfield Road*
- Orwell Road*
- Hamilton Road*
- Ranelagh Road
- Brownlow Road
- Wolsey Gardens*
- Victoria Street
- Leopold Road
- Cobbold Road
- Bent Hill*

The nearest car parks are:

- Crescent Road
- Ranelagh Road
- Highfield Road

For more information on these car parks please visit <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking/>

Or call: 01394 383789

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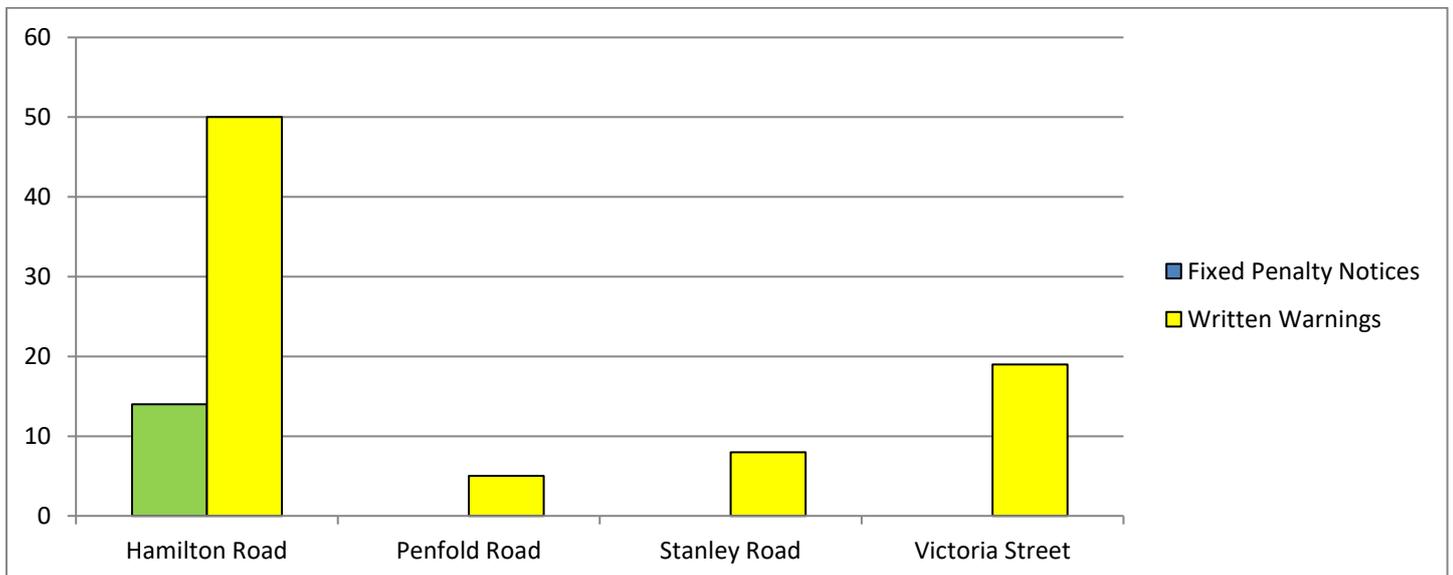
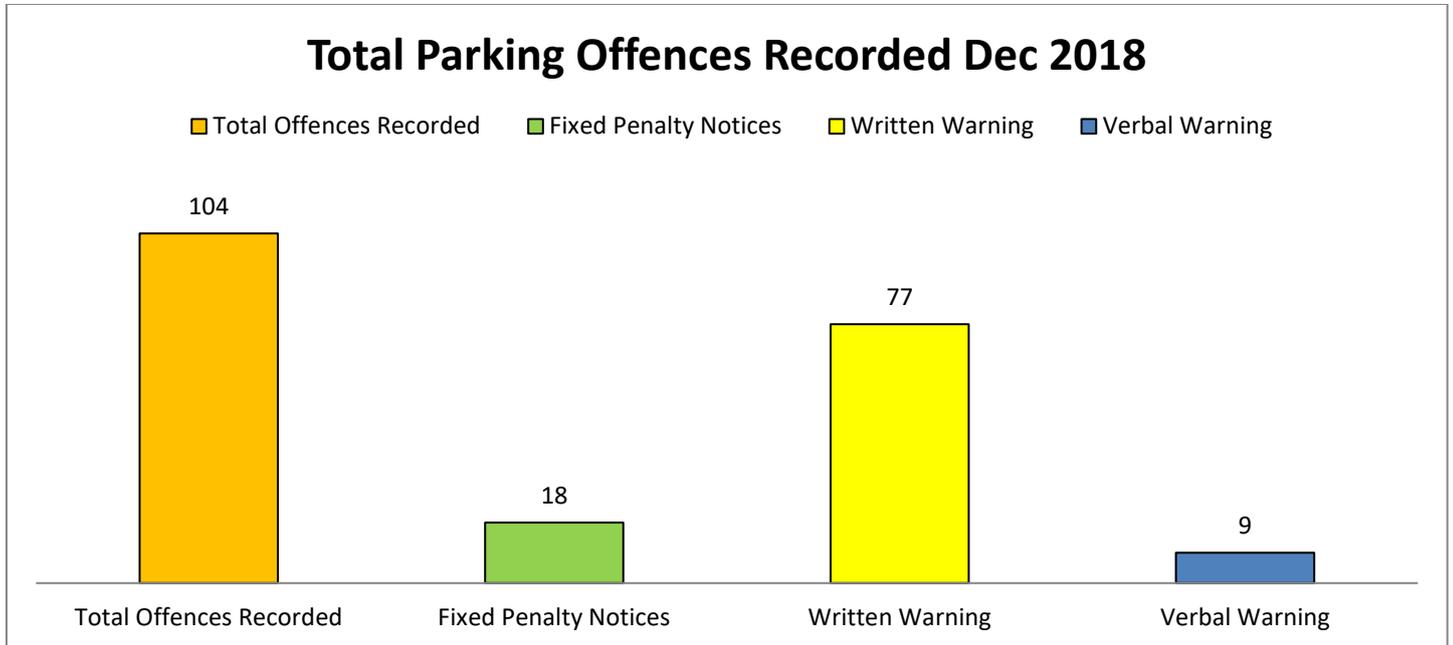
The above leaflet was designed to contain information pertinent to parking in the Hamilton Road restricted zone/shared space. It was folded up to show only the yellow 'fixed penalty notice' and placed on vehicles with a written warning inside. From a distance this looks like a fixed penalty notice and have a visual impact for drivers and members of the public. I have received lots of support from motorists and members of the public who have welcomed the enforcement of parking and the visual presence. As you can see from the photograph it has

also attracted lots of attention on social media.

Parking can be dealt with in a number of ways. Most parking offences carry a £30 Fixed Penalty. The proceeds of the fixed penalty notices go straight to the Government Treasury and do not go to the council or the police. They can also be dealt with using a written warning which is recorded locally by the officer and if the same offence is repeated a ticket could be issued. If the motorist is in the vehicle they can be asked to move on but if they fail to do so they will be committing an offence.

This Month's Parking Statistics

Over the last month a total of 104 offences were recorded in relation to parking. Over 60 of the offences were recorded in Hamilton Road. The graphs opposite show a breakdown of the offences recorded and method of disposal, i.e. a ticket or written warning. It also shows how many offences have been recorded and what proportion of them were dealt with by way of a ticket, written warning or verbal warning and how many of those recorded.



An important note for drivers

Please pay attention to the signs and lines when parking. In Hamilton Road parking is not permitted anywhere other than the black signed bays which are for loading and disabled badge holders only. There are no yellow lines however the restriction is the same as double yellow lines and double kerb marking. The restriction applies on Hamilton Road between Cobbold Road and the bottom of Bent Hill. Vehicles found parked illegally may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. As of January 2019 there will be a zero tolerance approach to illegal parking in Felixstowe. Schools will also receive a visit at least once a week either in the morning or afternoon. Any parking offences will be dealt with at the time.

ASB

Overall ASB has been relatively low this month. One case I wish to mention is in relation to Seaton Park. During the evenings young people have been gathering in the corner of the park where the disused toilet block/changing rooms are located resulting in a noise nuisance, litter, fights and drugs and inappropriate vehicle use. An elderly lady who lives nearby has been victim of continued antisocial behaviour. She has suffered property damage and had eggs thrown at her house. With the assistance of our Design Out Crime Officer we have been able to address the problems and support the victim. In addition to this the buildings have recently been demolished which has opened up the corner of the field making it more visible to members of the public and local residents. There have been no further reports of anti-social behaviour since. Any vehicles which are operated in an anti-social manner could be issued a Section 59 warning and the behaviour continues the vehicles could be seized. If there are persons causing a nuisance which has an effect on the quality of life of those around they could be given a community protection notice which brings me onto the second case of ASB.

A local man has been drinking alcohol to excess in the town centre resulting in him being unable to care for himself and causing a nuisance. Despite continued support in an attempt to solve this behaviour the male continued this behaviour to the detriment of local business owners, the ambulance service and the police. He was issued with Community Protection Notice which has conditions that if breached, he could be arrested. The process required a substantial amount of CCTV, statements and evidence gathering in order for the notice to be served which will begin to resolve the issues caused.

Homelessness

At the moment there are three homeless persons living in the town centre. We are continuing to work with external agencies and all of them have been offered help and support but choose or refuse to engage. We would suggest that members of the public avoid giving money and instead, if they wish, to give food or drink to them. We are working with a charity organisation Help Our Homeless which offers support and help to people who are homeless. For more information please visit <https://helpourhomeless.co.uk/>

I regret to announce the recent passing of a homeless man Andy Rogers (49) known locally as 'Andy Two Dogs' as he often had his two dogs by his side while selling The Big Issue Magazine outside of Tesco on Cobbold Road. Andy was found deceased on 19th December 2018. The full article is available at <https://www.bigissue.com>