

## 35822 Blue Badges

How many Blue Badges do you currently have on issue?

There are currently 12,927 issued (and still valid) badges.

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Year	Badge Applications received	Badges issued
2018	7,483	5,672
2019	7,255	5,924
2020	5,313	4,787
2021	6,919	5,668

How many badges are currently issued to people who qualify because of hidden disabilities?

We do not issue badges under the 'Hidden Disabilities' criteria as this is only applicable in England and Wales. Scotland had introduced the 'At Risk in Traffic' eligibility criteria prior to the 'Hidden Disabilities' criteria being launched in England and Wales. Transport Scotland decided not to adopt the 'Hidden Disabilities' criteria and continued with the 'At Risk in Traffic' criteria.

Which department enforces the Blue Badge Scheme?

Enforcement of the Blue Badge scheme would be carried out by our parking enforcement contractor. Parking attendants will issue Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles parked incorrectly in Disabled Persons' Parking Places. Any concerns with misuse of the Blue Badge scheme can be reported to the Council's Customer Fraud and Visiting Team for investigation.

How many reports of Blue Badge misuse did you receive in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

2018	13
2019	9
2020	16
2021	14

How many officers (full or part-time) are allocated to investigating Blue Badge misuse?

One

How many people were prosecuted for Blue Badge abuse in 2021?

There were none.

What were the total fines issued by the Court for Blue Badge misuse in 2021?

£0.00

What were the total costs awarded by the Court for Blue Badge misuse in 2021?

£0.00

When was the last time that Blue Badge parking provision was reviewed?

There was not a 'review' as such. The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 allows for applicants to request new Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP) should they be needed. New applications are received regularly, and each application is considered on its own merits.

What action was taken following this review? Were numbers of disabled bays increased, decreased or no action taken?

When did you last increase the number of Blue Badge parking spaces?

Please refer to response above. Please be advised that the DPPP team are introducing new spaces on a regular basis in response to applications.