

Proposed Car Parking Charges: What you need to know

What is proposed?

Charging in the Cock Horse and Prentice St Car Parks from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. No charges on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Will there be any free period short-stay parking?

No

What are the proposed charges?

Up to 2 hours: £1, up to 3 hours: £1.50, up to 4 hours £2. All Day £2.50.

Will there be any exemptions or discounts for local people?

The only exemption is Blue Badge Holders can park for three hours free of charge. There are no discounts for local people.

Will there be season tickets?

Yes. 1 month £30, 3 months £85, 12 months £300.

What about the Village Hall and the Doctors?

A rebate scheme is promised for visitors to the Surgery but not to users of the Village Hall.

Can people pay by cash or card?

Yes

Will there be restrictions to on-street parking to help residents park on the street near their homes?

Certainly not in the short term. Babergh says it will make funding available for residents parking surveys but Babergh is also clear that the introduction of a residents parking zone is dependent on funding from Suffolk County Council.

When will this happen?

This Proposal goes to the Babergh Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th March and (subject to amendment) to Babergh Cabinet on 9th April. Babergh's working assumption is that charges will be introduced on October 1.

Did the Parish Council oppose this? Does Babergh know local opinion?

Absolutely it did. Our response to the Babergh Survey is here:

<https://lavenham.onesuffolk.net/assets/Car-park-consult-AJS-Final.pdf>