

## **Blue Badge concessions in the Borough of Test Valley**

If you are a Blue Badge holder you are exempt from some waiting restrictions and some parking charges, as long as your valid Blue Badge and time clock are displayed correctly.

This information is specific to parking by Blue Badge holders within the Borough of Test Valley.

Further copies of this information sheet can be downloaded at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/parking](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/parking)



### **How to display your badge and parking clock**

You must display the valid blue badge on the dashboard or facia panel, where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen. If there is no dashboard or facia panel in your vehicle, you must display the badge in a place where it can be clearly read from outside the vehicle. The front of the badge should face upwards, showing the hologram and the expiry date. The side showing the photograph should not be visible through the windscreen.

You must also ensure that the details on the front of the badge remain legible. If they become unreadable through fading or wear and tear, you must return the badge to the issuing office for a replacement.

When you park on yellow lines or in other places where there is a time restriction, you need to display the blue parking clock to show your time of arrival. The clock should be sent to you together with the Blue Badge. If not, you can get a clock from the same council that issued the badge.

If you need to use a parking clock, you must display it on the vehicle's dashboard or facia panel, so that the time can be seen clearly through the front windscreen. The clock should be set to show the quarter hour period during which you arrived. If there is no dashboard or facia panel in your vehicle, you must still display the clock in a place where it can be clearly read from outside the vehicle.

Please note if your Blue Badge has expired, Blue Badge parking concessions will not apply, and you are at risk of incurring a penalty charge notice.

More information about the rights and responsibilities of Blue Badge holders can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england)

## Parking in Test Valley Borough Council's Off Street Car Parks

Vehicles correctly displaying a valid Blue Badge and time clock may park in Test Valley Borough Council's pay & display car parks for **free** - although some time restrictions do apply (see table below).

You can park in any 'general' use bay in the car park; not just those spaces dedicated for disabled users. However, parking in bays which are designated for 'other' types of permit holders such as dedicated Season Ticket bays, dedicated Council Visitor Permit Bays, or Shopmobility bays is **not** permitted.

You are not entitled to park on yellow lines in Off-street car parks.

<b>Andover Off Street Car Parks</b>	<b>Maximum Permitted Time for Blue Badge Holders</b>
High Street, Disabled only parking, SP10 1LJ	2 hours
Black Swan Yard Car Park, SP10 1NG	3 hours
Town Mill Car Park, SP10 1BE	3 hours
Borden Gates Car Park, SP10 1BG	3 hours
Anton Mill Road Short Stay Car Park, SP10 2NX	3 hours
Chantry Centre Multi-Storey, Levels 1A and 2, SP10 1RL (Lift accessible from all levels with an 'A')	3 hours
Chantry Centre Multi-Storey, Levels 2A and above, SP10 1RL (Lift accessible from all levels with an 'A')	All day
George Yard Car Park, SP10 1PD	All day
Marlborough Street Car Park, SP10 1DF	All day
South Street Car Park, SP10 2BN	All day
Leisure Centre Car Park, SP10 1DF	All day
Simplyhealth Car Park, SP10 1DF (Only Monday to Friday 6pm to 8am & weekends)	All day (During available hours)
Shepherds Spring Lane Car Park, SP10 1DL	All day
Winchester Road Car Park, SP10 2EG	All day
Anton Mill Road Long Stay Car Park, SP10 2NX	All day
The Acre Car Park, SP10 1HF	All day

<b>Romsey Off Street Car Parks</b>	<b>Maximum Permitted Time for Blue Badge Holders</b>
Broadwater Road Car Park, SO51 8GT	3 hours
Church Road Car Park, SO51 8EY	3 hours
Newton Lane Car Park, SO51 8DF	3 hours
Lortemore Place Car Parks, SO51 8DF	3 hours
Crosfield Hall Car Park, SO51 8GL	All day
Princes Road Car Park, SO51 8DS	All day
Alma Road Car Park, SO51 8ED	All day
Romsey Rapids Car Park, SO51 8AF	All day

## **Parking On-Street in Test Valley**

The Blue Badge does not exempt drivers from all parking restrictions. Like other road users, you must obey the rules of the road, as laid out in the Highway Code. Here is a list of some of the places where you must not park.

- Places where a ban on loading or unloading is in force, as indicated by yellow kerb markings, or by signs which state loading is prohibited.
- Pedestrian crossings (zebra, pelican, toucan and puffin crossings), including areas marked by zig-zag lines
- Clearways (no stopping)
- School 'keep clear' markings, during the hours shown on a yellow no-stopping plate.
- Where temporary parking restrictions are in force, as shown for example by no-waiting cones or by parking suspension signs.
- Adjacent to a dropped footway or raised carriageway.
- Cycle lanes
- Where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Some examples are:
  - school entrances, bus stops, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
  - parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
  - where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks
  - where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances
  - where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out, such as hospital entrances
  - where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users
  - on a pavement, unless signs permit it

### **Yellow Lines**

Badge holders correctly displaying a Valid Blue Badge and time clock may park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours.

However you may not park on yellow lines:

- where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – which are indicated by yellow markings on the kerbs, and/or loading restrictions which are on signs.
- where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Some examples of where parking could cause a danger or obstruction are listed above.

### **On-street parking bays**

The rules for parking in on-street parking bays by Blue Badge holders may vary from Council to Council. The following information applies to Test Valley Borough Council's current Traffic Regulation Orders and Parking Enforcement policy.

Please note however, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 the enforcement of On Street Parking Restrictions in the Borough will revert back to Hampshire County Council, at which time the Traffic Regulation Orders and Parking Enforcement Policy may be subject to change.

### **Dedicated Disabled Bays**

Parking is unrestricted providing a valid Blue Badge is correctly displayed

### **Resident Permit parking bays or within Resident Permit Parking Zones**

Parking is unrestricted, providing a valid Blue Badge is correctly displayed

### **Limited Waiting parking bays**

Parking is unrestricted provided a valid Blue Badge is correctly displayed.

### **Taxi bays and bus stops**

Parking is not permitted at any time in these areas during their hours of operation.

### **Loading bay / loading areas**

Parking is not permitted at any time in these areas during their hours of operation.