



Lancashire Parking Services

Annual Civil Enforcement Report 2025 - 2026

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Introduction.

Welcome to Lancashire County Council's Annual Civil Enforcement Report. We understand that civil enforcement can sometimes be unpopular—especially if you have received a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). However, a well-managed and effective enforcement service plays a vital role in supporting vibrant town centres and creating safer neighbourhoods.

Lancashire Parking Services, established in 2009, is responsible for managing parking restrictions and bus lanes across the county's 4,600 miles of highway. Our primary goal is to ensure compliance with parking and bus lane regulations through the daily deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) and the use of ANPR CCTV enforcement cameras. This work is essential to keeping traffic flowing smoothly and safely on Lancashire's roads.

Our Aims and Priorities

- Ensure efficient and effective enforcement of parking and traffic restrictions across Lancashire.
- Apply consistency and fairness when handling challenges and appeals.
- Listen to feedback and use it constructively to improve our service.
- Work collaboratively with internal teams and external partners to enhance service delivery.



Parking Services Overview.

This report offers an insight into Lancashire Parking Services and the operation of our Civil Enforcement function.

Under the **Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA 2004)**, highway authorities have a legal duty to secure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road networks, where it is reasonable and practicable to do so. Civil Enforcement is one of the key tools used by Lancashire County Council to meet this statutory obligation. An enforcement service that is both efficient and effective is essential to fulfilling this responsibility.

Lancashire Parking Services is structured into two core teams that work together to deliver our enforcement objectives.

Deployed Enforcement Team.

- Comprises **45 Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs)**, **3 supervisors**, and **1 team leader**.
- Responsible for on-street enforcement across Lancashire
- All CEOs are salaried employees and are **not** part of any incentive or commission-based scheme.

Back-Office Processing Team

- Includes **11 Technical Support Officers**, **3 supervisors**, and **1 team leader**.
 - Manages the processing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs), customer correspondence, appeals, and administrative support.
 - Together, these teams ensure that parking and traffic regulations are enforced fairly, consistently, and in line with national legislation.
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Enforcement Aims and Objectives

Lancashire Parking Services is committed to delivering a high-quality enforcement service that supports local communities, promotes safety, and contributes to the economic vitality of our towns and cities. Our approach is both strategic and adaptable, allowing us to respond effectively to the evolving demands placed on parking services.

Enforcement Aims

- Provide a **proportionate, fair, and consistent** enforcement service across Lancashire.
- Support the **economic health** of towns and cities through effective traffic and parking management.
- Contribute to **safer communities** by reducing dangerous and obstructive parking.

Service Objectives

- Deliver a **first-class parking service** that meets the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Promote **collaboration** both internally and with external partners to enhance outcomes for Lancashire's communities.
- Operate a service that is responsive to **local priorities** and community needs.
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We adopt a **dynamic and strategic approach** to enforcement, which allows for a high degree of flexibility. This ensures we can respond to day-to-day operational demands while also adapting to longer-term changes in travel behaviour, infrastructure, and local priorities.

Understanding Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).

If you receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN), it will include a **contravention code** that identifies the specific parking or traffic violation we believe has occurred. Each code corresponds to a nationally defined contravention and provides a clear explanation of the alleged offence.

All PCNs can be **formally challenged**, and full details on how to do so are provided on the notice itself. We encourage anyone who believes a PCN has been issued in error to follow the outlined process.

The following tables list the **national contravention codes** currently used in Lancashire, along with their descriptions.

CODE	DESCRIPTION
1	Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours
2	Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading / unloading restrictions are in force
5	Parked after the expiry of paid for time
6	Parked without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket or voucher
12	Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place where required, or without payment of the parking charge
14	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging
16	Parked in a permit space or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required
19	Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone with an invalid virtual permit or displaying an invalid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket, or after the expiry of paid for time
21	Parked wholly or partly in a suspended bay or space
22	Re-parked in the same parking place or zone within one hour after leaving
23	Parked in a parking place or area not designated for that class of vehicle
24	Not parked correctly within the markings of the bay or space
25	Parked in a loading place or bay during restricted hours without loading
26	Parked in a special enforcement area more than 50 cm from the edge of the carriageway and not within a designated parking place

Contravention codes continued.

27	Parked in a special enforcement area adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge lowered to meet the level of the carriageway
28	Parked in a special enforcement area on part of the carriageway raised to meet the level of a footway, cycle track or verge
30	Parked for longer than permitted
34	Being in a bus lane
40	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner
41	Stopped in a parking place designated for diplomatic vehicles.
42	Parked in a parking place designated for police vehicles
45	Stopped on a taxi rank
46	Stopped where prohibited (on a red route or clearway)
47	Stopped on a restricted bus stop or stand
48	Stopped in a restricted area outside a school, a hospital or a fire, police or ambulance station when prohibited
49	Parked wholly or partly on a cycle track or lane
61	A heavy commercial vehicle wholly or partly parked on a footway, verge, or land between two carriageways
71	Parked in an electric vehicles' charging place during restricted hours without charging
80	Parked for longer than permitted
81	Parked in a restricted area in an off-street car park or housing estate
82	Parked after the expiry of paid for time
83	Parked in a car park without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket or voucher or parking clock
84	Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time
85	Parked without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit where required
86	Not parked correctly within the markings of a bay or space
87	Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner.
90	Re-parked in the same car park within one hour after leaving
91	Parked in a car park or area not designated for that class of vehicle
92	Parked causing an obstruction
93	Parked in car park when closed
99	Stopped on a pedestrian crossing or crossing area marked by zigzags

Residents Parking Schemes

Our residents are important to the county and in areas where they are affected by other parking generators, for example a hospital, town centre, football ground etc, there is the facility to introduce residents parking schemes. These have very specific criteria and there are costs involved however more information can be found on the council's website – ([Residents' parking permit - Lancashire County Council](#)).

In Lancashire there are a number of residents paid parking schemes already in place. These schemes aim to provide priority for residents, visitors, and local businesses. Not all schemes are the same due to variable factors such as location, local issues, size, etc. Some of these locations are only enforceable when there are events on, others are enforceable 24/7. The council is moving to the issuing of E-permits rather than a paper version. These E versions are uploaded to the CEO's handheld devices and can be checked without the need to display a paper copy.

April 2025 to March 2026, approximately **7913 Lancashire residents** participated in these schemes, helping to ensure fair access to parking in high-demand areas. In the same financial year, we issued 589 dispensations and 62 bay suspensions.

District	Residents parking scheme bays
Burnley	48
Chorley	82
Fylde	26
Hyndburn	4
Lancaster	361
Pendle	99
Preston	163
Ribble Valley	9
Rossendale	2
South Ribble	28
West Lancs	45
Wyre	0
Total	867

School Keep Clears.

We work closely with schools across the county to promote road safety in and around school areas. Every day, our Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) are deployed to monitor school zones and help ensure that safety is a top priority for pupils, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians.

A key focus of this work is preventing the misuse of school zig-zag markings. These areas are designed to keep sightlines clear and ensure children can arrive and leave school safely. When drivers ignore these restrictions, they create serious risks for everyone in the school community.

District	Number of School Keep Clears	Total Visits in 2025	PCN issued
Burnley	53	189	132
Chorley	28	55	29
Pendle	38	127	130
Fylde	17	37	11
Hyndburn	20	47	48
Lancaster	38	75	40
Preston	32	163	210
Ribble Valley	30	76	26
Rossendale	29	28	15
South Ribble	43	131	142
West Lancashire	21	73	133
Wyre	29	32	17
Total	187	1033	933

Bus station car park.



As the highway authority, Lancashire County Council does not operate a large number of car parks. The majority of parking facilities across the county are either **privately operated** or managed by **district council authorities**. However, we are proud to operate one of Lancashire's most iconic structures—the **Preston Bus Station Car Park**. This landmark facility continues to serve as a key transport and parking hub in the heart of Preston.

The car park operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and offers cash or pay by mobile phone (RingGo) option.

Preston Bus Station Car Park offers a total of **600 parking spaces** across floors 1 to 6, including designated **disabled bays**, parent child and **motorcycle bays** to ensure accessibility for all users. **Levels 7 to 9** are reserved exclusively for **contracted parking**, providing dedicated spaces. This multi-level facility plays a vital role in supporting both daily commuters and visitors to the city.

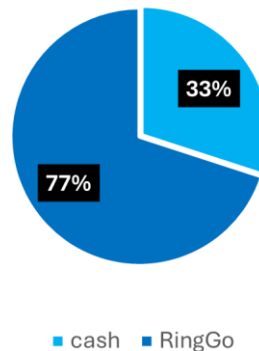
This location has recently been awarded the British Parking Association's, Park Mark safer parking award. [ParkMark - Home](#)

There was a total of 143,966 paid parking sessions during the 2025-2026 fiscal year (April to March).

Of these, 33,069 parking sessions paid by cash.

110,897 sessions were paid for by using our contactless mobile phone option operated by RingGo.

Payment Method Split



Moving Traffic Enforcement.

In February 2026, Lancashire County Council introduced the first phase of Moving Traffic Enforcement, using new powers granted to local authorities. These powers enable the council to improve compliance with specific traffic restrictions, helping to keep road users safe and traffic flowing efficiently.

These restrictions include:

Turning left, right, or making a U-turn where prohibited

Driving in the wrong direction on one-way streets

Entering yellow box junctions when the exit is not clear

Driving in areas where motor vehicles are prohibited

It is important to note that these powers do not include speeding offences, which remain the responsibility of the police. Where a contravention is also observed by the police, they may issue their own penalty notice. In such cases, the police-issued notice will take precedence, and any duplicate notice issued by the council will not be pursued.

Our Approach

To support this initiative, the council uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to identify vehicles that may be in contravention.

Recognising that this represents a change for many drivers, a proportionate and education-led approach has been adopted. During the first six months of operation, warning notices are issued for a first offence. This allows drivers to better understand the restrictions and adjust their behaviour without immediate financial penalty.

Why This Matters

Moving traffic restrictions are in place to improve safety, protect vulnerable road users, and ensure the road network operates effectively.

The introduction of these powers will help deliver:

Improved road safety by reducing unsafe manoeuvres

Reduced congestion, supporting smoother traffic flow

Shorter journey times for residents, businesses, and visitors

Improved air quality through reduced idling and stop-start traffic

Looking Ahead

The council's aim is not solely enforcement, but to encourage safer and more responsible driving behaviour across Lancashire. By combining clear signage, effective communication, and a fair and proportionate enforcement approach, we will support safer, cleaner, and more efficient journeys for everyone.

Restriction	Locations	Warnings	PCNs
One way restriction	Charnley St, Preston	2528	222
Banned right turn	Hyndburn Rd, Accrington	2557	127
Banned right turn	Morecambe Rd, Lancaster	131	2
Banned U turn/right turn	Ringway west & East, Preston	245	6

*Went live February 2026

Bus Lane Cameras Locations & PCN Issuance.

Some bus lanes and gates across Lancashire are enforced using **static Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras**, which are strategically positioned alongside the lanes to monitor compliance. These cameras capture vehicles that unlawfully enter or misuse bus lanes and gates, helping to maintain reliable and efficient public transport routes.

Location	PCN
Fishergate-Butler St	5862
Fishergate-Corporation St	1504
Garstang Rd-Broughton (South)	3137
A680 Whalley Road-Sparth House	1245
A680 Whalley Road-Lynwood Avenue	527
Parliament Street Lancaster	777
Greyhound Bridge Road-Bus stop	91
Morecambe Road-Greyhound Bridge	158
Morecambe Road-Eastbound	99
Morecambe Road - Ovangle Road	265
Church Street - Burnley	1085
King Street Accrington	442
Fishergate - Cheapside	4572
Fishergate Hill - County Hall	88
Tithebarn St	3630
Lords Walk	84
Hammerton Street	2088
Corporation Street bus gate Heatley Street	12808
Corporation Street bus gate Marsh Lane	26426
New Hall Lane with Adelaide Street	146
New Hall Lane with Mercer Street	64
Total	65098

Lancashire County Council is an **approved authority** for the civil enforcement of bus lane contraventions, issuance for 2025 to 2026 is shown above.

The standard Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) is £70.

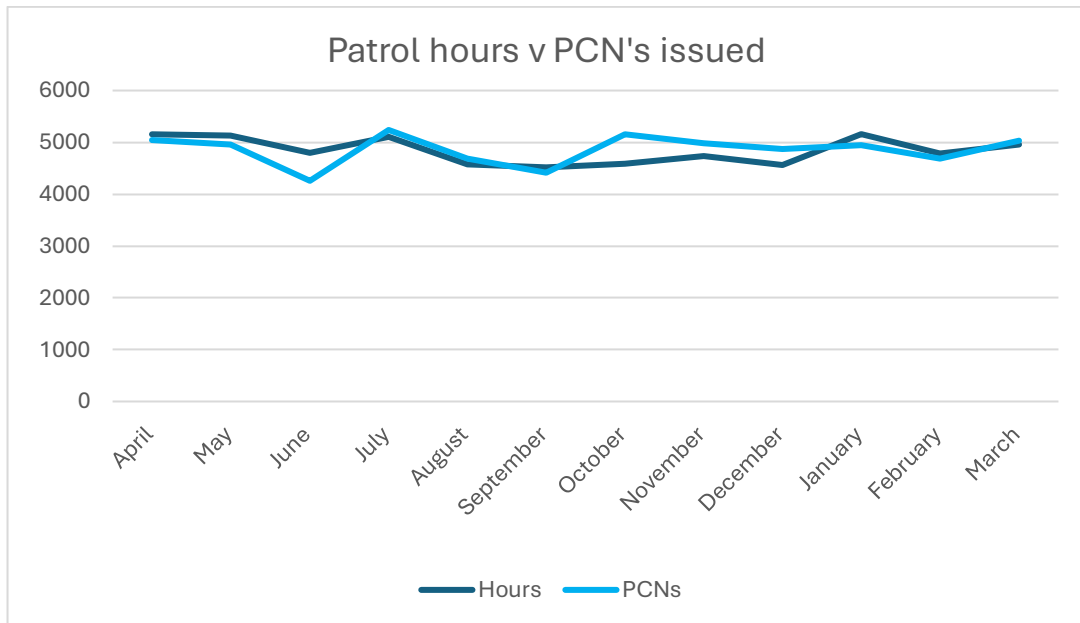
If payment is made within 21 days of PCN being served, the charge is reduced by 50% to £35.

If payment is made after a service of charge certificate, the charge increases by 50% to £105.

More information about [paying or challenging a PCN](#).

Patrol hours and on street PCNs issued.

Month	Patrol Hours	PCNs Issued
April	5154	5044
May	5135	4962
June	4797	4258
July	5112	5239
August	4577	4684
September	4518	4409
October	4583	5161
November	4732	4977
December	4561	4868
January	5159	4949
February	4787	4685
March	4956	5037
Total	58071	58273



PCN Data.

Month	On street PCNs Issued	Bus Lane PCNs	Total by Month
April	5044	7033	12077
May	4962	6502	11464
June	4258	5543	9801
July	5239	6266	11505
August	4684	5132	9816
September	4409	5735	10144
October	5161	5777	10938
November	4977	4748	9725
December	4868	5508	10376
January	4949	4156	9105
February	4685	4051	8736
March	5037	4647	9684
Total	58273	65098	123371

PCN data.

Top 5 Contraventions On/off Street.

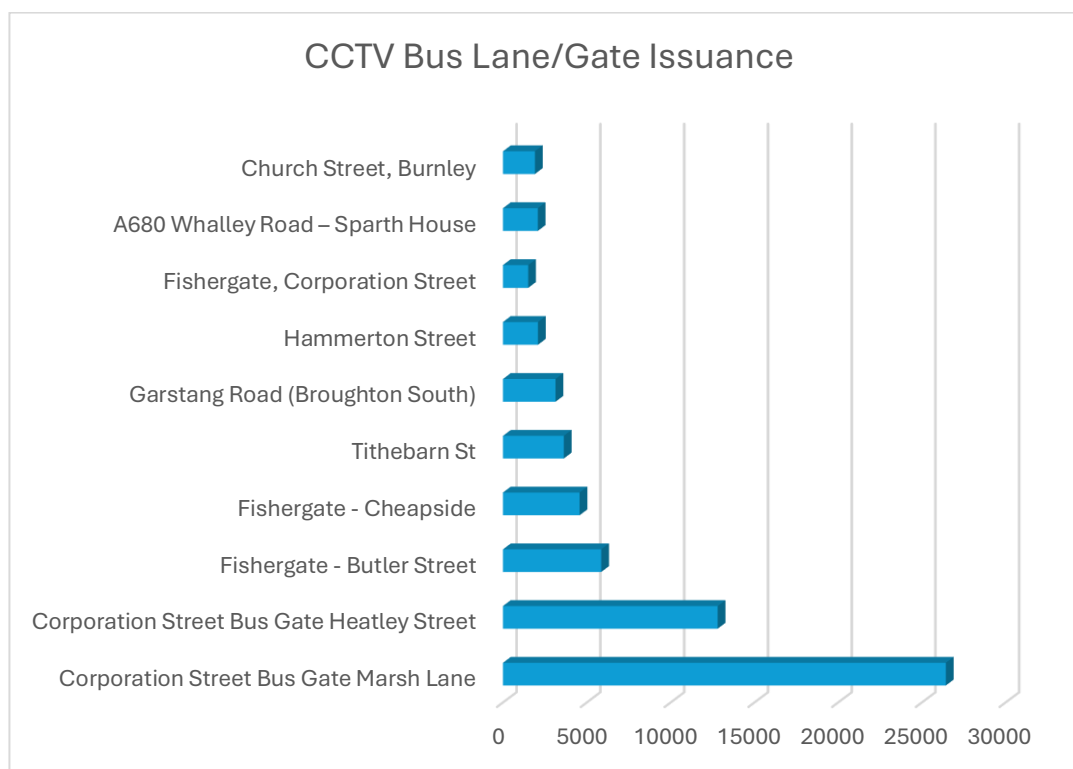
	Top 5 Contraventions - Parking.	PCNs
1st	01 - Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours	17962
2nd	30 - Parked for longer than permitted	10259
3rd	02 - Parked or loading / unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading / unloading restrictions are in force	6172
4th	12 - Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without a valid virtual permit or clearly displaying a valid physical permit or voucher or pay and display ticket issued for that place where required, or without payment of the parking charge	4801
5th	40 - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without displaying a valid disabled person's badge in the prescribed manner	4414

Top 10 locations for PCN Issuance on Street.

Position	Streets by CEO Issuance	PCNs
1	Ashton Road (Lancaster)	1132
2	Winckley Square (Preston)	956
3	Church Street (Lancaster)	932
4	Friargate (Preston)	803
5	Birley Street (Preston)	781
6	Market Street (Preston)	717
7	Penny Street (Lancaster)	616
8	Manchester Road (Nelson)	543
9	Castle Street (Clitheroe)	517
10	Dalton Square (Lancaster)	458

Top 10 locations for PCN Issuance on Bus Lanes/Gates.

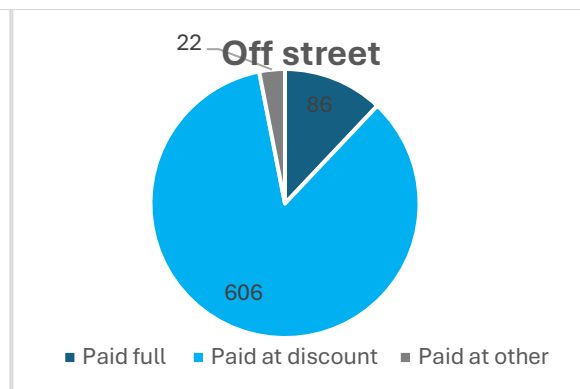
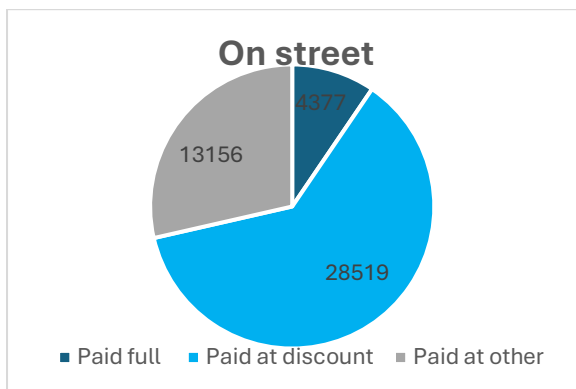
Position	CCTV by Issuance	PCNs
1st	Corporation Street Bus Gate Marsh Lane	26436
2nd	Corporation Street Bus Gate Heatley Street	12808
3rd	Fishergate - Butler Street	5862
4th	Fishergate - Cheapside	4572
5th	Tithebarn St	3630
6th	Garstang Road (Broughton South)	3137
7th	Hammerton Street	2088
8th	Fishergate, Corporation Street	1504
9th	A680 Whalley Road – Sparth House	2078
10th	Church Street, Burnley	1907



PCNs Paid or Cancelled.

On street	PCNs
PCN'S paid	46052
Paid full	4377
Paid at discount	28519
Paid at other	13156
Cancelled	5624
PCN's open	6585
Cancellation rate	10%

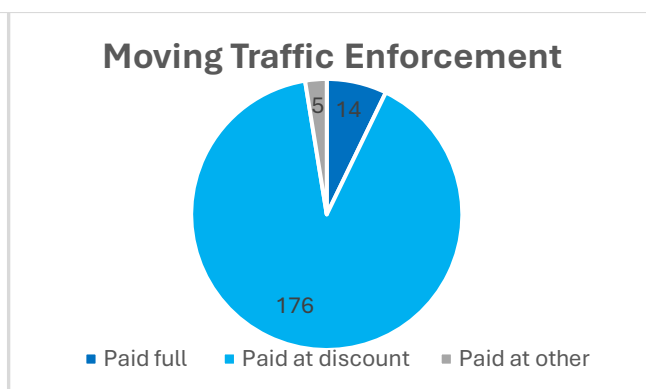
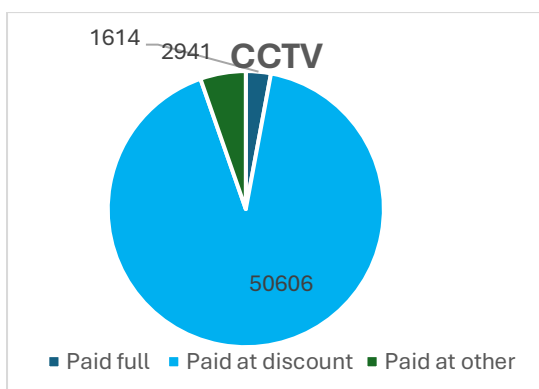
Off street	PCNs
PCN'S paid	714
Paid full	86
Paid at discount	606
Paid at other	22
Cancelled	196
PCN's open	46
Cancellation rate	21%



*Main cancellation reason on the bus station giving it a higher % than other locations are, P&D ticket bought but placed incorrectly, for example, it had fallen on the floor. Also, error using blue badges, which we allow a one strike policy to apply.

CCTV	PCNs
PCN'S paid	55161
Paid full	1614
Paid at discount	50606
Paid at other	2941
Cancelled	4650
PCN's open	5287
Cancellation rate	7%

Moving Traffic Enforcement	PCNs
PCN'S paid	195
Paid full	14
Paid at discount	176
Paid at other	5
Cancelled	54
PCN's open	108
Cancellation rate	15%



Finances 2024 to 2025.

25/26	£
EXPENDITURE	
Employees	2,443,298
Premises	260,338
Transport	46,084
Supplies & Services	523,688
Internal Charges	167,258
Total Expenditure	3,440,667
INCOME	
Income	-5,995,266
Less Central Recharges	167,804
Total Income	-5,827,461
Balance of Parking	-2,386,794

Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act sets out the areas that this income can be spent on. Any positive balance of parking contributes to the wider highway budget supporting the work of the council in maintaining the network, introducing safety schemes and projects associated with the highway, any positive balance is not ring fenced just for this area, it is part of a County wide budget.

Local Government Transparency Code 2015

The following information is published under a requirement of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

- The estimated number of controlled on-street parking spaces, provided by Lancashire County Council, within Lancashire is 15,394.
 - The number of off-street controlled parking spaces, provided by Lancashire County Council, within Lancashire is 920.
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Partnership Working.

To ensure the smooth operation, transparency, and security of our parking and enforcement services, we work with a range of trusted partners:



We work with enforcement agents to recover unpaid Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs). Our current appointed agents are CDER Group and Jacobs.



- Security Plus provides the cash-in-transit and counting services for all pay-and-display machines across the county.



- Taranto provides the back-office system that supports the management of our parking services operations.



- Metric supplies and maintains our pay-and-display machines across the county.



- RingGo is our partner for providing cashless parking solutions.



- All our Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) wear body-worn cameras while on duty, supplied by Pinnacle.



- Videalert supplies the ANPR CCTV systems that help us manage and enforce bus lane restrictions across Lancashire.
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Contact Us.

Telephone Enquiries	0300 123 6713
Telephone Payments	0300 600 0010 (24 hours)
Website	www.lancashire.gov.uk/parking
Report a parking problem	www.lancashire.gov.uk/parking
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End of report.