

APPENDIX XI: CAR PARKING

Area	Size (No of spaces)	Length of Stay	Comments
Public Car Parks Owned by EDC			
Blue Bell Lane (Upper and Lower)	127 plus 3 blue badge.	Up to 168 consecutive hours for cars, bikes and light goods vehicles. Up to 24 consecutive hours for motorhomes, caravans and coaches.	Main car park at north end of the Town, partly used for long stay parking. Under used a lot of time but very full in summer.
Drovers Lane	104	Unlimited waiting time.	New car park. Partially used by EDC staff as it's near the Town Hall but mainly used for public parking. Rather hidden away and not well signed.
Mansion House Car Parks (front and rear)	50 plus 1 blue badge.	Pay and Display weekends only up to 24 hours.	Front car park for staff use only Monday Friday. Rear car park for EDC staff and some contract parking Monday – Friday. Both are open to public at weekends.
Town Hall	38 plus 3 blue badge.	Up to 12 hours weekends only.	For EDC staff use only Mon-Fri but pay and display weekends only. This is the car park immediately behind and to the side of the Town Hall buildings.
Sandgate	120, 10 blue badge, 6 motorcycle plus 6 coach.	Up to 168 consecutive hours for cars, bikes and light goods vehicles. Up to 24 consecutive hours for motorhomes, caravans and coaches.	

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Princes Street	21, plus 4 blue badge, 2 motorcycle.	Disc Parking up to 2 hours.	Small central car park.
Penrith Leisure Centre	102 plus 8 blue badges.	Free unlimited parking for anyone using the facilities of the leisure centre.	Owned by EDC. For leisure centre users and season ticket holders only. Leisure users must obtain a ticket from reception to be displayed on the top of the dashboard visible through the windscreen.

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On-Street Car Parking			
Great Dockray	52 on-street parking (centre and street edge).	Free 1-hour disk parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	General parking area. Previous talks to reconfigure parking with a road to one side only. Important central car park used when events are on.
Queen Street	15-18 on-street parking.	Free 1-hour disk parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for residents of Queen Street.	Individual parking spaces are not marked so capacity is dependent on considerate parking.
Burrowgate	12 on-street parking.	Free 1-hour disk parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for residents of Burrowgate.	General small parking area with marked bays.
Burrowgate (higher) and Sandgate	30 – 32 on-street parking.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for residents of Burrowgate.	Mixture of marked and unmarked bays.
Ullswater Road next to Castle Park	18 on-street parking plus 3 blue badge.	Changed from 3 hr parking to unlimited parking plus disabled parking next to the park gate.	Now used mainly by rail passengers. Potential to work with Castle Park Development Group on the potential to create some car parking for Castle Park.

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Market Square in front of George Hotel	9 on-street parking.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour.	Marked bays. Traffic delays may be caused by vehicles reversing from the bays into the flow of traffic.
Middlegate	13-15 on-street plus 1-2 Blue Badge.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for residents of Middlegate.	Traffic delays may be caused by vehicles manoeuvring from the bays into the flow of traffic.
Crown Square	17 on-street parking.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for residents of Crown Square.	
Friargate in front of laundry, Mansion House and on main road	32 on-street plus 2 Blue Badge.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	Marked bays.
Friargate opposite PTC offices	8-10 on-street.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	
St Andrew's Churchyard	9 on-street plus 1 Blue Badge.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	Small area with marked bays.
Corney Square	7 on-street.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	

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Managed Car Parking			
King Street outside Penrith Building Society	3 on-street.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	
Duke Street	23 on-street.	Free 1-hour disc parking, no return within an hour. Permit parking for nearby residents.	
Sainsbury's New Squares Multi storey car park	Private car park owned by Sainsbury's. 490 plus 30 Blue Badge.	Free public parking for 3 hours, no return within 3 hours.	Multi storey with parking initially for 700 vehicles including some parent and child and disabled spaces. During the week companies use some of the upper deck for parking thus restricting public parking. Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.
New Squares (outside)	Private car park owned by Sainsbury's. 106 plus 5 blue badge.	Free public parking for 3 hours, no return within 3 hours.	Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.
Morrison's	Private car park owned by Morrison's. 276 with additional 14 for family parking, and 15 blue badge.	Free parking for 2 hours, no return within 2 hours.	Used by customers of Morrison's and people visiting the banks and retail offerings in the town. Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.
Booth's	163 marked bays including 7 blue badge spaces.	Free parking for 2 hours, no return within 2 hours.	Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.

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Ullswater Road Car Parks in front of superstores. (B&Q to Iceland)	Large car parking area associated with edge of town business park. 320 plus additional parking for families (4) and 14 blue badge.	Free parking, linked with store use, for 2 hours, no return within 2 hours.	Parking for customers of the retailers at the business park. Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.
Ullswater Road (Home Bargains)	Large car parking area associated with edge of town business park. 83 with 5 additional spaces for families and 5 blue badges.	Free parking, linked with store use, for 2 hours, no return within 2 hours.	Parking for customers of the retailers at the business park. Managed by a parking company who issue fine for non-compliance.
Bus/coach park rear of Leisure Centre adjacent to the bring site at Kilgour Street.	4 marked bays for coaches.		Part of New Squares Development
Railway Station	125 spaces	Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is charged at daily rate.	Owned and managed by Virgin Trains.
Rear of Devonshire Arcade	Marked bays for residents. No markings at rear of arcade.	Unlimited	Mixture of parking for shopkeepers, private parking for residents and residents of the hotel.
Marks and Spencer's	62 marked bays including 7 for blue badge holders.	Private car park offering 90 minutes free parking to the public.	Camera records time vehicles enter and leave. Managed by a parking company on behalf of M&S. Fines levied for over-staying.

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Health Centre and Community Hospital car park	Patient and visitor parking for 54 plus 10 blue badge.	Disc parking limited to 2 hours.	Car parking for the GP surgeries (patients), hospital out-patients and visitors.
Penrith Hospital staff car park (between Bridge Lane and old ambulance/ fire station)	Marked bays for 39 vehicles.	NHS use by permit holders only.	This used to be a disc controlled car park for hospital and surgery appointments but now reserved for NHS staff use only during the week
Penrith Hospital staff car park (on Tynefield Drive opposite old fire station)	Marked bays for 26 vehicles.	NHS use by permit holders only.	NHS permit holders only.
NHS staff car park (to rear of hospital)	Marked bays for 28 vehicles.	NHS use by permit holders only.	NHS permit holders only.
Old Fire Station and former Ambulance Station.	Marked bays for up to 25 vehicles.	Unlimited.	Used by Eden Arts staff and visitors and Mountain Rescue staff.

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B&M/Kentucky Fried Chicken	Marked bays for 135 including 6 blue badge and 4 family bays.	For use of customers of the store and fast food outlet. No time restriction.	
Penrith RUFC	Unmarked gravelled area.	Weekdays only. All day parking.	By private agreement between the Rugby Club and NHS/EHA – no public parking.
Ullswater Community College		Area behind school between school and Penrith Leisure Centre.	Owned by CCC and not available for public parking (gated) – has been used in the past during holiday periods for specific events but EDC had to pay for public liability insurance and for security to open and lock up after use.
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School		Car parks to the front of the main school buildings and behind the 6 th Form Centre	Gated school premises so not for public use. Parking for staff and students.
Car park and land opposite St Catherine's School		Not currently available for public, owned and used by school for staff parking.	
Penrith Farmers Auction Mart, Skirsgill		Currently used by farmers attending the auction mart, no public parking.	Possibility of a site for park and ride however practicalities surrounding auctions days (capacity) and the need to travel out to Rheged and back or by Mile Lane from Castletown.
Old London Road (Gasworks)		Land owned by the Gas Board with no public access for safety reasons. Currently not used for parking.	For the last 15 years has been identified by EDC for parking but not progressed.

Car Parking Charges and Season Tickets

Sandgate, Bluebell Lane, Mansion House, Town Hall and Drovers Lane parking charges from 1 April 2023

Hours	Charges
Up to 1 hour	1.50
Up to 2 hours	2.20
Up to 4 hours	3.90
Up to 10 hours	5.50
Sundays and Bank Holidays	1.10
6pm - 8am	Free

Princes Street parking charges

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Up to 1 hour	1.50
Up to 2 hours	2.40
Sundays and Bank Holidays	1.10
6pm - 8am	Free

Source: Eden District Council Website

Camper vans less than 3500Kg in weight are permitted to park in all the Pay and Display Car Parks.

Motorhomes and cars pulling caravans, which are too large to fit in the standard parking bays, are permitted to park within a parking bay marked for coaches in Sandgate car park Penrith.

Drivers of motorhomes and caravans are advised to purchase multiple tickets to cover the number of spaces the vehicle occupies. It is not permitted for people to sleep or camp overnight in motorhomes and caravans in the car parks.

Motorcycles can park free in the designated motorcycle bays in Sandgate and Princes Street car parks in Penrith. Motorcycles parked in standard bays must buy and display a valid parking ticket. Solo motorcycles (two wheeled motorcycles with no side car) parked in an on-street disc area are exempt from displaying a disc, a motorcycle with a side car will need to display a valid disc.

Disabled Parking is Free

Lorries and other commercial vehicles over 3.5 tonnes are not permitted to park in pay and display car parks. Lorries over 7.5 tonnes are not permitted to enter the town centre between the hours of 7pm and 7am.

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Source: Eden District Council Website

Season Tickets in Penrith

6- or 12-month season tickets are advertised however there is a waiting list for Penrith car parks. At the present time season tickets in Penrith cost £330 for 12 months and £176 for 6 months (as against £203.50 and £115.50 in Appleby). There is no explanation for the disparity.

Season tickets are issued on a first come first served basis and a reserve list held should a place become available. There are no designated parking places and a season ticket is only valid for use in one car park for up to two registration numbers. There is no reminder to renew so if you forget it may be allocated to another person.

Season Tickets are purchased from EDC and must be paid for in full prior to receipt – there is no facility for monthly direct debit or quarterly payments.

Season Tickets		
Car Park	No Season Tickets Available	No Places Allocated
Bluebell Lane	35	35
Drovers Lane	30	30
Leisure Centre	20	20
Mansion House	10	10
Sandgate	20	20
Total	115	115

There are currently a number of people on the waiting list for season tickets

Source: Eden District Council June 2023