

## **Cycling**

Whilst we would actively encourage people to find various ways to use their bicycles - for example cycling to work or school, or cycling for fun with the family - we wish to remind cyclists that riding on the pavement can be both intimidating and inconvenient for pedestrians, and at times dangerous. Bracknell Forest has safe and extensive provision for cycling with a large network of cycle paths around the borough. Please incorporate these cycle paths into your route, and where the cycle paths are shared with pedestrians ensure you cycle with care and consideration for those on foot, using a bell to alert them to your presence where necessary.

It is also not uncommon to see people cycling through Bracknell Town Centre. However, cycling in the town centre is never allowed. It is dangerous and inconsiderate to ride a bike in a busy pedestrianised area, and local by-laws make it illegal. **Cycling in the Town Centre can make you liable to a fixed penalty fine of £30.**

## **Parking**

We receive many complaints at the Council about parking problems around our estates. Local estates were not originally designed for the number of cars that Bracknell Forest residents now own, and streets can often become choked with parked cars. Many households own more than one car which naturally leads to competition for parking spaces.

It is important to be considerate in the way you park, taking into account all other road users and residents needing to park their cars. Most people do not own the space on the road outside their house, so no one has the monopoly on any one space. Whilst this can be frustrating and inconvenient, it is likely everyone will struggle to find a space to park at times, and this is not a problem that is easily solved. Therefore, please be thoughtful with your parking, and patient of other parked cars where the driver has probably also struggled to find a parking space.

Also, be mindful of emergency services vehicles which might be called to residential areas only to find their access blocked by parked cars.