

PUBLIC NOTICE
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (VARIOUS ROADS IN THE PARISHES OF NEWLAND AND LITTLEDEAN) (FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT) ORDER 2023

Notice is hereby given that Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and Parts II and IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of that Schedule intends to make the above-named order the effect of which will be:

To introduce a Prohibition of Driving Restriction on the following road (Redbrook in Newland):

- Coxbury Lane (500029) from a point approximately 26 metres south-west of its junction with Tinmans Green (403212) to its junction with Coach Road (403025); and

To introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Restriction on the following road (Newland):

- Track from Newland towards Bircham Wood (500034) from a point approximately 147 metres east of its junction with Road from Swanpool Wood to junction with Almhouse Road (C357) for a distance of approximately 728 metres in a north-easterly direction.

To introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Restriction on the following roads (Littledean):

- High Street (400118) for its entire length
- The Ruffit (400118) for its entire length
- Callamore (405072) for its entire length
- The Ruffit (400119) for its entire length
- Reddings Lane (400118) for its entire length

The lengths of roads fall within the Parishes of Newland and Littledean within the Forest of Dean District in the County of Gloucestershire.

A copy of the draft Order together with the relevant plans and statement of reasons may be viewed at The Map Room, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG, www.goucestershire.gov.uk/tros and <https://fdean.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-visitors/parking-and-travel-orders/>

Any objections or representations to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to Traffic Regulation Orders Ltd, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Armstrong Way, Yate, BS37 5NA or emailed to info@troltd.co.uk no later than the 17th March 2023. (Please quote reference 5227/40). Representations of support will also be received during this period.

Any comments that you make concerning this proposal cannot be treated as confidential. For further details about how we deal with your comments and your personal details, please go to <http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/tros>.

Dated: 22nd February 2023



for Assistant Director of Legal Services

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (VARIOUS
ROADS IN THE PARISHES OF NEWLAND AND LITTLEDEAN) (FOREST OF
DEAN DISTRICT) ORDER 2023**

The Gloucestershire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and Parts II and IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of that Schedule hereby make the following Order:-

1. (i) This Order shall come into operation on the 2023 and may be cited as the “Gloucestershire County Council (Prohibition of Driving & Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Various Roads in the Parishes of Newland and Littledean) (Forest of Dean District) Order 2023”.
(ii) The roads fall within the boundary of the Parishes of Newland and Littledean in the Forest of Dean District in the County of Gloucestershire.

2. In this Order –

“Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the roads as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

“Post Office Vehicle” means a Vehicle to be used by the Post Office for the provision of a universal postal service as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000

“Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle or any other vehicle unless specifically exempted by the provisions of this Order

3. No person shall cause or permit any Vehicle except with the permission of a Police Officer in uniform to proceed along that length of road described in Schedule 1 to this Order (“the Schedule 1 Road”).
4. No person shall cause or permit any Motor Vehicle except with the permission of a Police Officer in uniform to proceed along the lengths of roads described in Schedule 2 to this Order (“the Schedule 2 Roads”).
5. Nothing in Articles 3 or 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a Vehicle to proceed along the Schedule 1 Road and the Schedule 2 Roads as may be necessary to enable:-
 - a) the mechanical cleansing, maintenance, servicing, improvement or reconstruction of the Schedule 1 Road or the Schedule 2 Roads; or
 - b) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or over land adjacent to any of the Schedule 1 Road or the Schedule 2 Roads of any sewer or any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984; or

- c) the Vehicle to be used for Fire and Rescue, Police or Ambulance emergency service purposes; or
- d) the Vehicle, if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority or water authority in pursuance of their statutory powers or duties in connection with its activities at premises situated on or adjacent to the Schedule 1 Road or the Schedule 2 Roads; or
- e) the Vehicle, if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used for the removal of any obstruction to traffic; or
- f) the Vehicle, if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used for collecting or delivering materials for building or demolition at properties adjacent to the Schedule 1 Road or the Schedule 2 Roads.

6. Nothing in Article 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a Vehicle to proceed along the Schedule 2 Roads numbered 2,3,4,5 and 6 in Schedule 2 to this Order ("Schedule 2") for the purposes of loading/unloading at any time to the properties having frontage on to those lengths of the Schedule 2 Roads should there be no other vehicular access.

7. Nothing in Article 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a Vehicle to proceed along the Schedule 2 Roads numbered 2,3,4,5 and 6 in Schedule 2 for the purpose of gaining access to and egress from any properties fronting or accessed from those lengths of the Schedule 2 Roads should there be no other vehicular access.

8. Nothing in Article 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a Post Office Vehicle to proceed along the Schedule 2 Roads numbered 2,3,4,5 and 6 in Schedule 2.

9. The Order referred to in Schedule 3 to this Order is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1
Prohibition of Driving

Road name/number	Extent of restriction	Location
Coxbury Lane (500029)	From a point approximately 26 metres south-west of its junction with Tinmans Green (403212) to its junction with Coach Road (403025)	Newland

SCHEDULE 2

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

	Road name/number	Extent of restriction	Location
1	Track from Newland towards Bircham Wood (500034)	From a point approximately 147 metres East of its junction with Road from Swanpool Wood to junction with Almhouse Road (C357) for a distance of approximately 728 metres in a north-easterly direction.	Newland
2	High Street (400118)	For its entire length	Littledean
3	The Ruffit (400118)	For its entire length	Littledean
4	Callamore (405072)	For its entire length	Littledean
5	The Ruffit (400119)	For its entire length	Littledean
6	Reddings Lane (400118)	For its entire length	Littledean

SCHEDULE 3
Order to be Revoked

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LITTLEDEAN) (VARIOUS ROADS)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER, 1978**

THE COMMON SEAL of
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

in the presence of:-

for Assistant Director of Legal Services

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Prohibition of Driving/Prohibition of Motor Vehicles, Various Roads in the Parishes of Newland and Littledean, Forest of Dean

Proposal

The proposal is to introduce the restrictions detailed below on the following roads:

Prohibition of Driving:

- Coxbury Lane (500029) from a point approximately 26 metres south-west of its junction with Tinmans Green (403212) to its junction with Coach Road (403025)

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles:

- Track from Newland towards Bircham Wood (500034) from a point approximately 147 metres east of its junction with Road from Swanpool Wood to junction with Almhouse Road (C357) for a distance of approximately 728 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Restriction with access exemptions:

- High Street (400118) for its entire length
- The Ruffit (400118) for its entire length
- Callamore (405072) for its entire length
- The Ruffit (400119) for its entire length
- Reddings Lane (400118) for its entire length

Reasons

The measures on Coxbury Lane are being proposed in order to address the inappropriate use of this section of Coxbury Lane by cycles and motorcycles. The Prohibition of Driving restriction will prevent all vehicles from using the road, which is a stepped area with a central handrail, and will provide a safe area for pedestrians to utilise.

Following concerns raised by local representatives about unsuitable motor vehicle use, the measures along the Track from Newland towards Bircham Wood (500034) are being proposed for the following reasons:

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- For preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property.
- For preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot.
- To prevent unsuitable use by vehicles to provide a safe area for pedestrians, cyclists & horse riders.
- To prevent accelerated damage to vegetation, surrounding biodiversity, and the highway.

At the Ruffit, High Street, Callamore & Reddings Lane it is proposed to make a minor change to the existing prohibition of driving (except for access) restrictions to a prohibition of motor vehicles (except for access) restriction. This alteration is primarily proposed in order to permit the roads to be used by cycles and other non-motorised vehicles without an access requirement and to aid enforcement of the current restrictions. This new proposed restriction will also provide clarity to the public regarding the scope of the restrictions, as it will match the existing signage at the site. There will be no material changes to the effect the restriction has on residents over the current situation.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the Prohibition of Driving & Prohibition of Motor Vehicle restrictions under Sections 1, 2 and 4 and Parts II and IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA).

More specifically, according to the RTRA, it is the duty of a highway authority to 'manage their road network' and 'to improve road safety'. Section 122 of the RTRA states that local authorities must, so far as is practicable, exercise their functions under the RTRA so as to 'secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic'.

The proposals therefore accord with the RTRA.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of the associated signing will be in accordance with traffic signs regulations and general directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents & Statutory Consultation

An extensive residents/business consultation process has been carried out across all of the sites whereby a letter and site-specific plan were posted to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. This process garnered a majority support for the proposals.

A consultation process will also be undertaken alongside the public consultation with all of the Statutory Consultees, including the Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, the local Parish Council, Local Highways Manager and County Councillor.

A Public Consultation (Notice of Proposal) process is now due to take place, hence the publication of these documents.