Chester City Centre – Accessible Parking Information

Introduction

Under powers provided to the Council under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 Chester's Inner-City centre may periodically be closed off to blue holders. During these times blue badge holders will not be able to penetrate the inner city or park in certain areas as they would ordinarily. This document is designed to provide clarity over available blue badge parking in Chester city centre, specifically during road closures.

Cheshire West & Chester Blue Badge Parking

1.1 Council Pay & Display Car Parks

CWAC registered Blue Badge holders can stay in designated accessible bays for free for up to **4 hours** unless the car park advises otherwise. Holders are always advised to look at the signs in each car park and are required to display a valid Blue Badge and accompanying clock. The car parks located below operate on this basis:

- Frodsham Street, Chester, CH1 3JJ
- Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 2BG

1.2 Council Pay on Exit Car Parks

Some carparks are classified as pay on exit carparks. Cheshire West & Chester residents can park for free for up to **4 hours** in these locations provided they have a microchip sticker affixed to their Blue Badge and display both Blue Badge and clock.

Details on how to apply for a microchip can be found at the following link and holders are advised that the chip will expire at the same time as the Blue Badge. If you renew your badge you will need to reapply: Where you can use your blue badge | Cheshire West and Chester Council

The car parks located below operate on this basis:

- New Market Car Park, Chester

- Little Roodee, Chester

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- Garden Lane, Chester
- Brook Street, Chester
- Watergate, Chester
- Trinity Street, Chester

1.3 On Street Parking

Blue Badge holders can park on yellow lines for up to **3 hours** when displaying both Blue Badge and clock. There are also several on street accessible spaces in Chester City centre which permit parking for an unlimited time unless signage advises otherwise :

a) Goss Street – CH1 2BG

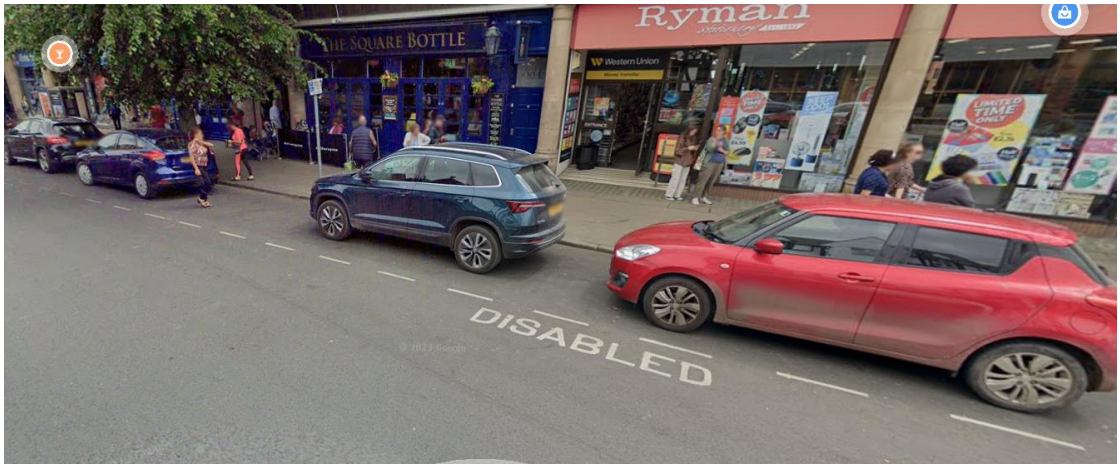
b) Hamilton Place – CH1 1SE

c) Commonhall Street – CH1 2BJ

d) A5268 – Grosvenor Museum – CH1 2DD

e) Queen Street – CH1 3LG

f) Foregate Street – CH1 1HB



1.4 Time Limited Bays

CWAC registered Blue Badge holders can stay in designated time limited bays for free for an unlimited time unless the signage advises otherwise.

a) Forest Street – CH1 1QL

b) Bath Street – CH1 1QL

c) Foregate Street – CH1 1HB

d) Delamere Street – CH1 4DS

1.5 Exemptions

Blue badge holders may be exempt from restrictions on parking places reserved for specific users, such as resident's bays. Holders are advised to check conditions with individual local authorities.

1.6 Parking Signage

1) No stopping

Blue Badge holders cannot stop or park (unless otherwise stated.

2) No loading

Blue Badge holders are not allowed to park on yellow lines if there is a "no loading" sign. Vehicles can stop to pick up and drop off but cannot park.

3) No waiting

Blue badge holders can park for up to three hours on single or double yellow lines

4) Kerb Blips

Kerb blips are short yellow lines painted at right angles to the kerb to indicate a loading restriction. Blue Badge holders cannot park, stop to load, unload, or even drop off/pick.

1.7 Parking During the Christmas Markets (18 November to 22 December, generally from 10:30 to 18:30 Sunday to Wednesday and from 10:30 to 20:00 Thursday to Saturday (with amended timings on 23 and 24 December)

During the Chester Christmas Markets accessible parking provision is in high demand due to public safety measures and increased footfall. During this time Blue Badge Holders are advised to utilise Frodsham Street carpark, The New Chester Market carpark or park and ride service where applicable.

Northgate Street

Blue badge holders can park for up to three hours on Northgate Street

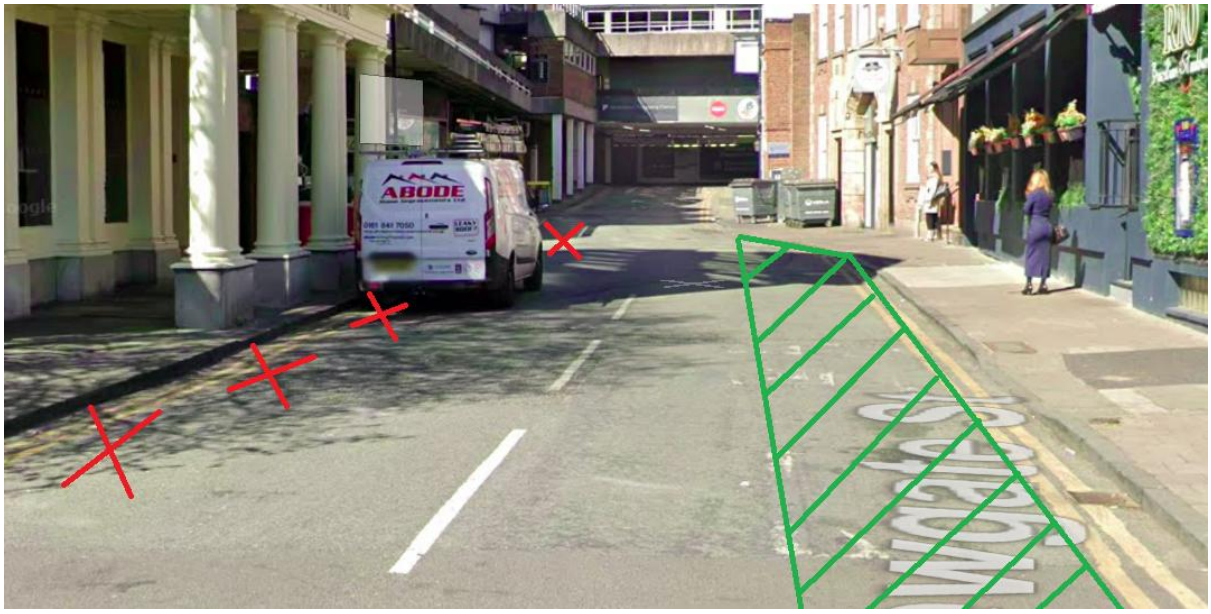
Left hand side – 5.30am to 10.30am / 4.30pm to 18.00

Storyhouse Taxi Ranks

Storyhouse – East Side (left) blue badge holders can park / drop off between 5.30am -10.30pm

Storyhouse – West Side (right) blue badge holders can park / drop off between 5.30am and 6.00pm

Newgate Street, Chester



During the Chester Christmas Markets accessible parking on Newgate Street is only permitted on the right-hand side double yellow lines upon approach. Parking on the left-hand side is prohibited.

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