**Parking on Grass Verges;**

Grass verges are of amenity value enhancing residential and commercial areas and are appreciated by most residents and visitors. Unfortunatly, pressures caused by the desire to park as close as possible to properties does lead to a small number of people parking on grass verges which can cause obstruction and damage, creating hazards to others.

**When obstruction or damage is reported, Tameside council, as Highway Authority, will;**

* Enforce any parking restrictions (single yellow or double yellow line) as these apply to footways and verges as well as carriageways.
* Report obstructions to GM Police.

If access is restricted, it is **only the Police who can issue tickets for obstruction.**

Please note; not all parking on footways or verges causes an obstruction, and for this reason it is not always possible for the Police to issue tickets for vehicles parked on a footway or verge.  Only if pedestrians or vehicles are prevented from gaining access along a route, is it deemed an obstruction.

**Obstructions can be reported to GM Police directly by dialling 101.**

* Inspect areas of damage - if extensive damage is being caused, we will, as far as possible, look to identify vehicle owners and seek to recover the costs of work to restore the verge to an acceptable condition.
* Where necessary, restrict access to verges (e.g. by the use of bollards etc.) and seek to recover costs from the owners of vehicles causing damage.

**We will not;**

* Consider the conversion of grass verges into hard standing areas due to;

cost to the council,

potential damage to underground services (e.g. water, gas mains etc),

reduction in impermeable area and associated drainage issues

loss of amenity to an area.