

Police Notice

Introduction of Lorry Watch in Mears Ashby.



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are aware of the historic and current issue of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV'S) exceeding the 7.5 tonne weight restrictions through the village of Mears Ashby. This is an offence, as there is a traffic regulation order in place which prohibits vehicles over 7.5 tonnes in weight (or vehicles which have the capacity to carry over 7.5 tonnes) travelling through the village. Some HGV's are however permitted to use the weight restricted route, these may include:

- Vehicles loading or unloading within the restricted area.
- Public utility services along the route or road maintenance.
- Vehicles in the service of the local authority in pursuance of its statutory powers or duties.
- Emergency vehicles.

Officers have already issued over 30 fines to the drivers of offending HGV's, and also contacted over 100 companies whose HGV's have been sighted travelling through the village. To further tackle the issue, we are setting up a Lorry watch scheme which will involve local residents contacting us to report HGV's being driven through the village. With the information obtained, we can then make follow up enquires to establish if the HGV was permitted to travel through the restricted area, so we can then take the appropriate action.

If you see a HGV being driven through the village, please make a note of the following:

- 1) Registration number of the HGV (or partial number).
- 2) Colour of the HGV and company name if there is one.
- 3) Time, Date, location and direction of travel.













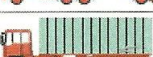


Please then email us these details on the below. If you have no access to email – please pass the information onto one of your local parish councillors who can then forward the information onto us.

Email SCT-WellingboroughRural@northants.police.uk

We will be conducting further enforcement activity in the area, to deter and deal with any further HGV's that are being driven illegally through the village.

Kindest regards

Northamptonshire Police

Recommended Description		Identifier	UK Maximum Gross Weight (tonnes)	Shape		
LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES		2 axles	3.5	no rear side windows 		
L O R R I E S	HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES	SMALLER 2-AXLE LORRIES	2 axles	Over 3.5 7.5		
		BIGGER 2-AXLE LORRIES	2 axles	Over 7.5 18		
	MULTI-AXLE LORRIES	HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES (Vehicles over 7.5 tonnes gross require a Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver's Licence)	3 axles rigid	3 axles rigid	25 26*	
			3 axles artic.	3 axles artic.	26	
			4 axles rigid	4 axles rigid	30 32*	
			4 axles artic.	4 axles artic.	36 38*	
			Vehicle and draw-bar trailer 4 axles	Vehicle and draw-bar trailer 4 axles	30 36**	
			5 axles or more artic. See note (a)	5 axles or more artic. See note (a)	40	
			Vehicle and draw-bar trailer 5 axles See note (a)	Vehicle and draw-bar trailer 5 axles See note (a)	40**	
			6 axles artic. See note (b)	6 axles artic. See note (b)	41*	
			6 axles draw-bar See note (b)	6 axles draw-bar See note (b)	41* and **	
			5 or 6 axles artic. See notes (b) and (c)	5 or 6 axles artic. See notes (b) and (c)	44* and ***	
			6 axles draw-bar	6 axles draw-bar	44*,** and ***	
			6 axles artic. See note (b) and (c)	6 axles artic. See note (b) and (c)	44*	
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