



HERTFORDSHIRE

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Dear Parents

**Re: E-scooters**

With Christmas approaching we on the Safer Neighbourhood Team thought it best to send out some information regarding E-scooters given their current Popularity.

Electronic Scooters or E-Scooters are a mechanically propelled vehicle and not road legal at this time and to ride them on a highway (Pavement or road) would require insurance and a drivers licence. Being caught using these E-scooters would see those using them contravening the Road Traffic Act on multiple fronts – Section 143 No insurance, Section 87 Driving otherwise in accordance with a licence, Section 47 No MOT, Section 42 No number plate and other regulations (see attached).

This would also see the vehicle seized and face destruction and see the user of the E-scooter reported to court for the offences under the road traffic act and which could then see a fine issued at court. At this time these items are not considered road legal other than under certain schemes being piloted where hire companies are providing riders with insurance and the relevant cover to use these scooters.

We feel that prevention is better than cure and with this information it can see a lot of time – and money – saved by not having to see new and expensive items/gifts seized by Police and possible destroyed followed by repercussions at court.

Yours sincerely,

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Offence	No insurance	Driving other than in accordance with a licence
Legislation	Sec 143 Road Traffic Act 1988	Sec 87 Road Traffic Act 1988
Fixed penalty	£300	£50 to £100
Points	6 to 8	3 to 6
Max fine	Unlimited	£1000
Disqualification	Discretionary	Discretionary
Prison	NA	NA
Endorsement code	IN10	LC20

Offence	No MOT	Using/keeping an unlicensed vehicle
Legislation	Sec 47 Road Traffic Act 1988	Sec 29 Vehicles Excise and Registration Act 1994
Fixed penalty	£100	NA
Points	NA	NA
Max fine	Cars £1000, LGV/PSV £2500	£1000 or 5 x VED
Disqualification	NA	NA
Prison	NA	NA
Endorsement code	NA	NA

Offence	No number plate	Failing to comply with the Construction and Use Regulations 1986 (Brakes, steering or tyres)
Legislation	Sec 42 Vehicles Excise and Registration Act 1994	Sec 41A Road Traffic Act 1988
Fixed penalty	£100	£100 to £200
Points	NA	3
Max fine	£1000	Cars £2500, LGV/PSV Unlimited
Disqualification	NA	Discretionary
Prison	NA	NA
Endorsement code	NA	Brakes CU10, steering CU40, tyres CU30

Offence	Failing to comply with the Lighting Regulations 1989 or other construction and use requirements
Legislation	Sec 42 Road Traffic Act 1988
Fixed penalty	£50 to £200
Points	NA
Max fine	Cars £1000, LGV/PSV £2500
Disqualification	NA
Prison	NA
Endorsement code	NA

For more information on using publicly owned e-scooters please read the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>  
 Guidance on rented e-scooters used as part of a government trial is available [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users?sm\\_au=iVVkWrKbHnNT4jSN8sV46K3tU6Jc](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users?sm_au=iVVkWrKbHnNT4jSN8sV46K3tU6Jc)

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