

INFORMATION ABOUT OBSTRUCTIONS AND TRAFFIC ON VERGES July 2014

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) have provided the following information which the Parish Council would like to bring to the attention of all residents in Antrobus.

Obstructions on verges

Verges are part of the Highway. Nothing can be legally placed on a verge by unauthorised persons - even small stones put down with good intent to protect the verge. They represent unauthorised obstructions under the Highways Act and can attract a legitimate claim if a driver or cyclist suffered damage. CW&C consider it foolish to install unauthorised obstructions.

CW&C would ask owners to remove the obstructions if they were brought to their attention.

However, CW&C have the authority to place small white plastic posts, about 18 inches high, on the verge. They have the right to charge but it depends on circumstances whether they do. The request can be made by calling Highways on 0300 123 7036 and then the site would be visited by a Network Steward.

Traffic driving on verges

Vehicles are not entitled to drive on verges. Narrow country lanes and larger vehicle are causing problems these days. However there is nothing you can install on the verge (as above) to discourage it. If a verge was damaged and there was evidence to demonstrate who did it then CW&C would claim on the vehicle owner. If private property is damaged it is a civil matter.