TAUNTON HERITAGE TRUST
Car, Mobility Scooter, Motorbike and Bicycle Parking Policy

1. **Aims of policy**
   The amount of car parking space across the Trust's sites is either limited or non-existent. In order to be fair to all vehicle users the regulations concerning the use of car parking spaces on Trust property, as outlined in this Policy, must be adhered to.

2. **Bernard Taylor Homes/Huish Homes**
   There is no Resident parking on this site. The limited parking on site is reserved specifically for:
   - Health & care workers visiting our Residents
   - Emergency vehicles coming to the site
   - Taunton Heritage Trust contractors
   - Staff & Trustees, during working hours

   Residents are permitted to park on site for up to 30 minutes to pick up and drop off. Resident's visitors are also permitted to park on site for up to 30 minutes to pick up and drop off.

   Vehicles must not block access for emergency vehicles.

   All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.

   Residents must ensure that their visitors are made aware that the area is in constant use by pedestrians including mobility scooters, and that visitors must approach with caution.

   If the Trust has any concerns about car parking on this site, it will use its CCTV to monitor the situation.

3. **St James Close and Grays Almshouses**
   There are no parking facilities at these sites.

4. **Leycroft Close**
   This is the only site that has parking for Residents. Residents who wish to regularly park at the site, must have a written agreement from the Trust. Vehicles must be parked in the designated area, which is at the rear of the site this is for Residents, visitors, contractors, Staff and Trustees, and is the only place where vehicles should park.

   All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk. All vehicles parked here must be fully insured and road taxed. Residents cannot use the area to keep untaxed vehicles, or occasional use vehicles like caravans or a vehicle that is used for storage.

   Residents must take care when approaching the parking area and must ensure that their visitors are made aware that the area may be used by pedestrians including mobility scooters, and that visitors must approach the car parking area with caution. The blind bend,

near the Resident Leads bungalow, has a sign advising drivers to drive slowly and a mirror to aid visibility.

Vehicles **must not** park outside of the front of the building, or in the return/pull in areas. These are specifically for use by emergency vehicles. For health and safety reasons it is vital that the area to the front of the building is not obstructed at any time, in order for emergency vehicles to pass. If vehicles are persistently parking outside of the building the Trust would consider introducing a clamping system.

If the Trust has any concerns about car parking on this site it will use its CCTV to monitor the situation.

5. Corfield Hall

The limited parking on site is reserved specifically for:

- Taunton Heritage Trust contractors
- Staff & Trustees, during working hours

All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.

6. Mobility scooters, bicycles and motorbikes

Mobility scooters

Covered storage areas are available to store mobility scooters at Bernard Taylor Homes, Leycroft Close and St James Close. Mobility scooters are not allowed to be stored in individual flats. Marked spaces are allocated to Residents as appropriate, for which an additional weekly charge will be made. Residents who are thinking of buying a mobility scooter must consult the office in advance to ensure the availability of a parking space and get permission.

For safety reasons the Trust will not allow mobility scooters, wheelchairs or mobility aids to be parked in corridors or other communal areas.
Mobility scooters must be fully insured, and parking will be at the owner's risk.

Residents are only able to store mobility scooters on site once the office has received and signed a formal agreement outlining the terms and conditions for doing so, together with a copy of the insurance document. On annual renewal of the insurance policy Residents must show a copy of the document to the office, who will record that they have seen it.

Motorbikes

Residents may be able to park motorbikes on some of our sites, if space permits, but must seek permission in advance from the office, who will advise where you may park it. Motorbikes will be parked on site at the owner's risk and must not block emergency access/exit, pathways or cause a nuisance to other Residents.

Bicycles

There is a dedicated safe storage shed at Leycroft Close for bicycles, where they can be chained up by Residents, using their own locking devices. Bicycles parked in the storage shed are stored here at the owner's risk. If a bicycle is to be parked at one of the other sites a Resident should ask their Resident Lead for advice on where they can safely leave it, and

must secure it with their own locking device. Again, bicycles left on any site will be at the owner's risk.

Electronic Bikes

Lithium batteries are not to be charged in Almshouse properties or communal areas as they are a fire hazard. They can be charged in the outside scooter area.

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This policy is reviewed every three years.