

Submission from Eddie Prior

For some time, we have been concerned with the traffic chaos caused by events at the playing fields in Myreside Road. Calls to the Police have in the past led to illegally parked cars being removed but generally they are not inclined to take action because the disruption is 'transitory' (their word, not mine).

Every week day during term, in the afternoons when the fleet of four-wheel drives arrive, the bad parking, manoeuvring and generally selfish positioning has to be witnessed to be believed.

When unannounced events take place however, parking down both sides of Myreside Road, right even to the lights on the East side, and beyond our gates on the West, on and off the pavement, causes untold disruption and delays. Being a bus route and a main run northwards for ambulances from their depot, it has surprised me that such activity has been allowed to happen time and time again.

On Sunday, 29 September 2014 for instance, I witnessed a complete blockage, with a siren-sounding ambulance caught up in the melee for at least ten minutes. It is to be hoped that the emergency thus exacerbated did not result in tragedy.

You will see in the pic attached how the result of uncontrolled parking affects the already narrow street. Apart from the delay to the emergency vehicle, you can see the bus mounting the pavement, car drivers panicking to avoid the situation, and the car in the foreground, completely blocking my access, on the pavement, and on double yellow lines.