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Free evening parking introduced in Lichfield to boost night-time economy

Parking in all Lichfield District Council-managed car parks in Lichfield City Centre will be permanently free after 6.30pm every day, starting on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

The change is designed to make it easier and more affordable for people to enjoy Lichfield in the evening, supporting local restaurants, pubs, cultural venues and shops, while encouraging more residents and visitors to stay in the city after dark.

In addition to the new permanent evening offer, The Friary Multi-Storey Car Park will also provide free weekend parking on the four weekends leading up to Christmas, from Saturday 29 November to Sunday 21 December.

This festive initiative will make it easier for shoppers and visitors to enjoy Lichfield's Christmas markets, events and independent businesses, while spending more time in the city centre during the busy retail season.

Councillor Phil Whitehouse, Cabinet Member for Operational Services, Parks & Waste, said: "We know how important accessible and affordable parking is to our local economy. By permanently removing evening charges and introducing free weekend parking in the lead-up to Christmas, we're helping more people enjoy everything Lichfield has to offer - from dining and theatre to shopping and community events.

"These initiatives will give a welcome boost to our high streets and make it easier for residents and visitors to support local businesses."

The changes form part of the council's wider work to enhance the visitor experience and support a thriving, accessible city centre.

The free evening parking offer applies to all Lichfield District Council car parks in the city centre from 6.30pm to 7.30am. Daytime charges will remain in place before 6.30pm.

For full details of council car parks, including locations and opening times, visit: [Lichfield city car park map](#)