

Reporting a Close Pass

What is the process?



Take aways

- 1) When to report
- 2) Information needed
- 3) Where to report
- 4) The 5 "vetting" questions
- 5) Reporting guidance and tips
- 6) What to expect after reporting



Can it wait?





- NO, not if
 - Someone is hurt
 - There is any suggestion of
 - violence,
 - intimidation,
 - threatening behaviour
 - or escalation.
 - Call 999



The Incident Info you'll Need To Note



- Exactly where is it?
 - Perhaps use Google maps to save the location?
- When is it?
- Vehicle details
 - In case the number isn't clear on the footage
 - I check the number with DVLA tax check tool
- Who are you with?
 - Good to quote contact details of the other riders
 - They aren't independent but better than nothing
 - Non-club/friend third parties **ARE** Independent



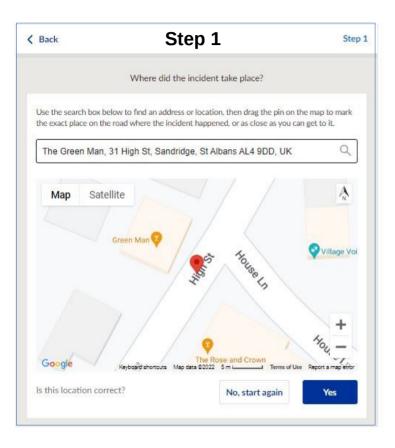
Where to report it?

	Tell us about	Apply or register	Request	Thanks and complaints	Your are
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- I started by googling
- "Herts Police Report A Close Pass"
- The page is for any traffic incident in fact



Location



- Find it on their mapping tool
- Start with the post code if you know it
- Keep clicking on the location to zoom in
- Eventually a pin appears on the map when sufficiently tightly identified



Accident or Something else?

< Back	Step 2	Step 2
	Did at least one vehicle collide with something or someone?	
	Yes	
	No	

< Back	Step 3	Step 3
	What would you like to report?	
	A possible driving offence eg careless driving, using a mobile phone	
	Dangerous road conditions eg broken traffic lights, flooded roads, potholes	
	Someone behaving in an aggressive or threatening way	
	A stolen vehicle or something stolen from a vehicle	
	A parking problem	
	An abandoned vehicle	
	A vehicle that doesn't have road tax	
	Damage to my vehicle eg while it was parked or vandalism	

- You'll need to confirm if a collision took place
- Confirm the nature of the incident
 - I categorised my Close Passes as
 - "A Possible Driving Offence"



Will it be valid for follow up?

< Back	Step 4	Step 4
	When did the incident happen?	
	Less than 10 days ago	
	More than 10 days ago	

Back	Step 5	Step 5
Video must cover a m	Do you have any evidence? inute before and after. Photos are only useful if the when the offence happened	vehicle wasn't moving
	Yes	

- Confirm it was less than 10 ago
 - Simply to allow time for the NIPS process to happen with the 14 days allowed
- Confirm you have photo/video evidence
 - This must cover 1 minute before and after

NOTE: You will not need to send your video evidence until asked to do so by email



Guidance for reporting

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How to report	
You must complete the form in one go. You cannot save you	ur progress and come
back later. You have up to two hours to complete each page times out.	e of the form before it

- Before you go into the reporting system proper you'll get guidance on what you'll need to do.
- Be aware you must agree to go to court if requested or they won't follow up.
- Online Guidance document





Making It Easy For Them

- Be sure to state how far into the clip the incidents(s) are
- Don't send overly long clips
 - The incident plus at least 2 minutes either side
 - Long clips may be rejected
- Give the files meaningful names
 - I use this filename protocol ClosePass_FrontCam_221117a-1
 - What it is
 - Which view
 - The date
 - Incident a to zzz (2 is my record on a single ride)
 - Incident file 1 to 999 (the 1 min may span 2 files)





Herts Constabulary Comments



- Submissions rejected for the following reasons.
 - No vehicle registration number.
 - Over 10 days old.
 - Notice of prosecution must be served within 14 days
 - No video evidence.
 - Other options to report without video evidence
 - The reporting person does not wish to attend court.
- The reporting person should own the footage



After Reporting



You will receive 2 emails

1) Confirmation of your report from Stardash

Stardash <u>stardash@bch.police.uk</u>

2) A request to share evidence from Axon

- Axon <u>noreply@evidence.com</u>
- Contains a link where you place your video clips
- Can be slow to upload but improved recently



Success?



If the Police are going to act, you'll get an email from **Stardash** This states action will be taken; one of:-

- Warning letter
- Course offer
- Points and fine
- Court



Worth Doing This?



- Bearing in mind that you've agreed to appear in court at some later date.
 - At the end of the reporting process
 - use the option to save the incident details in a pdf file
 - Make sure you save it and give it a name that will help you identify it
- Example of incident file
 - Report of a road traffic offence with evidence





My View

- In this respect Herts Police are
 - Somewhat reluctant
 - Behind the curve
 - Catching up
- I suggest that we
 - Make it as easy as we can for them to improve cycling in our area
 - Establish/ maintain dialogue with them

