

Fans face ban for poor parking

WANDERERS fans who park anti-socially could be banned from Adams Park.

The Blues are introducing a three-strikes-and-you're-out-scheme designed to stop people parking badly on matchdays and the club have hired their own enforcer to make sure the scheme works.

Andrew Gardner will tour the surrounding roads on matchdays issuing warnings to fans who block people's drives or park where they shouldn't.

Adams Park chief executive Simon Monkman said: "Ultimately we will bar that person from the ground if they continue to park irresponsibly."

It is just one of a tough range of measures the club is putting in place for the start of the season as they bid to become good neighbours.

The club were ordered to produce a Green Travel Plan by the council when they applied for planning permission to groundshare with Wasps.

And Wanderers, who have even put cycle racks up at the ground, have been quick to back up their promises with action as they bid to reduce congestion in Sands by reducing the number of cars around the stadium.

Fans who park at the ground's official car park will be penalised for every empty seat in their car as the club introduces an occupancy charge.

Supporters will be charged £5 to park in the top field but there will be a £1 reduction for each passenger they carry. Parking season tickets are also available at £50, but again cars must pay extra if they are not full.

In a further commitment to car-sharing, the club are close to agreeing a £10,000 deal with a computer company who will run a special matchday car sharing website for them - where fans can organise group travel to home matches.

That scheme will run alongside the existing travelshare message board which runs on the Wanderers' website (www.wycombewanderers.co.uk). Fans can also dial-a-ride by contacting the club.

The club have spent a further £10,000 hiring consultants who are talking to all the relevant bodies and exploring the possibility of getting another access road.

They are also in discussion with a third bus company, Carousel, trying to get more shuttle buses and extra routes laid on on matchdays.

But they have drawn a blank with their plans for a park and ride scheme having been unable to find a site which meets the council's approval.

But Wanderers' efforts to be good neighbours are upsetting some fans. Around half a dozen won't be renewing their season tickets as a direct consequence of the parking charges.

Monkman said: "We know these plans are not going to be popular with supporters. It's one of those bitter pills that have to be swallowed. Several of the decisions we are having to make are fairly unpalatable. It's not perfect and there will be people who feel considerably inconvenienced by it. I'm already aware of a handful of people who haven't renewed their season tickets because of it."

"We've got to be a good neighbour because if we aren't the next time we go to the council with an issue we will face so many objections. We've left no stone unturned and if anyone has any other ideas, we'd like to hear them."

● Wanderers are holding a Travel Plan meeting with residents and interested parties in the Vere Suite at Adams Park on July 30 at 7pm.

● Buses are being laid on for Wednesday's Wycombe-Chelsea game, following last season's timetable.

For a full list of times and stops, visit www.wycombewanderers.co.uk and go to the local area section.