

Short Stay

- 1 It's a common complaint that the cost of motoring is bringing drivers to their knees – now there is proof. Motorists are having to scabble on all fours to use what is thought to be Britain's lowest pay and display car park machine. They have to lean over to put coins in the slot of the 3ft-tall machine at a short-stay car park in Sheringham, Norfolk. Many then have to sink to the floor to reach the tickets, which are dispensed from a slot only 18 inches from the ground.
- 2 The machine was installed by North Norfolk Council, which intended it to be 'wheelchair-friendly'. But the disabled organisations said yesterday that it could even be unsafe for wheelchair users. Motorists were also astonished at the set-up. The machine – the only one in the car park – poses a problem because it does not stand on an island like those in the council's other car parks. Tickets cost £1 for up to two hours or £1.70 for a maximum of three. Pat Harvey, chairman of the Norfolk Association for the Disabled, is not happy with the machines. "If people have to bend down in their chairs to get their tickets out, then they could fall and injure themselves. It seems rather silly. There is also a problem at the other car parks in North Norfolk because the machines are on top of kerbs so it is impossible to get near them in a wheelchair," he explained.
- 3 The council decided five years ago that disabled drivers should also pay charges for using its car parks. A spokesman said: "We only had the choice of two plinths from the machine manufacturer – a tall one, or one that was supposedly suitable for wheelchair users." He admitted the machine 'does look a bit absurd' but said the council was intending to replace all its ticket machines later this year.



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Tekst 9

- 1p 26 Which of the following problems is described in paragraph 1?
A the costs of parking in Sheringham
B the increasing shortage of coins
C the lack of parking spaces
D the practical use of a parking meter
- 1p 27 'it could even be unsafe for wheelchair users' (aline 2)
→ In welke zin verderop in de tekst wordt uitgelegd waarom?
Citeer (= schrijf over uit de tekst) de eerste twee woorden van deze zin.
- 1p 28 Why did North Norfolk Council place new parking meters?
They wanted to
A ask payment from all the users of the parking facilities.
B have the best machines that were available at the time.
C make parking easier for people with a physical disability.

Bronvermelding

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