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To whom it may concern

The lack of care in the community is the hall mark of B.D.C. It is the only council within Worcestershire that charges Blue Badge holders to park on their car parks. All Wychavon pay and display car parks are free for Blue Badge holders. This covers Droitwich Broadway and Pershore. Even Worcester City Council where car parking is at a premium there is free car parking for two hours on short stay car parks and free all day on Long Stay car parks. Before my wife died she was wheel chair bound. I as her carer needed all the help I could get when parking the car and shopping. One extra burden in having to pay on site to park was a step too far. People in authority who have never been a carer must make it a point to find out the difficulties and stress the carers are under. This will make them better prepared when considering methods of parking fees. I contacted many other counties throughout the U.K. and with very few exceptions they were all free car parking to Blue Badge holders. The exceptions were usually seaside resorts with limited parking.

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