

SELECTIVE LICENSING

Residents' Newsletter



"Working together for safer, stronger neighbourhoods"

SUMMER 2025

WHAT IS SELECTIVE LICENSING? And Why Should You Care?

Ever wondered how Burnley Council is working behind the scenes to improve housing in your area?

Selective Licensing is a council-led scheme requiring landlords in specific areas to get a licence before renting out their properties. But what does that mean for you?

It means:

- **Safer, well-maintained homes**
- **Landlords held to account**
- **Less anti-social behaviour**
- **A cleaner, stronger community**

By setting high standards for property management and encouraging landlord responsibility, Selective Licensing helps protect tenants and improve neighbourhoods.

It's currently in place in:

- Trinity
- Gannow
- Queensgate
- Daneshouse with Stoneyholme
- Burnley Wood
- Leyland Road
- Padiham (NEW from April 2025)

Discover more: burnley.gov.uk/selective-licensing



SELECTIVE LICENSING: Results That Matter

Over the past five years, Selective Licensing has delivered big results:

- **2961 applications processed and 2731 properties licensed** in Trinity, Gannow, Queensgate, and Daneshouse
- **1181 applications processed and 882 properties licensed** in Leyland Road & Burnley Wood
- **Over 2,000 licence applications received** for the new designations
- **29 detailed area audits** completed
- **34 civil penalties/prosecutions issued** – mostly for unlicensed properties
- **Training events held for landlords and letting agents** to raise standards
- **Annual newsletters for landlords and residents** delivered across all areas

All this helps ensure properties are safe, legal, and responsibly managed.

What's Happening in YOUR Area?

We split each licensing zone into smaller neighbourhood 'zones' and carry out audits twice every five years.

We check for:

- Exterior damage/disrepair
- Proper waste & recycling facilities
- Dirty or fly-tipped backyards
- Secure back gates

Where we spot issues, we contact landlords directly to sort it out. In some cases, we carry out internal inspections and escalate serious issues to our Housing Enforcement Team.

You can view detailed reports at burnley.gov.uk/sl-audits



DAMP, MOULD & DISREPAIR?

Don't suffer in silence!

If your landlord isn't addressing disrepair, report it. Use our quick online tool:



ENFORCEMENT UPDATE: Tackling Dirty Back Yards & Fly Tipping

We work closely with our Streetscene Team. So far this year they have taken firm action to protect your environment:

- 55 Fixed Penalties for **littering & fly tipping**
- 34 actions for **dirty back yards**
- 2 prosecutions for **abandoned vehicles**
- 3 major **waste** prosecutions
- 2 **vehicles seized** (1 crushed)

! Your reports matter. Together, we're keeping our streets clean and our communities safe.



TRAILER DAYS: Upcoming Streetscene trailer days and locations from September onwards can be found here!

2025

Saturday 13th September	Queensgate	Iceland Car Park, Briercliffe Road
Saturday 11th October	Daneshouse	Abel Street outside football pitch opposite the Mosque
Saturday 25th October	Brunshaw	Greenspaces land Mitella St/Olympia St
Saturday 15th November	Trinity	Tay Street recreational ground
Saturday 29th November	Stoneyholme	Brougham Street Mosque Carpark

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Saturday 24th January	Burley Wood	Opposite Burnley Wood Medical Centre
Saturday 28th February	Bank Hall	Pheasantford Street Car Park
Saturday 14th March	Lanehead	Kibble Bank Community Centre Car park
Saturday 28th March	Queensgate	Iceland Car Park



Winter Tips & Energy Support

Stay Warm, Stay Safe, Save Money

As winter approaches, try these tips to cut costs and stay warm:

- Lower your thermostat by 1°C = save up to £100/year
- Close curtains at dusk to retain heat
- Block drafts with excluders or towels
- Only heat rooms you use
- Turn off appliances on standby

Struggling with energy bills? Help is available

- **Warm Home Discount**
£150 off (ask your supplier)
- **Winter Fuel Payment**
Up to £600 (if born before 25 Sept 1957)
- **Cold Weather Payment**
£25 per 7-day cold spell (eligibility applies)

Look out for one another:

- Check in on elderly neighbours
- Eat hot meals, layer up
- Stay connected



NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION the fuel poverty and energy efficiency charity

Struggling with high energy bills or a cold, draughty home?



The Burnley Energy Action Team is offering free home retrofit consultations to help you save money and make your home warmer with:

- Tailored advice on energy-saving improvements
- Help finding and applying for grants
- Friendly support from start to finish
- No obligation to carry out any work

National Energy Action is the UK's leading fuel poverty charity. Contact us today:
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