

E-SCOOTERS in RICHMOND – The FACTS

There is still a lot of confusion around E-Scooters, so we are bringing you the facts. Do share this information. Transport for London (TfL) has just begun a trial of rented e-scooters in six London boroughs, including Richmond. This note serves to summarise the current legality of e-scooter usage.

E- SCOOTERS

- RENTED
 - In Richmond there are only three approved providers – Dott, Lime and TIER
 - Scooters can be legally used in public places (roads, but not pavements) subject to:
 - Maximum speed of 12.5mph
 - Users – 18 years old and with at least a provisional driving licence
 - emails
 - Designated parking locations throughout borough
 - Trial being undertaken to review e-scooter safety and viability.
 - All rented E-Scooters have a “number plate” on the back of the platform (some along the sides and on the steering column)

- PRIVATE OWNED
 - All illegal in public spaces – private use only. Police are authorised to confiscate these, and issue a fine.

OTHER COMMENT

Most current devices in the borough are private and illegal in public places.

Additional enforcement burden on police.

No e-scooters are allowed in Richmond and Bushy Parks, even rentals.

REPORTING INCIDENTS

If you wish to report an incident involving a rental E-Scooter, you can do so by calling the Council on 020 8871 7984, or by emailing jane.greatholder@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk. If possible, please include the make of the e-scooter (Lime, Dott or Tier), its numberplate, as well as the date, time and location of the incident. You can also contact the relevant hire company as follows:

TIER 0151 317 4276 email support@tier.app

DOTT 0800 048 8993 email support@ridedott.com

LIME 0800 808 5223 email support@li.me

OTHER LINKS

Council - www.richmond.gov.uk/news/june_2021/tfl_escooter_rental_scheme_begins

TfL feedback - <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/e-scooter-trial>