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A quick survey of the street showed.

- There are 62 houses in York Place +3 of Albany.
- Generally, if all drivers of vehicles parked within 1m of each other, about 62 vehicles can park in the street including using the two spaces at Windmill Close.
- A lot of houses have a garage or parking space at their rear on both sides of the street, however there are also a few that have no facility for parking at all.
- Quite a few are used for parking purposes, however a number are used just for storage etc.
- On average it seems most residents have at least 2 vehicles per house.
- So, it's not rocket science to realise not everyone's vehicle can be parked in the street!
- However, it doesn't help our situation where there are two un-used cars dumped in the street, one now for 2 yrs.! We are however currently in talks with the County Council to have the parking rules amended to alleviate this problem!
- The YPRA committee would much appreciate everyone's help in parking courteously and where possible utilise or even create a space for parking at the rear of their houses.
- This quote below was Googled from an Estate Agents website in regards the value of having off road parking in a street such as ours.



**Does off-street parking translate to added property value?**

**'In short, yes. Having off-street parking can be a tremendous asset, with some reports stating that properties with their own parking facilities can fetch up to 7%- 12% more than similar homes without'**

- The above was certainly a surprise and a serious amount of money when valuing your house.
- You never know it might encourage some residents to convert these areas and ease the street parking for themselves and other residents.

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