

# The Tool Box

Summer 2020

The newsletter from Scotlands Ash Garage

## Our services

- MOTs from 6am (by appt)
- Servicing
- Repairs
- Wheel Alignment
- Air-conditioning
- Wheel alignment and tracking
- TerraClean engine & DPF clean
- Electric & Hybrid vehicles
- Free vehicle checks
- Guaranteed courtesy car with every service

## MOTs no longer extended from 1 August 2020

**M**otorists will no longer be able to extend their MOT for six months from 1 August.

This will not only significantly increase road safety but will give a much-needed boost to the automotive sector overall.

Scotlands Ash Garage is now urging drivers who have previously extended their MOT to bring their vehicle in as soon as possible.

The garage is now open as normal for all your motoring service, repair and MOT requirements.

### Activity to keep customers safe:

- Brought in Health & Safety auditors who have inspected the premises
- The garage can collect a vehicle from home / work
- Adhering to social distancing
- Every vehicle will be sanitised
- Hand gel and face coverings provided to customers

The health and wellbeing of our team and customers is of paramount importance. Thank you for being patient with us during this time.

### Supporting customers during lockdown

Scotlands Ash Garage has been operating a collection and return service for motorists allowing them to keep their vehicles moving in a



roadworthy condition during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The garage has stayed active on social media, providing tips and advice to motorists on how to keep their vehicles on the road.

The garage has also offered its fleet of courtesy cars, the biggest in the area, to NHS and emergency workers to use free of charge.

## Thank you!

*"Thank you to everybody that supported the garage through this very difficult period. It was much appreciated and we hope we played a helpful role in keeping your motoring safe and hassle free."*

*Peter Welch, Scotlands Ash Garage*

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# Demand for TerraClean increases as vehicles suffer from inactivity

Over the past few months, we've seen demand for DPF and engine cleaning services increase as the lockdown begins to ease and more motorists are beginning to take to the roads again.

This is a common trend and one that has been reported across the TerraClean network, which comprises more than 500 garages across the UK and Ireland.

The specialist DPF cleaning service has taken the lead in the growing problem of blocked diesel particulate filters (DPFs), offering a range of patented products to solve all related issues - and also a service for the removal of ash and oil.

The DPF works by absorbing harmful diesel particulate matter or soot and then burning these off during its regeneration cycle. For this cycle to complete successfully, the vehicle is required to run for a prolonged period to allow regeneration or risk the DPF becoming clogged and ultimately fail. Other reasons for DPF failure include mechanical faults or driving style.



*DPF Clean*

Peter Welch of Scotlands Ash Garage, Didcot, said: "We're seeing more TerraClean-related work as vehicles generate more carbon build up due to different driving patterns, especially as vehicles suddenly became inactive after previously putting in the miles week on week before lockdown. As a result, demand for TerraClean services is rising rapidly."

## Wheel alignment and tracking services

Motorists can now access wheel alignment services at Scotlands Ash Garage, helping them to stay safe, stay legal and save money.

Peter Welch, proprietor, said: "This is a big string to our bow and will enable us to further support motorists with repair and maintenance services. Wheel alignment has a positive effect on road safety and drivers' wallets, as if wheel alignment is not correct, this has serious implications on how the car drives and corners.

"It also badly affects tyre wear, risking reduced grip in the wet, reduced tyre life and of course the chance of a hefty fine if the police notice before you do."



## Stay safe this summer with our driving tips



With many Brits opting for a domestic holiday over heading abroad this summer, it's important that your car is in tip-top shape.

### Keep your cool

Although it's not a legal requirement, it's important to check the air-conditioning system. All you need to do is to turn your fans on full and your temperature to the lowest setting and check for cold air. If this isn't working, you may need to check the refrigerant and get your engine regassed.

### Think ahead

Working lights are a legal requirement so it's a good move to check all bulbs, including brake lights, headlights and indicators.

Scotlands Ash Garage recommends checking windscreen wipers before heading on long journeys. A clean windscreen can also help protect from unwanted glare.

Punctures are a common cause of breakdowns, and high temperatures increase the risk of a blowout. The law requires a tread depth of 1.6mm, and a simple way to check this is to take a 20 pence piece and place it in between the tyre. Check with the garage for more details.

## Air-conditioning

Scotlands Ash Garage carries out air-conditioning system re-charging, parts replacements, fault finding and system repairs. The garage has the capability to re-gas vehicle air-conditioning systems using either R134a or R1234YF gas.

For more information, please go to [www.scotlandsashgarage.co.uk/services/air-con-services/](http://www.scotlandsashgarage.co.uk/services/air-con-services/)





## Did you know? We work on electric cars & hybrids

We are fully trained to work on electric and hybrid vehicles of any age.

## Did you know? We've got the largest range of courtesy cars – free with every booking

From vans to passenger cars, we have a courtesy car available to you with every booking



## Did you know? We carry out air-conditioning services on both types of refrigerant

Stay cool this summer, we can re-gas every type of air-con refrigerant

## Did you know? Every MOT tester is up to speed with the latest legislation

We continually invest in the latest equipment and technology to ensure we are up to date with the newest legislation



For every MOT we perform, we donate £1 to Teenage Cancer Trust - so far we have donated more than £10,000! We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed - the charity provides life-changing care and support and we look forward to increasing the figure as the year continues.