# Thames Valley Police seize unroadworthy car with no insurance or MOT on A34



Thames Valley Police recently made a significant seizure on the A34 near South Hinksey, bringing attention to ongoing concerns regarding road safety and vehicle compliance. On the morning of May 12, officers noted a car exhibiting several safety issues while driving behind it, prompting them to carry out a stop. Upon inspection, they discovered the vehicle was missing a door mirror and a rear light. Even more concerning was the driver's complete lack of tax, insurance, or a valid MOT.

Social media updates from the Thames Valley Police Rural Crime Taskforce highlighted the absurdity of the situation, with an officer remarking, “Sometimes you know you're recovering a vehicle just by looking at it. Crabbing along, no door mirror, no rear light, no tax, no MOT, no insurance, no longer driving home!” This incident echoes a troubling trend in which drivers operate vehicles in severe disrepair and without necessary documentation.

The importance of maintaining roadworthy vehicles cannot be understated, especially in light of similar incidents in the region. For instance, in June 2024, Thames Valley Police seized a car in High Wycombe for lacking rear lights and possessing a faulty handbrake, alongside the driver having no insurance. Such enforcement actions aim to enhance public safety and ensure that all vehicles on the road comply with legal standards.

In October 2024, a BMW was stopped on the A12 in Suffolk for driving without insurance, resulting in the vehicle's seizure and the reporting of the driver for the offence. These actions reflect a wider commitment to curbing irresponsible driving practices, with police forces across the country intensifying their focus on uninsured and improperly maintained vehicles.

Drivers are advised that being caught without valid insurance not only results in the immediate seizure of their vehicle but also carries longer-term implications. For example, Thames Valley Police provides resources for those whose vehicles have been seized under Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. This legislation specifically targets drivers who operate their vehicles without the appropriate documents, reinforcing the need for compliance in order to safeguard other road users.

As similar incidents continue to occur across various counties, they serve as a reminder of the implications of neglecting vehicle maintenance and documentation. In the past year alone, a number of police forces, including those in Fenland and Haverhill, have reported seizures for similar infractions, underlining a consistent pattern that calls for heightened vigilance among drivers.

The Thames Valley Police's proactive approach is crucial for enhancing road safety and holding drivers accountable for their responsibilities. As the enforcement of these laws becomes more rigorous, it underscores a collective commitment to maintaining safe driving practices. It is clear that the simple act of ensuring a vehicle is roadworthy can significantly contribute to a safer driving environment for everyone.

### Reference Map

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