# Police seize 72 luxury cars in West London in bid to curb ‘nuisance’ supercar culture



Police in west London have seized 72 luxury cars — Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Bentleys and other high‑performance models — in a weekend operation described by officers as an attempt to curb growing levels of nuisance driving around Hyde Park, Kensington and Chelsea. According to reporting, the vehicles were impounded during action that took place over the weekend of 8–10 August 2025. The Guardian first reported the Metropolitan Police clampdown, while Sky News said the operation was supported by the Motor Insurers’ Bureau.

The value attributed to the impounded fleet varies between accounts. Several news outlets put the collective worth at more than £6 million, while a Motor Insurers’ Bureau press release described the haul as approaching £7 million. Those reports list a wide range of marques among the seized cars and, in some instances, additional models such as Porsches, Mercedes and a Mosler.

Police said the operation was launched in response to repeated complaints from residents, businesses and visitors about “antisocial” driving — loud, disruptive behaviour and apparent showmanship that has blighted parts of the West End and adjoining boroughs. Local councillors told reporters they were fed up with motorists treating central streets and park edges like a private racetrack, a point highlighted in BBC coverage of the enforcement.

The Metropolitan Police ran the weekend operation in partnership with the Motor Insurers’ Bureau and local authorities. The MIB said in its press release that officers used automatic number‑plate recognition (ANPR) systems and the bureau’s Navigate database to identify vehicles without adequate insurance cover. Westminster City Council was also named by broadcasters as a participating partner in the activity.

Many of the seizures were linked to missing or invalid documentation, with offences recorded including driving without insurance and without valid licences. Broad coverage of the operation also reports that officers issued tickets for a range of motoring offences — from mobile‑phone use to illegal window tints and seatbelt breaches — and that some arrests were made after more serious ancillary wrongdoing was uncovered. News organisations cited discoveries of stolen vehicles and suspected fraud, and in some cases immigration and drug‑related enquiries were opened.

The MIB’s account drew attention to a conspicuous example: two identical purple Lamborghinis that had recently been flown into the UK, one of which was reportedly seized shortly after the owner had arrived. The National noted that one driver was in the country for only two hours before being stopped. Media reports said these high‑profile seizures underlined how international travel and temporary ownership arrangements can complicate compliance with UK insurance rules.

Metropolitan Police officers emphasised the impact disruptive driving has on local communities and signalled that tackling anti‑social motoring remains a priority. The MIB described the weekend’s activity as an example of joint enforcement and education, urging motorists to check their cover before driving in Britain and warning that non‑compliance can lead to immediate confiscation and further criminal investigation.

For residents and businesses who feel repeatedly affected, the coverage included an invitation to share experiences: The Guardian asked readers to come forward with information about nuisance driving in the area. The wider picture painted by these reports is of mounting local frustration, a policing response that combines technology and traditional enforcement, and continuing questions about how to deter wealthy car owners from treating London streets as a spectacle.

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