

Licensing Act 2003

The statistical return provided to the Home Office in 2022 identified Test Valley had:

- 439 licensed premises
- 36 Club Premises Certificates
- 1877 Personal Licences

Of the Premises Licences permitting sale of alcohol:

- 192 were licensed for both on and off sales
- 75 were for on sales only
- 116 were for off sales only

A total of 83 alcohol licensed premises were inspected during 2022/23 but this could only be achieved through the employment of a temporary contractor and at present there are no plans to repeat this arrangement.

Scrap Metal Dealers

- 10 Collector's Licences
- 7 Site Licences

The Council has in recent months refused an application for a Collector's Licence and the applicant has appealed that decision. The matter will be heard by the Magistrates Court in the coming months.

Gambling Act 2005

- 2 Adult Gaming Centres (both at Rownhams Motorway Service Area)
- 5 Betting offices

There has been a gradual reduction in the overall number of licensed gambling premises in recent years. In 2022/23 the only licensed bingo premises closed as did one betting office.

Taxis

- 43 hackney carriages
- 191 private hire vehicles
- 253 licensed drivers

The number of hackney carriages is restricted to 46 with three licences currently available for wheelchair accessible vehicles.

The legislation does not allow the authority to restrict the number of private hire vehicles it can license and prior to Covid there had been a gradual increase in numbers with 204 vehicles licensed in 2018. This had dropped to 168 in 2022 at the end of Covid but we are now again seeing a slow increase.