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Pay and display machines won't accept new £1 coin, council warns

Ticket machines at council-owned pay and display car parks will not accept the new £1 coin when it is introduced later this month, Powys County Council has said.

Now the council is warning motorists to have either the current £1 coin or the necessary coinage if planning to use its pay and display car park from Tuesday 28 March.

The new 12-sided coin will enter circulation on Tuesday 28 March, six months before the current £1 is phased out in October.

The council plans to replace over 60 ticket machines over the coming months with new machines, which will be able to accept the new £1 coin. The new machines will be installed before the old coin is phased out.

Cllr John Brunt, Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "We took the decision not to upgrade the current machines so it could accept the new £1 coin because some of the machines are over 20 years old and may have not been able to be upgraded.

"We are now waiting for delivery of the new machines but we will not have them in time or installed before the end of the month.

"We will be phasing the installation of the new ticket machines over the coming month but we want to warn motorists that the current machines will not accept the new £1 coin. Please ensure you have either the current £1 coin or the right change when you plan to park in one of our pay and display car parks.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause."

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