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# 'Shame on them' as drivers slammed for 'ignorant' parking

The RNLI shared a plea to drivers after sharing a picture on social media



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Drivers who parked in RNLI spots over the weekend (Image: RNLI)

Drivers have been slammed for their inconsiderate parking after the RNLI posted a picture from New Brighton. Many people flocked to beaches this weekend as temperatures soared across the country. However as car parks filled up, some drivers took to parking in reserved spots for the RNLI.

In a **Facebook** post on Sunday August 11, the charity's **New Brighton** Lifeboat Station asked drivers to abide by parking signage and restrictions after reserved spots for RNLI crew were found to be parked in. The charity said that as a result, they "struggled" to attend to two separate call outs, and a training exercise.

In the Facebook appeal, they wrote: "A real shame we have to post this, but unfortunately our crew have already struggled to attend two separate call outs, as well as a training exercise this morning, thanks to members of the public parking in reserved RNLI spots.

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"Delays to our crew launching costs lives. We are aware that New Brighton can be remarkably busy on hot summer days, but please be considerate and abide by parking signage and restrictions outside your local RNLI stations."

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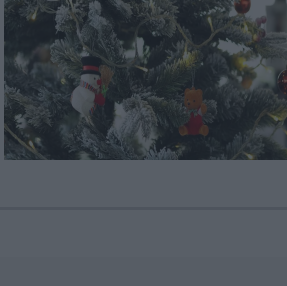
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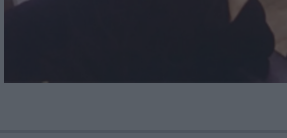
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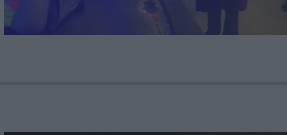
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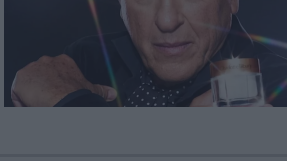
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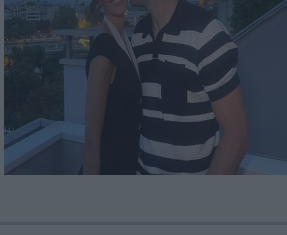
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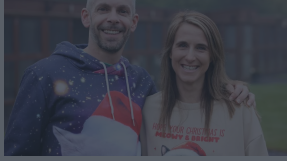
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And another wrote: "Shame on them, disgusting entitled behaviour, no responsibility or respect for the great work of RNLI volunteers and those individuals that need to call on it."

One person commented: "How ignorant - they will be the first to moan if the RNLI don't get to them fast enough when they're in trouble. Just shows the lack of respect some people have for others. We need to support the RNLI - there would be many deaths without their service."

While another said: "There are so many places to park, why on earth do they think this is acceptable?!" Many people also thought the cars should have been clamped or towed away.

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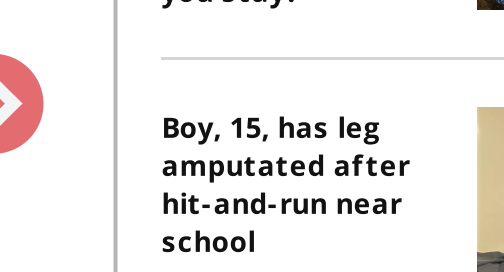
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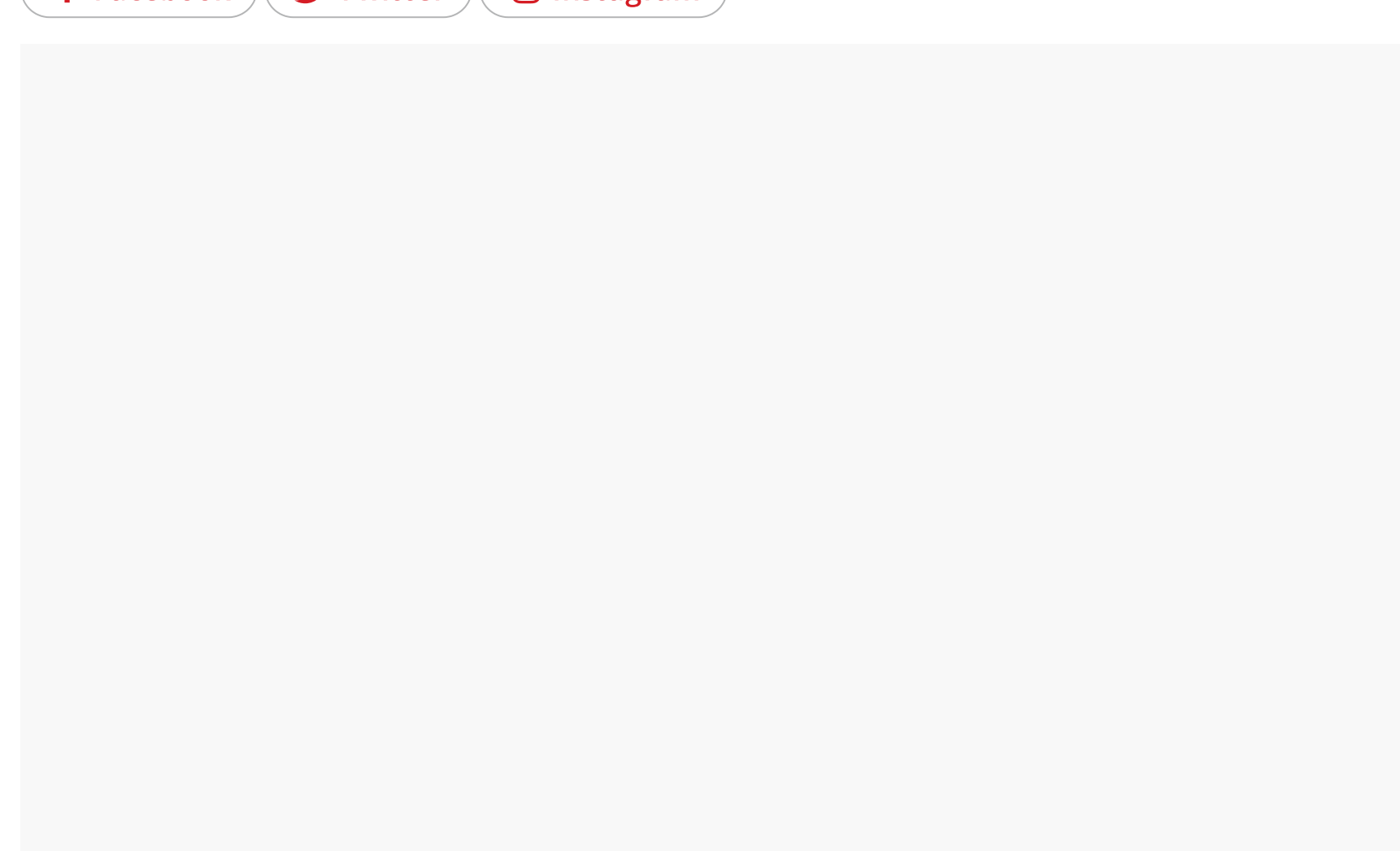


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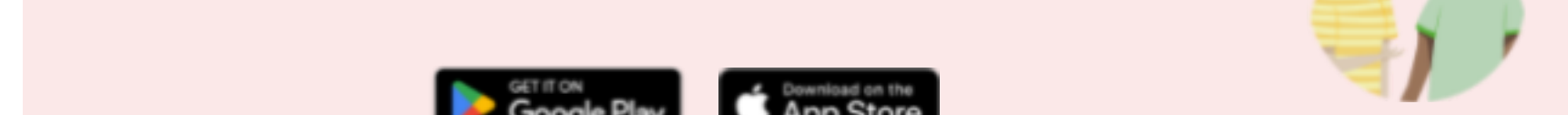
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