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To all members of the Council Highway & Streetscene Committee: Councillors: John Glover (Council Chair), David Pafford (Council Vice-Chair); Alan Baines, Terry Chivers, Mark Harris, Stefano Patacchiola and Robert Shea-Simonds

You are invited to attend the Highway & Streetscene Committee Meeting which will be held on **Monday, 20 March at 8.00pm** at **Melksham Melksham Without Parish Council Offices (First Floor), Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, SN12 6ES** to consider the agenda below:

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# REVISED AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Announcements & Housekeeping**
2. **To receive Apologies and approval of reasons given.**
3. a) **To receive Declarations of Interest**  
  
b) **To consider for approval any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk and not previously considered.**
4. **To consider holding items in Closed Session due to confidential nature**  
*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during consideration of business, where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*
5. **Public Participation**
6. **To note Minutes of last Highways & Street Scene Committee meeting held on 16 January 2023 and updates on actions taken.**
  - a) **Highway Funding (Min 353/22).** To note updates (if received) following a request to Wiltshire Council for the £200,000 Section 106 Highway contribution from planning application PL/2022/02749 for 144 dwellings on Semington Road be spent on various highway projects in the vicinity of Berryfield.
  - b) **Pathfinder Way (Min 355(b)).** To note response from the Senior Highway Engineer to request for 'No Right Turn' signage off of Pathfinder Way.
  - c) **Bowerhill School/Village Hall (Min 355(b)/22).** To note any update following meeting between Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder, Bowerhill Village Hall and the Headteacher of Bowerhill Primary School regarding improvement to access to the grounds for parking and drop off and consider any recommendations coming from that meeting.
  - d) **Redstocks Road Condition (Min 356(c)/22):** To note road surface works undertaken on 8 & 9 February.
  - e) **Speed Indicator Devices and change to threshold levels (Min 356(e)/22):** To note update and reinstatement of Speed Indicator Device schedule.
7. **Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) (formerly Community Area Transport Group – CATG)**
  - a) To note Minutes and action log of Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting held on 2 February 2023.
  - b) To consider questions raised at the LHFIG meeting for the parish council to respond:
    - i) LHFIG Issue 9-22-19 – To alter stagger barriers between Corsham Road and Eden Grove, Whitley – to approve project to move forward following site visit by Engineer and approve funding share £375
    - ii) LHFIG Issue 9-22-22 – Request to replace louvre shuttering on approach to signals, Corsham Road, Whitley – to approve funding share £375

- iii) **On Street Parking Reviews:** LHFIG Item 6b - To consider submitting any new requests for next financial year.

**8. To consider residents' requests for support by the Parish Council including requests for the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) next meeting on 2 February 2023):**

- a) **Land on Falcon Way.** To consider a way forward with regard to land ownership and future maintenance.
- b) **Lorry Trailers Parking on Lancaster Road, Bowerhill.** To consider correspondence from Sergeant James Twyford
- c) **Westlands Lane, Beanacre.** To note concerns of speeding on Westlands Lane and consider a request for a reduction in the speed limit. To note correspondence from Senior Traffic Engineer following recent accident on Westlands Lane (railway bridge).
- d) **Burnt Cottages, Beanacre.** To consider a request for "No HGV parking" on the layby outside Burnt Cottages.
- e) To consider supporting a request from Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder for double yellow lines on entrances to Maitland Place and Newall Road off Pathfinder Way, Bowerhill.
- f) To consider complaint regarding inconsiderate parking outside Bowerhill Primary School.
- g) To consider a request from Atworth Parish Council to work with the Parish Council on widening the usable pavement width between Atworth and Shaw.
- h) To consider requests from Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS)

**9. Proposed A350 Bypass (Standing Item)**

- a) To note any updates since the last meeting – latest newsletter from M4 to Dorset Coast (National Highways).
- b) To note correspondence from resident regarding potential A350 bypass East of Melksham.

**10. Footpaths**

- a) To note Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for Footpath MELW85 (Part) commencing on 24 April (required for 5 days) to enable rail crossing upgrade to allow for safer use.

**11. Road Safety**

- a) To note Supplementary Agenda item for Area Board Meeting, 8th March regarding Road Safety Update from Wiltshire Police.
- b) To note recent targeted Police Speed Enforcement in the parish.

**MINUTES of the Highways & Streetscene Committee of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2023 at Melksham Without Office Space (First Floor), Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES at 7.47pm**

**Present:** Councillors Alan Baines (Committee Chair), John Glover (Chair of Council), David Pafford (Vice Chair of Council), Mark Harris and Stefano Patacchiola JP

**In attendance:** Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder (Bowerhill), 4 Members of Public and Councillor Wood (for part of meeting)

**Officers:** Teresa Strange, Clerk & Lorraine McRandle, Parish Officer

**348/22 Welcome, Announcements & Housekeeping**

Councillor Baines welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the fire safety evacuation procedures for the building.

**349/22 To receive Apologies and approval of reasons given**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chivers who had an appointment in Southampton and Councillor Shea-Simonds who was due to have an operation that day.

**Resolved:** To note and accept the reasons for absence of both Councillor Chivers and Councillor Shea-Simonds and to send the Council's best wishes to Councillor Shea-Simonds.

**350/22 a) To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**b) To consider for approval any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk and not previously considered.**

There were no dispensation requests.

**351/22 Public Participation**

Standing orders were suspended to enable members of public to speak to this item.

Howard Yardy, Wildlife Officer for the Melksham & Chippenham Branch of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust was in attendance to inform Members of the Bee Route Project, with the aim to develop wildlife friendly areas along the still existing route of the Wilts & Berks canal, enhancing grassland to wildflower rich areas for pollinators, birds etc.

Mr Yardy explained the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust had received a grant from the Underwood Trust, a national charity, to purchase a tractor and mower collector to help achieve the project's aim. However, he felt the equipment should be used beyond the canal on suitable public areas nearby.

Mr Yardy explained he was currently fostering local support and had started to recruit Berryfield residents to assist with the project and was working on plans for other sites in Berryfield and would be seeking the Council's support in due course. He was also liaising with Bowerhill Residents Action Group (BRAG) and Friends of Shurnhold Fields to offer assistance with their wildflower projects.

The proposal was to develop the verges along Semington Road and the Police Station roundabout on the West side and from Outmarsh Farm to the top of Semington junction in order to create a wildlife friendly area.

Mr Yardy explained he had consulted widely with qualified people about the proposal, including Plant Life, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Ali Rasey, Ecologist at Wiltshire Council and understood a licence would need to be obtained from Wiltshire Council Highways and sought the backing of the Parish Council for application.

Mr Yardy stated he would like to extend the project beyond the canal at some point and understood the old route went through the Bowood View housing development which may have opportunities for creating wild flower areas.

Councillor Wood explained there were opportunities for an area near the sewage works on Semington Road, as well as on the site for 144 dwellings adjacent to Bowood View, which would also provide a buffer between the two sites.

Councillor Wood left the meeting at this point.

Mr Richardson, Chair of Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) updated the meeting on speeding issues in Shaw and Whitley with enforcement action recently being undertaken on Shaw Hill and Corsham Road, resulting in 88 drivers being caught speeding.

Mr Richardson requested another meeting with both Councillor Baines and the Clerk regarding speeding and road safety issues.

With regard to speed indicator devices, Mr Richardson explained Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) were keen to see these more frequently in Shaw & Whitley, with CAWS still minded to contribute towards the costs of a device, however they would like it just to be dedicated to the villages of Shaw and Whitley.

With regard to a potential footpath from West Hill to the main part of the village, Mr Richardson stated whilst it was understood this was no longer being pursued as residents had not requested it, clarified residents had asked for this to be put in place.

Councillor Baines clarified there had been no request to the Parish Council for the footpath, with the original suggestion for a footpath being the other side of the road. However, this was ruled out as it would have been a major construction project to put one in on the other side of the road (the Pear Tree pub side).

With regard to the proposal on the agenda for yellow lines on Westlands Lane, Mr Richardson felt this would be welcomed by people who use the lane regularly, as the road narrowed at this point. However, noted residents in Westlands Lane had little parking themselves, hence why they parked on the road.

With regard to agenda item 8b and Bowerhill School, Councillor Holder explained he had been contacted by the Principal of the school resulting in a meeting being arranged with the Headteacher, which Councillor Harris would also be attending in his capacity as Chair of Bowerhill Village Hall.

With regard to item 9c and Redstocks Lane, Councillor Holder stated he was unaware of any concerns and therefore would be interested in listening to the debate on the concerns raised by the resident.

Regarding item 9b and speeding concerns on Pathfinder Way, this had been brought to his attention by a resident.

Councillor Baines sought clarification if additional signage had been put in place to correct the anomaly of a 30mph speed limit in one direction and 40mph speed limit in the other.

Councillor Holder stated he understood these had been put in place with Pathfinder Way now a 30mph zone.

Councillor Baines expressed a concern there appeared to be a new 30mph sign on the exit from Halifax Road roundabout when the whole of Bowerhill was already 30mph and therefore this was a re-emphasis of the 30mph speed limit and was not sure this complied with the Traffic Regulations.

Councillor Holder explained he would query this with Julie Cleave, Highways Development Control Engineer.

Councillor Harris explained there were two 30mph signs, one as highlighted by Councillor Baines and the original 30mph sign when coming up from Pathfinder Way. However, there was still an anomaly with the painted speed signs on the road.



Councillor Glover also noted the painted turn left sign on the road at the Bowerhill roundabout/Pathfinder Way junction was still to be removed.

Councillor Holder informed the meeting Chris Clark, Head of Local Highways had been instructed to resolve this matter and would chase when this work would be undertaken and suggested the Clerk also follow up on this.

**Commented [L1]:** Julie Cleave was due to visit 1 March and report back

It was noted the incorrect arrows on both sides of the roundabout (i.e. Spa Road and Pathfinder Way) were causing confusion for drivers and some drivers were adhering to what was painted on the road and others were adhering to the Highway Code, not aware of the road markings. This included the Faresaver buses, with incidences of road rage as drivers both felt they were in the right.

Councillor Baines asked Members if they were happy to move item 16 regarding the Bee Route Project further up the agenda, which Members agreed.

**352/22 Bee Project Route. To support the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust request in creating more wildlife friendly verges along the old canal next to Semington Road at Outmarsh Farm**

Following discussions earlier in the meeting, whilst it was noted Wiltshire Council would have to agree to the project, Members welcomed proposals for a Bee Route along Semington Road.

Councillor Baines noted the proposal would need the approval of Highways and possibly a Street Works Licence would be required.

**Recommendation:** To support the proposal of a Bee Route along Semington Road at the locations highlighted and to approach Wiltshire Council to ask if they would take this project forward.

**Commented [L2]:** At FC on 20 Feb: To seek clarification from Wiltshire Council if the parish council would have to put back the verges to their original condition if the parish council relinquished the Section 96 Licence. Action outstanding

Mr Yardy and his guest left the meeting at 8.17pm.

**353/22 To note Minutes of last Highways & Street Scene Committee meeting held on 26 September 2022 and updates on actions taken.**

To inform Wilts & Berks Canal Trust of the need for an up to date Streetworks Licence and adequate public liability insurance cover, not less than £5m. Action outstanding.

Members noted the minutes of the Highways meeting held on 26 September 2022 and the actions taken.

- a) **Highway Funding. To note updates (if received) following a request to Wiltshire Council, the £200,000 Section 106 Highway contribution from planning application PL/2022/02749 for 144 dwellings on Semington Road be spent on various highway projects in the vicinity of Berryfield, including the provision of a footway along Western Way to improve access for residents of new developments on**

## **Semington Road to the proposed new primary school at Pathfinder Place**

The Clerk explained in relation to proposed new developments on Semington Road i.e. PL/2022/02749 for 144 dwellings and PL/2022/08155 for 53 dwellings, she had contacted Mark Wiltshire, Highway Planning Officer, seeking a meeting to discuss a potential new footpath along Western Way, providing him with a copy of the current walking route from Semington Road to the proposed Pathfinder Place School. However, whilst receiving a holding email, was still awaiting a full response and would continue to chase.

Having met with the Town Clerk earlier that day, as the current walking walk to Pathfinder Place is in the town, had highlighted the route for information and shown a potential new path along Western Way.

The Clerk had highlighted to the Mark Wiltshire, hopefully all these planning applications together (including the “appeal site” 20/07334/OUT) would be enough to create funding in order to build the footpath.

Councillor Baines stated he had noted in late correspondence for Planning relating to proposals for 144 dwellings on Semington Road (PL/2022/02749), there was an indication on one of the plans at outline stage for a light controlled crossing on the Western arm of the A350 (desire line), however at Reserved Matters there was no proposals for one, with the developer being asked to make the Western arm less attractive.

The Clerk confirmed in the Section 106 Agreement it stated the developers for the 144 dwellings had to contribute to making the Western Arm of the A350 roundabout less attractive.

### **b) Pathfinder Place Implementation of 20mph to note correspondence from Julie Cleave, Highways Development Control Engineer (Min 177(c)/22)**

The Highways Development Control Engineer had confirmed Pathfinder Place was subject to a 20mph speed limit on both sides and the relevant signage to be installed, including 20mph roundels painted on the road.

The Clerk queried if the same applied to the new Bowood View development which should therefore should also be subject to a 20mph speed limit, if all new developments were subject to such restrictions, and therefore would chase this up.

**Commented [L3]:** At Planning meeting on 6 February: Response from Julie Cleave Highway Development Control Engineer who explained they were actively discussing the £200k highway contribution with the developer as they would need to be on-board with any decisions involving a variation to the Section 106 Agreement.

**Recommendation:** To seek clarification on whether Bowood View was also subject to a 20mph speed limit.

**Commented [L4]:** This has been confirmed by Julie Cleave and went to Planning 6 February.

**354/22 Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) (formerly Community Area Transport Group – CATG)**

**a) To note Minutes and action log of Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting held on 27th October 2022.**

Members noted the minutes and action log of the Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) held on 27th October 2022.

**b) To approve 50% funding towards installation of village gates in Beanacre (Issue 9-22-11)**

Councillor Baines stated it was hoped there would be some funding from the Beanacre Solar Farm to cover the Council's 50% share of the village gates and noted it appeared a gateway feature was the only option to reduce traffic speeds approaching from the North entering the 3mph speed limit in Beanacre, as advance signs were not permitted, with the Highway Engineer adamant progressive signage was not a permitted sign with no justification for a traffic order to apply a 40 mph speed limit in advance of the 30mph speed limit.

Councillor Patacchiola asked if there was evidence to show providing village gate signage had a positive impact in slowing vehicles down.

Councillor Baines stated there was anecdotal evidence from Atworth, that such signage had a positive impact on slowing drivers down from the Bath direction.

It was noted the estimated costs of providing the village gates was between £8,000 and £10,000.

The Clerk stated for clarity that the Parish Council were looking at their budget on Monday 23rd January and this 50% funding had been included in the budget figures at this stage. Also, Wessex Water, in terms of mitigation for their proposed mains drainage project in Beanacre were offering some community benefit, with the Parish Council having provided several projects for consideration, including contributing towards providing village gates or a new gate at St Barnabas Church to give improved access to the public to the community recreation areas. However, they were yet to come back on which project they would be prepared to contribute towards.

The Clerk clarified officers had contacted Bath & North East Somerset Council (BANES) seeking their authorisation documentation for

providing such signage, as they had done in Bathford, with their Head of Highways looking into it.

**Recommendation:** To approve the Council's 50% funding contribution towards the provision of village gateway signage at Beanacre at a total cost of £8-10,000 exclusive of VAT; therefore a £4-5,000 contribution from the parish council.

**Commented [L5]:** Emailed Mark Stansby to confirm approval 24/1

**355/22 To consider residents' requests for support by the Parish Council including requests for the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023):**

- a) **To note a request from Wessex Water for double yellow lines on Westlands Lane on junction with A350 to enable better access for vehicles to their proposed new pumping station on Westlands Lane.**

Members noted and supported this request.

**Commented [L6]:** Informed Mark Stansby MWPC support on 1 Feb and Highway Improvement Form sent.

- b) **To consider a request from Bowerhill Primary School & Bowerhill Village Hall for improvement to access to the grounds for parking and drop off (including update on School Travel Plan).**

The Clerk explained the new Head was in touch with Ruth Durrant, School Travel Advisor seeking a copy of their travel plan and understand the new Head of Shaw Primary School was also in touch with Ruth Durrant to get hold of their travel plan.

Councillor Baines stated unfortunately the travel plans for both schools were out of date with Wiltshire Council stating they were unable to share them with the Parish Council.

The Clerk explained the Head of Bowerhill School had acknowledged children were attending the school from further afield, as highlighted in the education report earlier in the Planning meeting with children being directed to places available, which were not necessarily near where they lived and therefore this changed their Travel Plan.

The Clerk noted there was a proposed meeting with the Head of Bowerhill School, Councillor Harris as Chair of Bowerhill Village Hall Committee and Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder, suggesting as a meeting had already been arranged, if a representative from the Parish Council should attend, rather than have another meeting with the same people.

The Clerk explained she had put this back on the agenda as it

had gone forward to the Substantive Highway Fund for consideration, unfortunately, Melksham was not eligible for funding, as there was funding available via the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) and therefore asked if a request for funding be sent to them.

It was noted the next the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting was due to be held on 2nd February.

Councillor Harris confirmed the meeting with the Head and Councillor Holder was due to be held on 26th January.

It was noted any request submitted after the 26th January meeting, would be too late to go to the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting for consideration, as requests for funding needed to be submitted several weeks in advance.

Councillor Holder explained he would contact the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) to see if he could get something on the agenda for consideration.

Councillor Harris explained he had had a very productive meeting with the new Headteacher to discuss amalgamating both the village hall and school car parks and improving the access to the car park.

Councillor Baines felt it was important the Highway Engineer also attend the meeting, particularly if it involved an exit onto the highway.

**Recommendation:** Councillor Baines to attend the meeting on 26th January and to invite the Highway Engineer.

To forward a request to the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) to investigate highway improvements at Bowerhill Primary School and Bowerhill Village Hall.

**c) To note concerns raised by Shaw Primary School with dangerous driving outside the school grounds, and update on the School Travel Plan**

Councillor Baines informed the meeting Shaw School had a new Head, who was looking to update the School Travel Plan.

It was stated Shaw Primary School were keen there be some form of enforcement regarding poor parking/driving at school times and therefore it has been suggested a request be made

**Commented [L7]:** Following the meeting Cllr Holder confirmed the idea the principal came up with is much more complicated than an issue for LHFIG, A detailed conversation is required with officers at CH as this would end up being a huge capital project.

for enforcement action.

The Clerk confirmed requests for enforcement action outside the school had been made previously and highlighted incidences of extremely dangerous driving endangering those accessing the school with vehicles mounting and driving along the pavement.

It was noted there were several things at play, i.e. poor driving and poor parking with the school needing to encourage people not to drive pupils to school, in order to help ease the situation of vehicles trying to access the school car park and consequently causing congestion.

It was noted the local Police were already aware of the situation outside the school.

**Recommendation:** To request enforcement action outside Shaw School.

**Commented [L8]:** The Clerk made request 17 Jan.

## 356/22 Speed Enforcement

### a) To note Police Speed Enforcement undertaken in Shaw and Whitley in December and to note increase in prosecutions and to consider a request for additional enforcement action elsewhere in the parish

Councillor Baines stated as mentioned earlier in the meeting some enforcement action had taken place in both Shaw & Whitley, resulting in 88 drivers being prosecuted for speeding, with 55 offered speed awareness courses and hoped similar enforcement would take place elsewhere in the parish.

**Recommendation:** To write to the Police stating whilst welcoming the enforcement action undertaken in Shaw and Whitley, hope to see it take place elsewhere in the parish, highlighting other roads in the Parish which qualify for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment and/or Community Speedwatch.

**Commented [L9]:** Email sent by Parish Officer 1 February to Community Speedwatch. Agenda item 11(b) Update on recent enforcement

### b) To note concerns of resident of Pathfinder Place at speeding on Pathfinder Way and A365 Bath Road and to consider requesting a traffic survey

A resident of Bowerhill had raised concerns at the number of vehicles speeding on Pathfinder Way.

Members noted there had been confusion with the speed signage on Pathfinder Way, however, felt it was felt this was no excuse. It was also noted the complaint had been received

prior to current speed limit signage being erected, which would correct the confusion, however it was felt speeding would still take place nonetheless.

Councillor Pafford felt Pathfinder Way was an ideal location for enforcement and having a traffic survey undertaken to ascertain the level of speed in order to support further action.

Councillor Baines noted the entrance to Pathfinder Place is extremely narrow which in turn causes a problem for vehicles turning in, if there is someone waiting to come out. It was noted there would be a similar situation on the other side of Pathfinder Place, particularly if a recent planning application for 210 dwellings were to be approved, as access was proposed via this road.

Members noted when commenting on the original planning application for Pathfinder Place they had stated a 'No Right Turn' signage should be erected, given the flow of traffic coming off Bowerhill roundabout; and this was contributing to the issues of speeding on this stretch of road. Drivers would be better to turn left, go round the roundabout and come back down Pathfinder Way

Councillor Glover suggested a 'No Right' turn should also be requested on the exits of the next phase of Pathfinder Place being built on the other side of the road, including the new access for the proposed Pathfinder primary school with Councillor Holder supporting the request.

**Recommendation:**

1. To request a traffic survey be undertaken on Pathfinder Way.
2. To request police speed enforcement take place once the signage on Pathfinder Way has been regularised.
3. Given concerns of residents and the Parish Council's own observations, particularly given the increase in traffic on Pathfinder Way, to submit a request to Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) for the installation of 'No Right Turn' signage on the exits of Newall Road and Maitland Place (and the exit from the proposed Pathfinder Place school) onto Pathfinder Way. This is to direct vehicles to the roundabouts and back down rather than crossing fast oncoming traffic to the other carriageway.

**Commented [L10]:** Request sent on 25 January.

**Commented [L11]:** Awaiting until signage regularised before sending request.

**Commented [L12]:** Request sent. Update on agenda 6b

**c) To note concerns of speed limit on Redstocks Lane and to consider requesting a Traffic Survey to support a reduction in the speed limit**

A resident of Redstocks had written requesting a change in the speed limit on Redstocks Lane, as well as raising concerns at the condition of the lane.

Councillor Baines noted there were several lanes in the parish all very similar, single-track roads which had national speed limits and felt a traffic survey on Redstocks Lane would not support a reduction in speed limit or think the 85% percentile would show excessive speed, as most traffic using the road would be residents or visitors who would drive accordingly.

Members noted the resident's concerns regarding the condition of the lane and the response from the Highways Engineer and felt the condition of the road required attention.

Councillor Patacchiola, being fairly new to the Council, sought an understanding in order to get a Traffic Order to change a speed limit was to get a traffic survey undertaken where there is excessive speeding or where there had been a change such as development.

The Clerk explained a speed limit review was undertaken some 5/6 years ago of A, B and C class roads by Wiltshire Council and therefore only if there is a major/material change would that trigger Wiltshire Council to investigate again; it was very hard to get a change in speed limit. A traffic survey gave the eligibility for the deployment of Community Speedwatch and a Speed Indicator Device (SID) if the results met the criteria, it did not trigger to have the speed limit reviewed.

Also, if development takes place along a particular stretch of road, with a perceived speeding issue, this may also trigger a review.

It was noted some speeds in the parish had automatically been changed, such as outside the former Forest & Sandridge School (now Lopes Close) and George Ward School (now George Ward Gardens) whereby once the schools had relocated the 30mph speed limits were removed and replaced with 40mph speed limits, as having the school situated on those particular stretches of road where the only reason why it qualified for a 30mph speed limit, despite the remonstrations of the Parish Council for the 30mph limit to remain.



Councillor Patacchiola sought clarification if a fatal accident occurred if this triggered a change in the speed limit.

The Clerk clarified it was only on the recommendation of the Coroner; it wasn't automatically done, or on the request of others.

Councillor Baines stated an accident record did also count towards reconsidering speed limits.

**Recommendation:** To write to Wiltshire Council stating the condition of the road in Redstocks requires attention copying in the local Wiltshire Council member, Councillor Nick Holder.

**Commented [L13]:** Request sent. Co-incidentally works undertaken early Feb. Agenda item 6(d)

**d) To note response to Michelle Donelan MP regarding speeding concerns on A350 in Beanacre**

Michelle Donelan MP had written to the Parish Council and completed a Highway Improvement Request form seeking a 30mph speed limit in Beanacre and the installation of traffic calming measures between Beanacre and Melksham.

Councillor Baines noted the majority of the A350 through Beanacre was already subject to a 30mph speed limit and therefore concluded a reduction in the 40mph speed limit was being requested between Beanacre Church and Nortree Garage, which was currently subject to a 40mph speed limit.

Councillor Baines highlighted this was a similar request to the one in Shaw, whereby residents were seeking a reduction in the speed limit between Shaw and Melksham to 30mph which would result in a very long 30mph speed limit which was detrimental to the observance of speed limits generally, as drivers do not perceive there to be a reason for it and therefore, they will not adhere to the speed limit and the undeveloped section between Beanacre and Melksham is just such a stretch of road.

As regards traffic calming measures, Councillor Baines noted there were already traffic islands in Beanacre, which were intended as traffic calming measures and felt any further traffic calming measures would not be permitted on an 'A' class road.

Members noted the full response to Michelle Donelan MP from the Parish Officer.

**Recommendation:** Not to support a request to the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) for a reduction in the speed limit, as it was felt unnecessary or desirable.

**Commented [L14]:** Written back to Michelle Donelan MP to make her aware of outcome of request.

**e) To consider changing threshold levels on the Speed Indicator Devices**

Councillor Baines informed the meeting this request had arisen following discussion with the Highway Engineer who had highlighted Wiltshire Council's Guidance on the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) with regard to trigger speeds.

It was noted trigger speeds should be set to match the Police threshold levels for prosecution and as such should not be altered.

Councillor Patacchiola felt the guidelines was slightly unenforceable, as whilst the Police had guidelines at what prosecutions are set at, each individual Force set their own guidelines depending on what they were doing.

Councillor Pafford noted speed indicator devices in the parish were deployed to encourage people to observe the speed limit and not to undertake enforcement.

Councillor Baines stated he was interested in automatic Speedwatch cameras and awaited with interest the enquiry Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) had made with the Speedwatch Co-ordinator, as these devices might hold much more promise.

**Recommendation:** To contact the manufacturers of the Council's speed indicator devices (SIDs) to ascertain how to adjust the threshold points.

**Commented [L15]:** Done. New SID has had trigger speeds change. It has not been possible to do this on the old SID. Update at meeting 6e

**357/22 Cleveland Bridge and Clean Air Zone Bath. To note response from Councillor Clewer, Leader, Wiltshire Council to proposals by BANES to extend the Clean Air Zone and continuation of 18 tonnes weight limit on Cleveland Bridge**

Members noted the press release issued by Councillor Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council expressing Wiltshire Council's opposition and frustration at Bath & North East Somerset Council's (BANES) proposal to extend its Clean Air Zone by introducing a charge for Euro VI diesel HGVs exceeding 12 tonnes, given the potential damaging impact this would have on West Wiltshire towns and villages, which were currently being impacted by the extended 18 tonne weight restriction on Cleveland Bridge, with vehicles finding alternative routes through West Wiltshire.

**358/22 Proposed A350 Bypass (Standing Item)**

**a) To note any updates since the last meeting**

The Clerk informed the meeting there had been no update since the last meeting. The M4 to Dorset Coast Connectivity Strategic Study which was due in the Summer the previous year, was still to be issued.

**359/22 Rights of Way (Footpaths)**

**a) To note an Inspector has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to undertake a Public Enquiry into Order: Melksham Without Path No 107 & Melksham Without Path No 151 DMMO 2020 to determine the Order. The inquiry will be held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at Forest Community Centre. To give consideration to a representative of the Council attending the Inquiry**

Members noted an Inspector had been appointed to undertake a Public Enquiry into Order: Melksham Without Paths No 107 and 151 on 13 June at Forest Community Centre.

Councillor Baines stated he had submitted a personal representation regarding the creation of Melksham Without Path 151 and understood the Council had also made a similar representation as it duplicated an existing right of way in the town ie Melksham No 6.

Councillor Baines stated as he was attending in a personal capacity if another Councillor could attend instead the inquiry instead.

**Recommendation:** To ask Councillor Doel if he was happy to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

**Commented [L16]:** Cllr Doel made aware and happy to attend and will be there to represent the Parish Council as an observer. Not as a speaker.

**b) To consider future action regarding PROW MELW100 requiring a Diversion Order as it is currently inaccessible (to improve pedestrian access to town using a Right of Way)**

Councillor Baines noted over the last 60 years there had been a house built across Right of Way MELW100, making it inaccessible for pedestrians to access the Right of Way to walk into town (MELW67 & MEL1) without a circuitous route.

The Clerk explained this had been raised some time ago with Wiltshire Council but not progressed, however, it had been

raised again recently as residents in Beanacre had to go some distance on the pavement towards Lacock in order to access a Right of Way to get to the one that then took residents into town avoiding the busy A350. The Clerk explained she had discussed the issue with the Rights of Way Officer recently and it was felt that it was a priority over some of the complaints about maize on other Rights of Way, as that was only for 4 months of the year.

Councillor Glover sought an update on MELW109. The Clerk stated this Right of Way led to a well but otherwise was a dead end, and was still blocked by a resident who had erected fencing, with the Parish Council some time ago having gone back to Wiltshire Council to say this is unacceptable.

**Recommendation:**

1. To request a Diversion Order of MELW100.
2. To contact Wiltshire Council stating it was unacceptable MELW109 was still blocked and ask that action be taken to unblock it.

**Commented [L17]:** Email sent to ROW Officer on 25 Jan

**360/22 Traffic Orders**

- a) **To note No Waiting Restrictions at Any Time proposed for the North Western access road off Portal Road (both sides) and North Eastern access road, Portal Road (both sides) Re Dick Lovett entrances/exits**

Members noted this application had now been made.

**361/22 Grit Bins. To consider if parish council would be responsible for distributing salt in icy conditions from grit bins at Pathfinder Place development**

Councillor Baines reminded Members Taylor Wimpey had offered grit bins for Pathfinder Place on condition the Parish Council own them and were responsible for distributing the contents, and sought a steer from Members if they wished the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the bins.

The Clerk reminded Members, in order to have a grit bin, a Snow Plan was required and the responsibility attached to this, which meant requests from community groups/parish councils would only be accepted as they would have resources to consistently grit footpaths when necessary; and not individual residents/

**Recommendation:** To decline the offer of grit bins on the Pathfinder Place development.

**Commented [L18]:** Clerk spoke to Cllr Holder

**362/22 Electric Vehicle Charging. To note update on EV Charging in**

**Wiltshire following recent webinar by Sarah Valdus, Assistant Director Environment, Wiltshire Council**

Members noted the update on electric vehicle charging in Wiltshire.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed .....  
Chair, 23 January 2023

## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Stansby, Mark <mark.stansby@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 11:27  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Cc:** LHFIGrequests  
**Subject:** RE: Speeding on Pathfinder Way, Bowerhill, Melksham

Hello Lorraine,

Thank you for forwarding this to me.

Unfortunately, as the new estate roads have not yet been adopted as Public Highway the LHFIG cannot intervene.

To prohibit right turning movements will require a Traffic Regulation Order(s) to be promoted and we cannot consider this on a road which is not yet adopted. I have doubts whether such a proposal would work in any case, as I would anticipate some drivers ignoring this when the road is clear.

I am not surprised that there is a perceived issue with speeding on Pathfinder Way. As far as I know, there are still 40 mph signs and / or carriageway roundels in place as you exit the roundabout on Halifax Road, adding to the confusion, and enforcement is impossible at this time. I even wonder if the 40 mph Order has been revoked? All of this is being "managed" by colleagues in Highways Development Control (HDC) and I believe that Cllr Holder and representatives from your Council are in regular communication with them about this build.

I would suggest that the speed limit issue needs to be flagged up as a matter of urgency with HDC before you look to other measures to try and help those joining Pathfinder from the new estate roads.

For now, we will put this request on hold and await developments.

Thanks.

Mark.

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**Senior Traffic Engineer**  
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**Subject:** FW: Speeding on Pathfinder Way, Bowerhill, Melksham

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Hi Mark

I have just sent the attached request to LHFIGrequest@etc, which was approved last night at our Full Council meeting.

Appreciate it is probably too late for the next meeting in February, but just wanted to get in the system.

Lorraine

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**Cc:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Speeding on Pathfinder Way, Bowerhill, Melksham

LHFIG

Please see attached a request for No Right Turn signage for consideration at the next Melksham LHFIG Meeting.

Separate to this request we will also be submitted a request for a metro count on Pathfinder Way, given concerns of speeding along Pathfinder Way.

Regards

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**From:** Holder, Nick <Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 March 2023 18:29  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange  
**Subject:** RE: Bowerhill Primary School

Hi Lorraine,

The idea the principal came up with is much more complicated than an issue for LHFIG, I need to have a detailed conversation with officers at CH as this would end up being a huge capital project.

Nick

**Nick Holder**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**  
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**From:** Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 March 2023 14:44  
**To:** Holder, Nick <Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Bowerhill Primary School

Hi Nick

Hope you have had a good holiday.

We are shuffling meetings around and are having a Highways Meeting next week rather than in April as originally scheduled.

At a recent meeting you updated the council on your meeting both you and Mark Harris had with the Headteacher of Bowerhill Primary School regarding issues of parking and access at the school/village hall and had come up with a potential solution.

Are you able to give an update on this so we can add to the agenda and whether you need the council's support for potential request to LHFIG.

Thank you.

## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Cadwallader, Andy <Andy.cadwallader@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 January 2023 10:12  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Cc:** Holder, Nick; Teresa Strange  
**Subject:** RE: Condition of the road surface at Redstocks

Hi Lorraine,

Thank you for your email concerning the above.

Redstocks is on the Tarmac Contracting programme for **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**  
The site limits is from the junction of the A365 Bath Rd up to the end of the lane (By-way on Righthand side)

There are 10 Sections of Machine Patching to be undertaken, 7 of the 10 sections are full width patching.  
The total amount of Machine Patching equates to 1403m<sup>2</sup> which is 61% of lane.

Concerning the speed limit in the lane, if the parish would like to see a review of the speed limit in the lane then it need to be raised through the LHFIFG process which can commission a review of the lane.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact me.

Regards,

*Andrew Cadwallader*

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**From:** Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 January 2023 14:40  
**To:** Cadwallader, Andy <Andy.cadwallader@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Holder, Nick <Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk>; Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Condition of the road surface at Redstocks

Hi Andy

Hope you are well.

At a recent Highway's meeting, Members considered the attached complaint from a resident regarding the condition of the road surface at Redstocks, as well as concerns regarding speeding. (Email attached with my

## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 January 2023 16:45  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Subject:** Re: Redstocks Road

Hello,

Thank you for the update.

I had been discussing your previous email with Redstocks residents and preparing a response but now we have been surprised by recent activity. Some pot holes have been filled and a road closure sign has appeared. Today we have seen further activity with high-vis markings on the road.

What a Parish Council!!! We appreciate that some decisions are not under your direct control but this is a wonderful demonstration of how the Parish Council listen and provide us with a voice.

So very grateful. Absolute respect and praise to all at the Parish Council.

Thank you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

> On 25 Jan 2023, at 16:07, Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear Mr [REDACTED]

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> Just to update you, following your email regarding the speed limit and condition of the road surface on Redstocks Lane, this was considered at a Highways Meeting on 16 January, at which Councillor Nick Holder was also in attendance.

> With regard to the condition of the road surface, Members noted the comments of the Highway's Engineer with a recommendation to write back to the Highway Engineer stating the condition of the road required attention, which was done earlier this week.

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> Co-incidentally, today, we received a traffic order to say Redstocks Lane will be closed on 8 February for 2 days between the hours of 19:00 and 23:59 in order to undertake surfacing work. Link to Traffic Order below:

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> [https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1142/ttrn-redstocks-melksham-without\\_132505343\\_3527069\\_a5fd95ee54.pdf](https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1142/ttrn-redstocks-melksham-without_132505343_3527069_a5fd95ee54.pdf)

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> Regarding the speed limit, Members felt a traffic survey on Redstocks Lane would not support a reduction in the speed limit. The minutes of the meeting are available on the Parish Council's website:

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## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	<b>Melksham LHFIG – Notes of on-line meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 16:30 hrs</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendees and apologies</b>			
		Attendees:	Area Board to note.	AB
		Cllr Nick Holder (Acting Chair) Louisa Lewis - Melksham Town Council Alan Baines – Melksham Without Parish Council Pat Tucker – Keevil Parish Council Colin Wade – Semington Parish Council Mary Winterburn – Great Hinton Parish Council Cllr Phil Alford Malcolm Jones – Steeple Ashton Parish Council Martin Rose – Area Highway Mangager Andy Cadwallader – Area Highway Engineer Stuart Renfrew – Highway Engineer Mark Stansby – Snr Traffic Engineer		
		Apologies:		
		Cllr Jonathon Seed Linda Roberts – Clerk to Melksham Town Council		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of last meeting</b>			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 were presented to the Area Board on 7 <sup>th</sup> November, passing all recommendations.	LHFIG to note.	All

## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

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<b>3.</b>	<b>Financial Position</b>			
		<p>The current balance for 2022/23, less previous commitments stands at £33,431.36 (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>An email from Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Caroline Thomas, was shared (see Appendix 1A), setting out the end of year financial arrangements for the LHFigs. Essentially, all uncommitted funds will be retained by the group and carried forward for use during 2023 / 24.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
<b>4.</b>	<b>Priority schemes</b>			
a)	6055 – Broughton Gifford - Gateways and Traffic Management measures.	<p>An order to install the additional bollards has been issued to our Contractor. Installation is anticipated during March.</p> <p>There are also some remedial road marking measures to complete but more suitable conditions are required to undertake this work.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
b)	A365 Shaw Bath Road Footway improvements – funded by Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development.	<p>An outline drawing of the resurfacing work is included as Appendix 2. Regrettably, this job has been pushed back into the next Financial Year, as the work will need to be done during school holidays.</p> <p>With the design now complete it is now apparent that we have a shortfall of funds. The estimate now stands at £29,177.93 inclusive of a 20% contingency to cover any unforeseen work and an anticipated uplift on the rates.</p>	<p>To request that the Area Board grants a sum of £7,000 towards this project.</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of up to £1,500 be given to this project.</p> <p>Melksham Town Council to confirm their contribution of up to</p>	<p>Cllr Seed</p> <p>Cllr Seed</p> <p>Town Council</p>

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		<p>Currently there is a sum of £20,077.54 available from a s106 fund, leaving a potential short-fall of up to £9,100.39.</p> <p>Cllr Alford informed the group that the Area Board has a sum of £7,000 allocated for expenditure on open spaces but a suitable project has not been identified. It was proposed that this fund be diverted to this project, with the LHFIG and Town Council each committing up to £1,500.</p>	£1,500	
c)	Issue 9-20-9 – Melksham Sandridge Road – request to improve footway link to Maple Close	<p>The legal process to dedicate the land is ongoing but the dispute over land ownership has now been resolved. The legal process must be completed ahead of any work on the ground.</p> <p>Design work continues and construction will take place during 2023 / 24.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
d)	Active Travel Scheme - Farmers Roundabout – signing to promote use of shared use cycle route to and from Holt Road and town bridge.	<p>Scheme to be funded from a third tranche of Section 106 money from the George Ward Gardens development. There are funds remaining (£13,034.35) specifically to improve cycleway signing within the town.</p> <p>Town Council have been tasked to consider where additional improvements are needed.</p>	Awaiting update from Town Council	Town Council
e)	Melksham Dunch Lane – funded by Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development	<p>Consultation on full closure over rail bridge or one way operation from east to west and new parking controls to be carried out by the Town Council.</p> <p>Town Council to undertake consultation in the New Year (2023).</p>	Awaiting update from Town Council	Town Council

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f)	Issue 9-22-1 – Melksham Footway linking Hazelwood Road & St Michaels Road – Request for lighting	Issue submitted by Cllr Hubbard and Melksham Town Council.  An Order has been placed with our Lighting Consultants.  Installation is anticipated during the first two weeks of February.	Area Board to note	AB
g)	Issue 9-22-5 – Melksham Spa Road – safety concerns at access to & from Wharf Court	Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council  2 x SLOW markings and reinstatement of the give way line across the entrance to Wharf Court to be done when weather conditions are more suitable.	Area Board to note	AB
h)	Issue 9-22-10 – Berryfield Semington Road – request to install 2 bus shelters	Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council  There is a Section 106 fund of £20,662 to provide 2 x shelters with seating, high access kerbs with RTI facility (or to be ready for RTI installation).  No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.	Area Board to note	AB
i)	Issue 9-22-12 – Bowerhill Halifax Road – request for drop kerbs to link Brampton Court with Sunderland Close	Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council  Parish have met Highways on site. It was agreed that the best solution is to provide 3 sets of drop kerbs, each side of Brampton Court and then over to Halifax Road. The ball park estimate is therefore closer to £3,500.  No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.	Area Board to note	AB

## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

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j)	Issue 9-22-16 – Berryfield – request for direction signs to new village hall	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Request for directional signs for motorists via Telford Drive and Pedestrians from Semington Road via new footway opposite New Inn.</p> <p>Installation has been delayed due to the response effort to the wintery conditions.</p>	Highways to monitor progress	Highways
k)	Issue 9-22-17 – Melksham Without (various roads) – request for Parking Control Measures	<p>Issue Submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Request for a Parking Review at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semington Canal Bridge</li> <li>• Lancaster Road Bowerhill</li> <li>• Avro Way Bowerhill</li> <li>• Merlin Way Bowerhill</li> <li>• Mitchell Drive Bowerhill</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the canal forms the boundary between Melksham Without and Semington Parishes and that measures would be needed on both sides of the bridge. Parking controls within Melksham Without are included in the same legal Order as Melksham Town and so this also presents an opportunity to consider any pressing parking issues within the Town boundary.</p> <p>Issues affecting Semington Parish will need to be considered in tandem with this review.</p> <p>Parking reviews to be discussed under Item 6b.</p>	Area Board to note	AB



## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

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l)	Issue 9-19-11 – Bowerhill Portal Road – Request for Bowerhill nameplate and white gates	<p>A suitable location has been agreed with Highways between Herman Miller and the first hangar.</p> <p>The parish have opted for a single gate and village nameplate at a ball park estimate of £3000, inclusive of traffic management.</p> <p>An engineer has been appointed and preliminary design work is underway.</p>	Highways to complete design and estimate to present at the next meeting.	Highways
m)	Issue 9-22-3 – Melksham The Crays – request for drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>Drop kerbs to facilitate access for wheelchair users at the junction of The Crays and Montague Place.</p> <p>No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
n)	Issue 9-22-6 – Melksham Sandridge Road junction with Snarlton Lane – request for signs to direct drivers to Snarlton Farm	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>An order has been placed with our Contractor to install the new signs.</p> <p>Installation is anticipated during the first week of March.</p>	Highways to monitor progress	Highways
o)	Issue 9-22-13 – Bowerhill DeHavilland Place and Dowding Way – Request for footway extensions and drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>A crossing point, to give access into the Industrial Estate and beyond was identified at Cheshire Close via Pegasus Way.</p> <p>The work includes one set of drop kerbs, possible short extension of footway (to line up the crossing point) and</p>	Area Board to note	AB

## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
		<p>removal of 2 x concrete bollards. The Parish request that construction is combined with the Halifax Road project, Issue 9-22-12.</p> <p>No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>New Requests and ongoing Issues</b>			
a)	Issue 9-19-9 – Bowerhill Falcon Way – Request for Bus Shelter near Kingfisher Drive for southbound travel.	<p>The Parish propose to install a 3 bay shelter measuring 3.06 m x 1.3m which will be RTI compatible. This will require a base (3.5m x 1.5m) complete with electrical ducting and connecting chamber.</p> <p>A ball park estimate to construct the base and install the electrical items should be in the region of £3,000 to £3,500, with legal fees of around £1,500.</p> <p>Highways unable to proceed until the land dedication issue has been resolved.</p>	Action remains with Parish Council to resolve land ownership issues.	Parish Council
b)	Issue 9-22-11 – A350 Beanacre - request for measures to control entry speed at north end of village	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>A suitable site for a gateway feature was identified and the gateway could include white gates, village nameplates and additional road markings.</p> <p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is in the region of £8,000 to £10,000, inclusive of traffic management.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate £5,000.	Cllr Seed

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		<p>The Parish have indicated that they are willing to fund this on a 50/50 basis.</p> <p>The LHFIFG are content for this Issue to be moved forward.</p>		
c)	Issue 9-22-15 – Melksham junction of Church Street and High Street and Lowbourne – request for audible warning at signal controlled crossing points	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>Highways commissioned their Traffic Signal Consultants (Atkins) to investigate this matter.</p> <p>Town Council were content with the previous response on the disablement of the audible warnings, but asked why the crossing by Costa had the audible warning enabled?</p> <p>Highways awaiting update from Atkins.</p>	Highways to chase Atkins for their response.	Highways
d)	Issue 9-22-19 – Whitley, Corsham Road – request to alter staggered barriers on alleyway between Corsham Road and Eden Grove.	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Safety barriers causing access issues to users of mobility scooters.</p> <p>A site inspection has been made and both barriers could be removed and replaced to allow more space for mobility scooters / pushchairs. However, this would also make life easier for cyclists (which are not permitted to ride here) and slightly increase the risk of a child running out into the road.</p> <p>The estimated ball park cost is £750.00.</p> <p>The LHFIFG are content for this Issue to be moved forward.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate £375.00.</p> <p>Parish Council to confirm their contribution of £375.00</p>	<p>Cllr Seed</p> <p>Parish Council</p>

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e)	Issue 9-22-20 – Keevil, Martins Road – request to alter barriers and improve condition of footpath surface.	<p>Issue submitted by Keevil Parish Council</p> <p>The footpath in question is a Right of Way, KEEV27 and provides access to the recreation ground. Safety barriers installed at Martins Road cause access difficulties to users of mobility scooters, wheelchairs and children’s buggies.</p> <p>Following a site meeting with the Rights of Way officer, Highways and Parish in attendance it was agreed that Highways would consider the access issue and RoW would look at the surfacing improvement. Two estimates sre provided for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To remove and replace the safety barrier (with a smaller version), provide a drop kerb and new hardstanding amounts to £900 (ball park).</li> <li>2. To provide footpath edging and undertake resurfacing, over a length of approximately 60 metres is estimated at £9750. This would reduce to £6750 if the edging was omitted.</li> </ol> <p>The Parish confirmed their contribution of 25%, a sum of £2,662.50, to include the footpath edging and the LHFIFG were content to move this forward.</p> <p>Highways to liaise with Rights of Way to programme this work. The footpath will need to be closed and the Parish have requested that access is maintained for two events, taking place late May and on 17 June.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate £7,987.50.	Cllr Seed

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
f)	Issue 9-22-21 – Melksham Snarlton Lane, Crossing point from Nightingale Close – request for coloured road surface due to safety concerns	<p>New Issue submitted by Cllr Sankey and Melksham Town Council</p> <p>View of the crossing often restricted due to vegetation. A warning sign was previously funded through the CATG / LHFIFG process.</p> <p>There has been no recorded personal injury collisions at the crossing point in the most recent 6 year period to June 2022.</p> <p>A ball park figure was quoted for coloured surfacing at £2,500 but the cost of installation, including fees for a road closure will have risen (perhaps significantly), since the quote was issued 2 to 3 years ago.</p> <p>It was noted during discussions that the hedgerow is protected by a preservation order and removal is not an option. The hedge will receive a flail cut as part of the routine maintenance programme.</p> <p>It was agreed that a further site meeting be arranged, to coincide with a school journey time, to agree potential improvements and to determine costs.</p>	Highways to arrange a site meeting	Highways
g)	Issue 9-22-22 – Shaw Corsham Road – request to reinstate louvre shuttering on approach to signals	<p>New Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>The old set of traffic signals had louvres fitted to the green lamps. Louvres were omitted on the new signal heads when the lights were replaced in 2020.</p> <p>This was not flagged as a concern as part of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit (post construction). There has been no recorded</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate £375.00.</p> <p>Parish Council to confirm their contribution of £375.00</p>	<p>Cllr Seed</p> <p>Parish Council</p>

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
		<p>personal injury collisions involving southbound vehicles within the vicinity of the signals or the school in the most recent 6 year period to June 2022.</p> <p>A ball park estimate to provide louvres is £750.</p> <p>The Parish are concerned that this omission will be detrimental to safety for those using the Zebra Crossing by the school.</p> <p>Following a discussion the LHFIG are content to move this request forward.</p>		
h)	Issue 9-23-2 – Great Hinton – request to replace a wooden stile with a Kissing Gate to create better access to a number of local Footpaths	<p>New Issue submitted by Great Hinton Parish Council</p> <p>The Parish representative has met with the RoW Officer and agreement has been reached with the land owner for this change to take place.</p> <p>An estimate to supply and install the new gate is £480.00.</p> <p>The Parish confirmed that such an improvement would provide better access to three public footpaths in the area and will address points set down in Wiltshire Council's Countryside Access Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Following a discussion the LHFIG are content to move this request forward.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £500.00.	Cllr Seed

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
6.	<b>Other items</b>			
a)	<p><b>Pavement and Footway Improvement Schemes (pre-LHFIG)</b></p>	<p>During 2022 the Council completed the footway works in Springfield Gardens, Whitley and the sites in the Berryfield estate. There was no footway patching carried out in 2022, therefore the work at Philips Close remains outstanding. The Ebenezer Chapel footway between Union Street and King George V playing field is with the major maintenance team as a project awaiting funding. It is inspected regularly to ensure it complies with the Council's inspection manual.</p> <p>Below is a list of footway sites submitted for footway funding in 2023/24. All sites are subject to funding. Once the funding has been announced the Council will be in a better position to know what sites will be carried out.</p> <p>Footway reconstruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corfe Road, Melksham</li> <li>• Sherwood Avenue, Melksham 29 – 55 on both sides of road</li> <li>• Rope Walk, Melksham adjacent to No9</li> <li>• Corsham Road, Whitley north of Middle Lane to Top Lane</li> <li>• Berryfield Close, Melksham at the rear of 1 – 7</li> </ul> <p>Footway Slurry sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashley Close, Whitley</li> <li>• Tower Road, Melksham including cul-de-sac off Blackmore Road</li> <li>• Sherwood Avenue/Savernake Avenue, Melksham</li> <li>• Wellington Drive, Bowerhill</li> </ul>	Area Board to note	AB

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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birch Grove, Bowerhill</li> <li>• Elm Close, Bowerhill</li> <li>• Blackmore Road Cul-de-sacs, Melksham</li> </ul>		
b)	<b>On Street Parking Reviews</b>	<p>Responsibility for on-street parking reviews (changes to double yellow lines, time limited parking etc) has transferred from the Network Management Team to the Traffic Engineering Team, with new requests now being filtered through the LHFIGs. This is to include any previous requests submitted to Network Management which have yet to be assessed.</p> <p>The process of undertaking a Parking Review is lengthy, and of course involves advertising Traffic Regulation Orders. It therefore makes both practicable and economic sense to undertake these (as required) on an annual basis only, with the exception of enforced changes to accommodate other Highway Infrastructure.</p> <p>Moving forward, it is proposed that requests are collated by Town and Parish Councils and submitted to the LHFIG for consideration for the first meeting of each new Financial Year, in this instance on May 9. Lists will need to be submitted using a Highway Improvement Request Form.</p>	<p>Area Board to note</p> <p>Parish Councils to consider submitting requests</p> <p>Highways to advise all clerks of this new process.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>Parish Councils</p> <p>Highways</p>
c)	<b>Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests</b>	<p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.</p> <p>Requests to be sent to <a href="mailto:LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk">LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023</p>	All to note	All



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7.	<p><b>Dates of future meetings:</b></p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Meetings to commence at 16:30 hrs and will be held on-line until further notice.</b></p>			

## Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

**Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby**

**Area Highway Engineer – Andy Cadwallader**

### 1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIFG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### 2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIFG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions are confirmed, Melksham Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£19,313.47**

### 3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### 4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

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## **5. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

## **6. Safeguarding implications**

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

## **7. Recommendations to Melksham Area Board**

7.1 To add the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List:

9-22-11 Beanacre Gateway (£5,000.00), 9-22-19 Whitley Staggered Barriers (£375.00), 9-22-20 Keevil Footpath (£7,987.50), Shaw Traffic Signal Louvres (£375.00) and Great Hinton Kissing Gate (£500.00)

7.2 To allocate funding (£1,500.00) to the footway improvement scheme at Shaw.

Melksham LHFIG expenditure 2022 / 23 as of 26/01/23

Budget £24,338 + £31,469.31 c/fwd = £55,807.31

Scheme	Estimate	LHFIG Commitment	Expenditure	Projected Spend
A365 Shaw / Dunch Lane Footway improvements	£20,077.54	£nil	£0,000.00	£20,077.54
Semington Littlemarsh Road Markings	£500.00 (ball park)	£250.00	£500.00 Final	£500.00
Melksham Cycleway Signing	£1,790.49	£nil	£1,965.65 Final	£1,965.65
Melksham Sandridge Rd / Maple Close Footway	£20,000 (ball park)	£10,000.00 (provisional)	£0,000.00	£20,000.00
Melksham Hazelwood Rd / St Michael's Lighting	£4,000.00 (ball park)	£2,000.00	£0,000.00	£4,000.00
Melksham Westbury View – access protection bar	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00 Final	£50.00
Melksham Spa Road / Wharf Court – SLOWs	£500.00 (ball park)	£500.00	£0,000.00	£500.00
Berryfield – Direction signs to village hall	£400.95	£400.95	£0,000.00	£400.95
Steeple Ashton – Road markings and Post for SID	£1,570.00	£1,170.00	£1,570.00 Final	£1,570.00
Broughton Gifford Traffic Calming – bollards	£1060.00	£1060.00	£0,000.00	£1060.00
Bowerhill Halifax Road – drop kerbs	£3,500.00	£1750.00	£0,000.00	£3,500.00
Bowerhill Portal Road – Village Gateway	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£0,000.00	£3,000.00
Melksham The Crays – drop kerb	£2,500.00	£1250.00	£0,000.00	£2,500.00
Melksham Snarltan Farm – HGV signing	£950.00	£475.00	£0,000.00	£950.00
Bowerhill Cheshire Close – footway works	£2,500.00	£1,250.00	£0,000.00	£2,500.00
Totals	£62,398.98	£21,655.95	£4,085.65	£62,574.14

Budget £55,807.31

Projected Spend £62,574.14

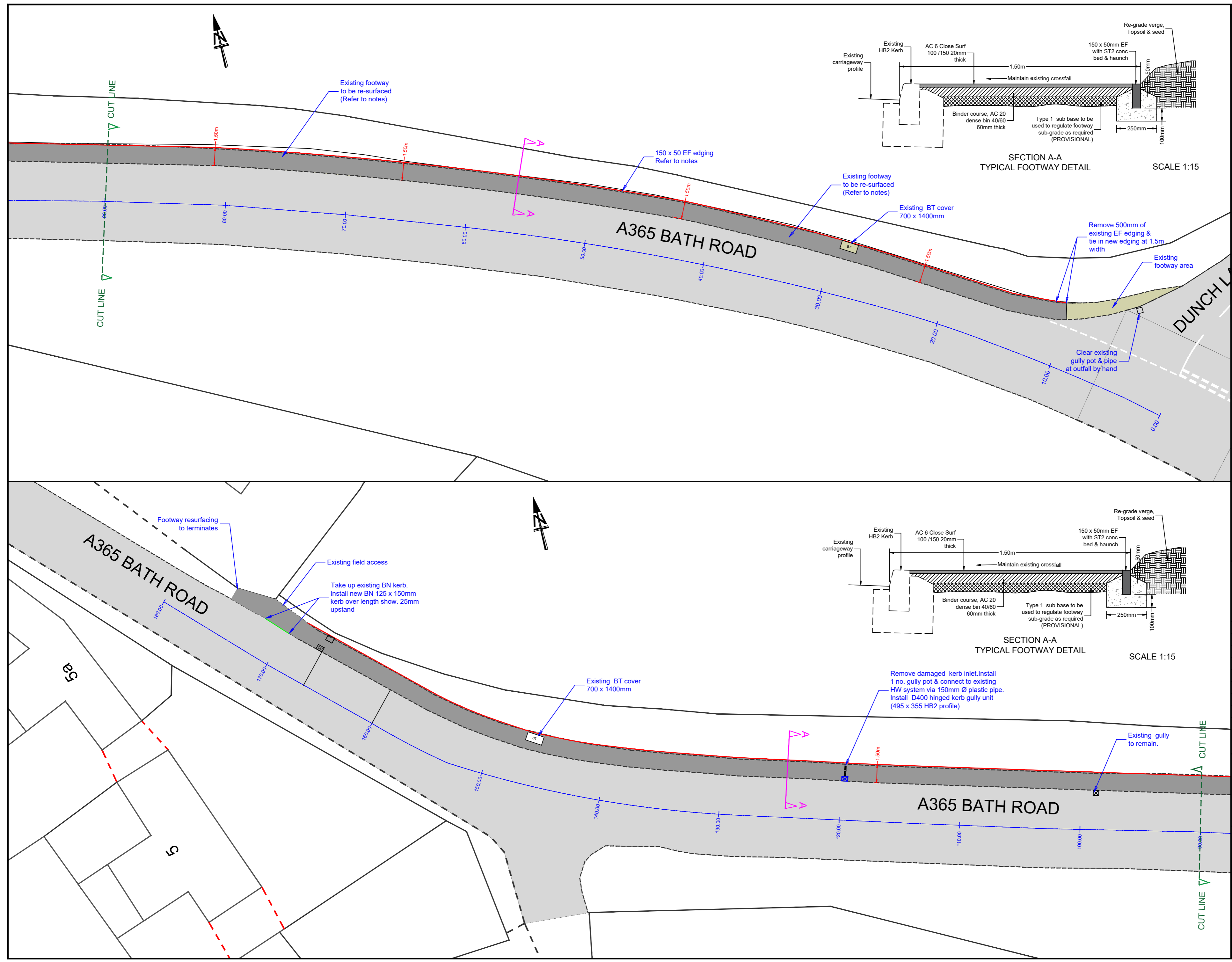
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Plus Contributions (details below) £40,198.19

**Current Balance £33,431.36**

Contributions

A365 Shaw / Dunch Lane footway	£20,077.54	Section 106 Fund
Melksham Cycleway Signing	£1,965.65	Section 106 Fund
Semington Littlemarsh markings	£250.00	Semington Parish Council – invoice to be issued
Melksham Sandridge Rd footway	£10,000.00	Melksham Town Council – contribution subject to confirmation
Melksham Hazelwood Rd Lighting	£2,000.00	Melksham Town Council – invoice upon completion
Steeple Ashton markings and post	£400.00	Steeple Ashton Parish Council – invoice to be issued
Bowerhill Halifax Road Drop kerbs	£1750.00	Melksham Without Parish Council – invoice upon completion
Bowerhill Portal Road Gateway	£1,500.00	Melksham Without Parish Council – invoice upon completion
Melksham The Crays Drop kerb	£1,250.00	Melksham Town Council – invoice upon completion
Melksham Snarlton Farm signs	£475.00	Melksham Town Council – invoice upon completion
Bowerhill Cheshire Close footway	£1,250.00	Melksham Withour Parish Council – invoice upon completion
Total	£40,918.19	



- NOTES:**
- FOOTWAY RESURFACING**, Remove 80mm thick of existing footway construction & replace with Binder course, AC 20 dense bin 40/60, 60mm thick & surface course AC6 dense bin 100/150 20mm thick. Type 1 sub base (compacted) to be used to regulate depth as required after excavation of existing bound layers.
  - Precast concrete EF edging 50 x 150mm with ST2 concrete bed & haunch
  - Precast concrete BN Kerb 125 x 150 x 915mm with ST2 concrete bed & haunch
  - Remove damaged kerb inlet. Install 1 no. HDP gully pot (450mm Ø) & connect to existing HW system via 150mm Ø plastic pipe. Install grade D400 hinged kerb gully unit (495 x 355- HB2 profile) Type Saint Gobain 'Aquaquerb' or similar

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## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Alan Baines  
**Sent:** 15 March 2023 15:12  
**To:** Ian Way  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange; Lorraine McRandle; Steve Milham; Matt Goodall  
**Subject:** Re: Merlin Way parking issues

Hello Ian,

Thank you for getting in touch again.

I can assure you that the Parish Council have continued to press for the adding of parking restrictions, not just in Merlin Way, but in at least five other locations too, some of which have sadly been 'on the list' for even longer. It has been incredibly frustrating that delays by Wiltshire Council have prevented progress and more recently there has been two cases of 'moving the goalposts' such that the requests have had to be resubmitted in a different format. The current situation is that Parking Reviews have to be processed by Wiltshire Council's Melksham LHFIG (Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group), so MWPC re-submitted all the original requests. Since the associated legal costs of any implementation would be around £3000, it was agreed last October to include any sites in Melksham Town in the same single legal order. The Town Council have yet to respond, and now the matter has been kicked down the road into the new financial year and has to be entered by means of a new application. I can share the story we were given at the last LHFIG meeting in February:

Responsibility for on-street parking reviews (changes to double yellow lines, time limited parking etc) has transferred from the Network Management Team to the Traffic Engineering Team, with new requests now being filtered through the LHFIGs. This is to include any previous requests submitted to Network Management which have yet to be assessed. The process of undertaking a Parking Review is lengthy, and of course involves advertising Traffic Regulation Orders. It therefore makes both practicable and economic sense to undertake these (as required) on an annual basis only, with the exception of enforced changes to accommodate other Highway Infrastructure. Moving forward, it is proposed that requests are collated by Town and Parish Councils and submitted to the LHFIG for consideration for the first meeting of each new Financial Year, in this instance on May 9. Lists will need to be submitted using a Highway Improvement Request Form.

The other frustration is that (as Matt has highlighted) enforcement of existing parking restrictions is virtually non-existent. The Parish Council has raised the issue of parked trailers on Lancaster Road with the local Police who are now monitoring the situation and working with us to find possible solutions. We have also reported trailers that could be identified to the government department responsible for issuing the licences for depots with HGVs etc. It has been highlighted that in solving one problem the issue then becomes one of speeding with the industrial estate becoming a race circuit !

My only suggestion is that you all escalate the matter with Wiltshire Council by contacting firstly Cllr. Nick Holder as the local member, secondly Cllr. Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, and possibly Michelle Donelan MP too. The Parish Council will continue to pursue the matter as best we can, but many of our requests have been outstanding for several years ! It seems one of the main things impeding progress is that Wiltshire Council highways staff are under resourced and there are several things that have not been done, not just traffic orders.

Kind Regards,  
Alan

Cllr. Alan Baines  
Bowerhill Ward  
Melksham Without Parish Council

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**From:** Ian Way <[ian@artway.co.uk](mailto:ian@artway.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 March 2023 20:34  
**To:** Alan Baines <[alan.baines@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:alan.baines@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>; Lorraine McRandle <[office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>; Steve Milham <[steve@artway.co.uk](mailto:steve@artway.co.uk)>; Matt Goodall <[matt@officeevo.co.uk](mailto:matt@officeevo.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Merlin Way parking issues

Dear Alan

Trust all well.

It's been 18 months now since Matt Goodall (Office Evolution) and myself (Artway Ltd.) attended the October Parish Council meeting to discuss and consider parking considerations for Merlin Way, Bowerhill Ind. Est. Unfortunately we continue to experience site access difficulties on a daily basis and wish to check what progress the Parish Council has made in resolving this unhappy situation. Your attention to this matter would be very much appreciated - thank you Alan.

Looking forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Best regards

Ian

IAN WAY  
director

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On 13 Oct 2021, at 20:55, Alan Baines <[alan.baines@melkshamwithout.co.uk](mailto:alan.baines@melkshamwithout.co.uk)> wrote:

Dear Ian,

Further to your attendance at the Parish Council Highways & Streetscene meeting on Monday evening, I had a walk around this afternoon about 2.15 whilst my vehicle was undergoing its MOT. I noted that some work has recently been done and reinstatement/resurfacing carried out on the road opposite your premises. This has resulted in a reduction in length of the previous double yellow lines potentially making the problem of parked vehicles even worse. It looked to me that almost all the bit that has been resurfaced did have double yellows before. We can highlight that to Wiltshire Highways straight away to request that at least they are reinstated asap. Ironically, everything seemed rather deserted today apart from two vehicles from DHF parked half on the footway farther down !

Thank you for coming to explain the issue and sorry that we could not offer any hope of a quick solution, but hopefully we can start the process.

Regards,

Alan

(Chairman of the meeting)

Cllr. Alan Baines

Bowerhill Ward

Melksham Without Parish Council

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## Teresa Strange

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**From:** Teresa Strange  
**Sent:** 08 March 2023 16:24  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Marianne Rossi; Lorraine McRandle  
**Subject:** RE: Falcon Way Borders

Hi [REDACTED]

I will have to double check where we are with this, its moved on in that Heron at one stage were asking for all of Wiltshire Council's assets – benches, bins etc on "their" stretch were removed from their land, which we were obviously trying to put a halt to.

The parish council do not want to adopt land that they then have to pay to maintain, just the bit for the bus shelter, and if WC own the land they do not have to go through a planning application process for a bus shelter. WC were prepared to adopt the bus shelter bit, but I am not sure they want all of it either, I will have to check – we have a big parish and I can't remember off the top of my head on this bit.

Nick and I were trying to see if we could get the chap from Heron to come and sit round the table and discuss further. We don't want to push on the grass/vegetation maintenance and move backwards again; we wanted to come to some agreement. Its not often in terms of the land cost, is the ongoing maintenance and the legal fees, Heron from memory were expecting us to pay their legal fees as well as our own.

In terms of the NHP meeting, do you mean tonight's Area Board meeting? Nick is on holiday this week so not around; the next NHP meeting not until 5<sup>th</sup> April and Nick isn't the WC rep at that meeting.

We can put on our next Highway meeting agenda, so it doesn't get forgotten or delayed and seek some positive action moving forwards.

Kind regards, Teresa

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2023 15:07  
**To:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Marianne Rossi <admin@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Falcon Way Borders

Teresa,

I have been contacted by a number of residents about the state of the ground on the Fulmar Close side of Falcon Way. They are extremely upset about the state that it has been left in by the owners of the land, Heron Homes.

One resident has spoken to Heron Homes who has said as you have already informed me, that the shrubbery and trees were cut down for insurance reasons. They also inform me that the council (I am not sure which) will not take ownership of the land from Heron.

From what I can gather there is an impasse somewhere and until this is resolved we are left with, what I hope you can agree, is starting to become a bit of an eyesore. The ground has been left unlevelled and unplanted to grow wild. Rubbish is being discarded on the area and since the road is one of the primary routes into the village it gives a very bad impression.

Obviously we cannot turn back time to go back to how it was but surely there is a compromise to be had with the owners? I am sure that the cost to turn over the soil, add more where it is low, and plant grass and non-invasive shrubs or hedging will be in the magnitude of £100's rather than £1000's and then the council can maintain the area (as they must have been doing all along). I understand that the council wish to build a bus shelter on the same strip of land so perhaps if the owners can make good the land then they can transfer it to the council at a nominal fee so that things can move on?

What are your thoughts? Perhaps we can discuss with David Pafford and Nick Holder at the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting?

Many thanks.

M

Regards,

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## Teresa Strange

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**From:** James Twyford <james.twyford@wiltshire.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 March 2023 12:23  
**To:** Teresa Strange  
**Cc:** Luke Hosken; Victoria Rolph; Melissa Culliford; Ben Coombs  
**Subject:** Lancaster Road - Lorry Trailers

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Morning Teresa,

I've been asked to re-visit the issue of HGV Trailers being left on Lancaster Road. I'll be honest, my nose was put out of joint a little by a Councillor's suggestion that I'd "fobbed him off" somehow. I'm hoping that's not an opinion that's shared throughout the Council because I don't think that's the tone I set in my last email about this. I'm also a bit concerned that what's being asked for, is fairly incoherent when you look at it from a problem-solving perspective. I don't want to resolve one and create another; nor can I provide resources to this ad-indefinitum.

I just wanted to reiterate my thoughts because I'm worried that my point was missed last time around:

- We're perfectly happy to do some more engagement / enforcement work with the Transport Companies involved. This ought to address the 'here and now'.
- With that said, this won't provide a lasting solution; so we'll inevitably end up going round this cycle every 6-12 months, unless we do some further work to compliment it.
- I suggested getting double yellow lines painted last year to provide a future deterrent for the parking, that'll be longer-lasting than Fixed Penalty Notices. This would be in addition to our work, not as a replacement. I feel that someone has misinterpreted this as me trying to push the problem elsewhere, which I'm not. I'm trying to coax some multi-agency working into life.
- In turn, this will then create the potential for a speeding issue to appear (noise complaints and road safety issues), so we need to look at that too.
- Speeding needs to be 'designed out' if we want a lasting solution. This would mean *something* like chicanes, or width-reduction of the road. In any case, this would be for Highways to consider, probably after we had some "evidence of need", which means RTC's.
- The DYL's and the Highway side ought to go through the CATG from yourselves. We can look at the enforcement side.

Hopefully this clarifies what I said last year. Please let me know what you're intending to do.

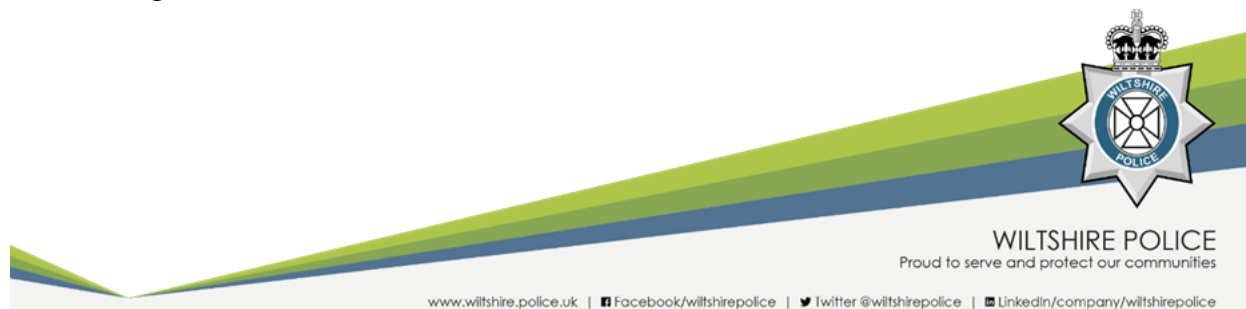
Team (CC'ed),

Please can you give Lancaster Road some attention, establish whose trailers are being left there, then raise it with the Transport Managers for those companies. They're committing an offence of 'leaving an unlit trailer on a road', which is a £50 N/E FPN.

I'm not asking you to start writing FPN's yet, just to point that out to the relevant Transport Managers. Please come back to me with the results over the next couple of sets of shifts.

**James Twyford 2448**

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## Teresa Strange

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**From:** Mark Harris  
**Sent:** 11 March 2023 13:18  
**To:** Teresa Strange  
**Subject:** Re: Trailer parking on Lancaster Road, Bowerhill Industrial Estate - your advice?

Teresa,

Please could we put this back on the agenda for the next Highways and Streetscene Committee.

Thank you.

Mark.

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**From:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2022 14:00  
**To:** Alan Baines <alan.baines@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; Mark Harris <mark.harris@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; David Pafford <david.pafford@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; John Glover <john.glover@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; Mary Pile <mary.pile@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; Richard Wood <richard.wood@melkshamwithout.co.uk>; Terrence Chivers <terry.chivers@melkshamwithout.co.uk>  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout.co.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Trailer parking on Lancaster Road, Bowerhill Industrial Estate - your advice?

Dear Planning Committee

For your information, response from Sgt James Twyford below on the trailer parking on the industrial estate.

Perhaps one for the highway committee agenda when they next meet.

Kind regards, Teresa

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**From:** Twyford, James <james.twyford@wiltshire.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2022 09:00  
**To:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout.co.uk>  
**Cc:** Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Trailer parking on Lancaster Road, Bowerhill Industrial Estate - your advice?

Morning Teresa,

It's an interesting one. I'd definitely be inclined to agree with the comment about it becoming a race track. I was first on scene to that RTC in Westbury that you mentioned and it was fairly harrowing. I know there were other factors in play (Players / Club Ice being nearby), but I'd rather not create a situation where we could see a repeat of that. Sometimes it's better the devil you know, but I do agree that it's perhaps a bit silly at the moment. It was

almost nose-to-tail trailers when I went down there last week, which was causing people to rush / bully their way past the line of parked trailers.

Thinking longer-term, it might still be worth some intermittent DYL's being painted, to at least limit the numbers parking there. In the meantime, I'll ask Janet to take some number plates off the trailers (if we can) and write to the respective Transport Managers to highlight the offence and the problem. If push comes to shove, we could potentially look to prosecute for that third offence you mention below; under s.24 Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations.

As for where they're displaced to; that's really only the concern of the Driver. They know the rules they've got to adhere to; they know the places which are unsafe and it's not something that would likely displace onto the surrounding residential roads because they're just not suitable.

Hope this helps,

James

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**From:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout.co.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 07 February 2022 16:37  
**To:** Twyford, James <[james.twyford@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:james.twyford@wiltshire.police.uk)>  
**Cc:** [Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Trailer parking on Lancaster Road, Bowerhill Industrial Estate - your advice?

Hi James

Just picking your brains really!

There is about 25-30 lorry trailers parking on Bowerhill Industrial Estate at the moment. It seems to have got worse and they are making the whole road single file traffic – particularly on Lancaster Road with the recycling centre on that road too its becoming really tricky to get down it.

I have no evidence but understand from some local businesses that they are trailers being left there whilst they are serviced/repaired at one of the garages on the estate.

I assume it seems worse at present as the Christie Miller sports centre has been heras fenced off before demolition and a lot used to park in the forecourt area there – that isn't going to change I assume, and will only get worse when the work takes place.

I have had several people raise it, and I think it will get mentioned at a parish council meeting tonight when we look at the following licence application for 5 HGV and 20 trailers to operate out of one of the hangars along there (attached) – the parish council have asked for yellow lines on the corners of the hangar entrances but we are in a long wait with every other yellow line request in the county.

I have spoken to parking enforcement and they say that as no yellow lines in place they have no remit as not parking illegally.

The police have previously said – I am not sure who in the past, may have been Barry Dalton, to be careful what you wish for as if you put yellow lines all the way round the industrial estate you create a race track for the boy racers.

Just looking for your thoughts really, one of the parish councillors has sent me the info below, but even if you did enforce it, where would they go?

At the back of my mind are those young men who drove into a back of a trailer on Westbury trading estate a while ago.

Sorry to ramble, just be interested from your perspective whether you see it as a problem as residents have raised it, an/or what the unintended consequence could be if measures were taken to fix it!

All the best, Teresa

1. It is an offence to park any vehicle over 2.5 tonnes on a public highway at night without lights.
2. It is an offence to park ANY vehicle at night with its offside to the kerb without lights (except in a one-way street).
3. It is an offence to park a trailer at night without a tractor unit attached unless it has its own front position lights, which must be illuminated.

See the Highway Code rules on parking at night (248 to 252) here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>



### [Waiting and parking \(238 to 252\) - The Highway Code - Guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252)

The Highway Code is essential reading for all road users, including pedestrians, mobility scooter users, cyclists, horse riders, drivers and motorcyclists.

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

And the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations here

- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1989/1796/regulation/24/made>

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## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Teresa Strange  
**Sent:** 04 March 2023 12:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Subject:** RE: Road traffic accident Westlands Lane

Hi [REDACTED]

Good to hear from you and I am sorry to hear about his accident.

There will be a crash investigation by the police and the parish council will review any recommendations from that report - as will Wiltshire Council who are the Highways Authority.

I will add it to the agenda for the next Highways Meeting in April.

Regards, Teresa

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 March 2023 09:45  
**To:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Road traffic accident Westlands Lane

Hi Teresa

Good to see you at the Wessex Water meeting last week.

You may be aware of an accident on Westlands Lane last week when a car came off the road after coming over the railway bridge and fell over a very steep railway embankment into the ditch below. We were in the field below at the time and witnessed the incident and the car came within a few yards of hitting us.

I raise this because we have been concerned for some time about the lack of barriers near the bridge and the fact that it is legal to drive over it at 60 miles an hour. We have regularly witnessed people trying to avoid traffic often coming both ways. There is no footpath and the road is used by dog walkers; wheelchairs and pushchairs, cyclists and other pedestrian traffic. The bridge is often used as a rat run when the 350 is snarled up and used by heavy plant and tactors often leaving mud on the road despite the signs about the weight restrictions. The bridge is also frequently further narrowed by workman cutting hedges or repairing the bridge.

To cut to the chase, is there a possibility that the 30 mile limit could be extended to include the hump backed bridge and its approaches.

I know many people get animated about speeding on the 350 but I think this situation is far more dangerous because of the 60 mile limit and the frequent pedestrian traffic.

Can you raise this with whoever can consider it or guide me to who I can speak to.

Thanks for your time

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Beanacre Community Group <bcg.beanacre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2023 00:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange; Alan Baines; Lorraine McRandle; michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk; westernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Re: Wessex Water Sewer Works, Westlands Lane, Beanacre

Just to add our views

Totally agree with Stanford.

With the increased traffic on the A350, Westlands Lane is being used as a rat run and most traffic now speed along the lane. As stated before, the metro count was positioned in the wrong place and the wrong time of year.

Irrespective of what the actual metro count was, it's a constant battle to get our elected to support our local community. Everyone is aware of the increased traffic, but money is being spent on the wrong things.

Gates at the entrance to the village will look nice, but won't do anything to slow drivers down. We need reduction measure like chicane, speed bumps etc .. with Wessex Water offering financial support and Westlands Lane being dug up, this would be a perfect time to do something in support of traffic reduction.

Why is it so difficult to get support for the local residents, we are the ones who live in the area and support the local economy. Traffic only passes through at great speed yet no one dares to take any measures to regulate it and make it bearable and safe. Bath seems to be able to get measures implemented and improve the resident's life?

What exactly has been done to Beanacre's infrastructure in the last 20yrs? All our signs are rusty, broken and dirty. We also share the Parish Steward with other villages so getting things done takes time.

So all that said, let's hope our local MP will actually do something this time instead of just paying us lip service. We might even get a response in a timely manner and not 7 months later.

Regards

Stuart and the wider Beanacre Community..

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Feb 2023, at 15:55, [REDACTED] wrote:

Teresa,

Final comments from me, no point in email ping pong so no need for you to respond.

- My next door neighbour and I are at the very start of the new sewer installation and I intend to connect to it. Nothing received from WW by either of us regarding an upcoming meeting.
- I have been suggesting that MWPC, as a publicly responsible body, should set an example and make your access disabled friendly which it currently is not and never has been since

the play area was constructed. Leave it as it is if that is so controversial, it's your access and your responsibility, not the Church's.

Regards,

Stanford

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From: "Teresa Strange" <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>

To: "[REDACTED]"

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Cc: "Alan Baines" <alan.baines@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>; "Beanacre Community Group"

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"westernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk" <westernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, 8 Feb, 23 At 15:40

Subject: RE: Wessex Water Sewer Works, Westlands Lane, Beanacre

Hi Stanford

Replies below.....in red.

All the best, Teresa

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: 08 February 2023 15:17

To: Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>

Cc: Alan Baines <alan.baines@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>; Beanacre Community Group

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michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk; westernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Wessex Water Sewer Works, Westlands Lane, Beanacre

Teresa,

Blimey, didn't expect an Epistle by return **You are asking for money to be spent by a public body, there is a process! We have had another request from Corsham Cricket Club today for the same Wessex Water pot of money, for improving the community field to the rear of the church.**

Comment:

- I am completely unaware of any upcoming meeting on 21st February. Where is it and what time? **Invitations have been sent by Wessex Water to the properties that will be connecting to the mains drainage route – if you are not on that route then you would not be invited? So just for Westlands Lane residents?**
- Making MWPC's gate access from the play area to the boules court disabled friendly is NOT something requested by the church. It has been SUGGESTED by the church for MWPC to take forward if they wish. **OK.,Its not related to the parish council's leased land though, you are suggesting that the parish council improve the access to your land?**
- There's really no link between Beanacre and Shurnold Fields, but as that's Wessex Water's choice so be it **Yes, their choice. There is an official right of way from Beanacre through**

Shurnhold Fields' giving direct access. They presumably felt it was close enough from an ecology point of view.

- Traffic wise, things have changed a lot in Westlands Lane in 6 years. A speed check located by numbers 45E and 45F will give a low reading due to the pinch point proximity. Place that check 150 yards further back towards the railway bridge will give a clear picture of the majority of vehicles travelling at an excessive speed in either direction. **Taken on board for the consideration of the parish council as to a future request.**

Regards,

Stanford

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From: "Teresa Strange" <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>

To: [REDACTED]  
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Sent: Wednesday, 8 Feb, 23 At 11:56

Subject: RE: Wessex Water Sewer Works, Westlands Lane, Beanacre

Dear Stanford

Thank you for your email.

As you will be aware, this is something we discussed last year when we held the Wessex Water information session at St Barnabas Church (incidentally next one booked for Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, hopefully you received an invite direct, the parish council will be there too).

A variety of suggestions were put forward by the parish council, including those that we discussed (improving the car park for the church/community space).

Wessex Water are actively considering two schemes from those suggestions put forward.

1. To contribute to the funding of village gates on the A350 as you enter Beanacre from Lacock on the A350, when it goes from 60mph to 30mph – a whole host of suggested options have been investigated, and this is the one going forward at present with Wiltshire Council and the parish council contributing 50% (through the LHFIFG <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6632/Local-highway-and-footway-improvement-groups> this is a live project currently estimated to cost £8-10k.
2. To move the large heavy gate to access the community field behind the church and replace with a user friendly, disabled access gate and relocate the gate to the rear of the play area for maintenance access – the project that you/the church have requested.

Wessex Water are also putting in a wildflower meadow area at Shurnhold Fields (we also suggested your community field behind the church but their ecology person chose Shurnhold Fields which is the mini country park on the site of the ex George Ward School playing fields) as biology offset for their pumping station that will be built.

With regards to Westlands Lane, when the speed survey was undertaken, the speed of traffic on Westlands Lane did not meet any eligibility criteria for intervention measures such as the use of Community Speed Watch, or the Speed Indicator Device, and so I presume does not provide the evidence for speed calming measures either? Report attached, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of traffic was travelling at 29.8mph in a 30mph limit. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below. This was undertaken in July 2016 and the traffic was very slightly slower than the survey in 2010 which had the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile travelling at 30.6mph.

They were some time ago, and it may be worth the parish council considering if another survey should be undertaken, and I will put that on the agenda for when the Highways Committee next meet; along with this request for Wessex Water funding.

In terms of the eligibility criteria following speed surveys, please be aware of the following intervention levels:

In a 30mph speed limit the following criteria will be applied;

30 to 35mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = No Further Action (NFA)

35.1 to 42 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for Community Speed Watch

Over 42 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = Subject to Police enforcement

With kind regards, Teresa

Teresa Strange

Clerk

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**Subject:** Wessex Water Sewer Works, Westlands Lane, Beanacre

I understand that Wessex Water are setting up a fund for the benefit of local projects as a result of the upcoming sewer works in Westlands Lane, Beanacre. May I suggest that they are asked to fund, in full or part, traffic calming measures in Westlands Lane as the speed of traffic has increased exponentially in recent years. No one does 30mph except when they reach the pin point near the A350, and the volume of traffic is far more today than what it used to be. Done in conjunction with the sewer works would be the ideal time.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Westlands Lane, SN12 7QE

## Teresa Strange

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**From:** Stansby, Mark <mark.stansby@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 09 March 2023 14:05  
**To:** Teresa Strange  
**Subject:** RE: Road traffic accident Westlands Lane

Hello Teresa,

I have checked in with our internal Collision Investigator but he has received nothing about this recent issue from the Police and so we have no further details than what was reported by the Wiltshire Times to share. In one respect this is good news, as it means that any injuries sustained are unlikely to be life threatening. The collision will appear eventually on the Police's database which they share with us, but this can take several months to be uploaded.

Circular 01/2013, which I shared with you recently, states that speed limits should not be introduced to simply address an isolated hazard, which in this case is the rail bridge. Other features such as traffic signs and markings are more likely to improve safety than an ineffective speed limit.

Of course, any claims about the cause of this recent collision (speeding?), is just speculation at this time. Regardless of the speed limit in force, it is the prevailing width, vertical and horizontal alignment of the road at this location that are the speed controlling factors for most sensible drivers. Of course, there are some drivers which take risks, but these are perhaps less likely to take notice of speed limits. Interestingly, the last recorded injury collision on the bridge was back in 2008 and involved a single vehicle heading eastbound, losing control on the crest of the bridge which resulted in a "slight" injury.

Whilst any collision is regrettable, the safety record suggests that the vast majority negotiate this local route in a safe manner.

Regards,

Mark.

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Sent: 06 March 2023 13:45  
To: Stansby, Mark <[mark.stansby@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mark.stansby@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
Subject: FW: Road traffic accident Westlands Lane

Hi Mark

Hope you are well..... hope the white lines at the Campus entrance work - lots of random people wandering in the road and not the path by the Blue Pool!

I am getting in touch as residents of Westlands Lane have been in touch demanding that the speeding in Westlands Lane is dealt with following the accident last week.  
<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wiltshiretimes.co.uk%2Fnews%2F23356786.fiat-500-ends-stream-dramatic-railway-bridge-crash%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cmark.stansby%40wiltshire.gov.uk%7Ccdaa34a568454c2043f808db1e48f0fe%7C5546e75e3be14813b0ff26651ea2fe19%7C0%7C0%7C638137070851410732%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luZmZlcjB0Ii6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IK20BP%2FMexrVWF0AUyCsPGQ4fhkCBvEk5LGBDd4Xbo%3D&reserved=0>

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Sent: 04 March 2023 12:01  
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Thanks for your time

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

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TRAFFIC SURVEY  
REQUEST PROCESS AND  
INFORMATION  
November 2020

Instructions for ordering Traffic Surveys from Wiltshire Council

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## Appendix 1

### Overview of Traffic Surveys

Previously known as 'Metro Counts', the traffic surveys we undertake use equipment placed on carriageways which comprises two rubber tubes stretched across the carriageway and a data box which is secured to street furniture. Data is collected for 24 hours per day over a 7-day period on the speed, volume and classification of vehicles. The equipment may be on site for up to two weeks and surveys are only conducted during school term times.

Wiltshire Council receives a large number of traffic survey requests over the year from town and parish councils and from internal teams within the Council to assist with transport related projects.

*Please note, we do not accept the request forms directly from individual members of the public. If you are a member of the public who would like to request a traffic survey, this should be made via your local town or parish council who will submit an application form to Wiltshire Council on your behalf.*

Traffic survey requests will be sent to our contractor in batches of 30. Once the surveys have been completed, Wiltshire Council will process the survey data before it is distributed to the relevant town or parish council.

The following information has been provided in order to guide you through the process of completing a Traffic Survey Request. Please read this carefully and provide as much detail as possible. Once the traffic survey has been commissioned, it cannot be cancelled, relocated or repeated.

If you have any queries, please contact [trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Appendix 2

### Area Board/Community Engagement Managers (CEM) & Traffic Engineer Information

Area Board	CEM	WC Highway Engineer
Amesbury	Jacqui Abbott	Kate Davey
Bradford on Avon	Ros Griffiths	Kirsty Rose
Calne	Jane Vaughan	Mark Stansby
Chippenham	Ollie Phipps	Martin Rose
Corsham	Ros Griffiths	Kate Davey
Devizes	Andrew Jack	Gareth Rogers
Malmesbury	Ollie Phipps	Martin Rose
Marlborough	Andrew Jack	Steve Hind
Melksham	Peter Dunford	Mark Stansby
Pewsey	Richard Rogers	Mark Stansby
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Jane Vaughan	Steve Hind
Salisbury	Marc Read	Paul Shaddock
Southern Wiltshire	Karen Linaker	Julie Watts
South West Wiltshire	Karen Linaker	Julie Watts
Tidworth	Richard Rogers	Gareth Rogers
Trowbridge	Liam Cripps	Kirsty Rose
Warminster	Graeme Morrison	Martin Rose
Westbury	Graeme Morrison	Kirsty Rose

## Appendix 3

### Site Selection Criteria for Traffic Surveys

The following points must be followed when selecting a survey site. If the criteria are not met, the data quality will be poor, and results may not provide any evidence of the issues you have raised.

- For Community Speed Watch and community concern sites, traffic surveys will only be approved in 20mph, 30mph and 40mph limits. **Any locations with a posted speed limit of 50mph or 60mph will need approval from a Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer** before a survey is commissioned.
- **Sites must be at least 100 metres from a change of speed limit.**
- **Select sites where most traffic is travelling at a constant speed across the tubes.** Wherever possible please avoid the following locations;
  - roads where vehicles are accelerating or decelerating due to sharp bends and steep inclines
  - do not choose locations near traffic signals, junctions or near pedestrian crossings
  - roads with on-street parking
  - and sites where vehicles may need to stop over the tubes.
- **Ensure that traffic will cross at right angles to the tubes as far as possible.** Avoid sites where vehicles may turn across the tubes or where vehicles may change lanes.
- **Ensure there is a suitable securing point for the roadside unit.** This could be road signs, street furniture, trees or street lights. **Please note – equipment cannot be attached to telegraph poles.** The data box is secured with a padlock and chain - any posts must be tall enough so that the chain cannot be lifted over the top. Use of posts on private property will require permission from the landowner.
- **Consideration for the safety of the deployment officers is paramount.** Any location deemed too high risk for deployment will not be completed – notification of this will come from our contractors via Wiltshire Council and the relevant Town/Parish Council will be notified.
- **Please include as much information for the location as possible,** including house numbers, official road name and/or number and maps or map web-links using (<https://www.google.co.uk/maps>). In addition, please include a [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com) link for the location, as this helps us and our external contractors to identify specific locations, particularly in rural areas. Please see Appendix 3 for further instructions.
- **Please avoid using local nicknames for locations.**

- **Locations are not eligible for repeat survey within a 12-month period**, unless there are exceptional circumstances and approval from the Highways Officer.

**PLEASE NOTE – There may be instances where the site you have selected cannot be surveyed and an alternative is deployed. Reasons for this could be as follows;**

- **the site is not suitable for the equipment to be secured and the contractor will relocate the equipment in a more suitable place as close to the requested site as possible**
- **a Wiltshire Council Highways Officer considers that an alternative location is required in order to achieve the most accurate results based on the issues outlined. However, any alterations will be notified by email to the appropriate Town/Parish Council for final approval.**

A Wiltshire Council Highways Officer will try to answer any questions regarding the above points but are unable to visit sites in person. Please contact [trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk) .

## Appendix 4

### Survey Results

From October 2020, all traffic surveys will be commissioned by a company called Tracsis who are Traffic and Survey specialists. The survey data will be supplied to the corresponding Town/Parish Council and will provide details as before. However, the presentation of the data will change and will include the following information (please see Figure 1);

- **Speed Data**

The traffic survey will record 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for each vehicle and this will be used to determine if the site enters the thresholds for intervention and detailed as follows;

Speed Limit (MPH)	No further action (85 <sup>th</sup> ile)	Considered for Community Speed Watch (85 <sup>th</sup> ile)	Police Enforcement (85 <sup>th</sup> ile)
20mph	20 mph to 24 mph	24.1 mph to 38.9 mph	Over 39 mph
30mph	30 mph to 35 mph	35.1 mph to 41.9 mph	Over 42 mph
40mph	40 mph to 46 mph	46.1 mph to 49.9 mph	Over 50 mph

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling. This is the standard method of assessing traffic speed in the UK. **Community Speed Watch teams cannot operate in areas with a speed limit over 40mph.**

In addition to the recorded 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, speed results are also provided to illustrate;

- Directional speed data
- Weekly average speed data
- Percentage of vehicles travelling over PSL (Posted Speed Limit).

- **Traffic Volumes**

Traffic volumes are recorded hourly and split into northbound/southbound, eastbound or westbound directions. These results are also categorised as follows;

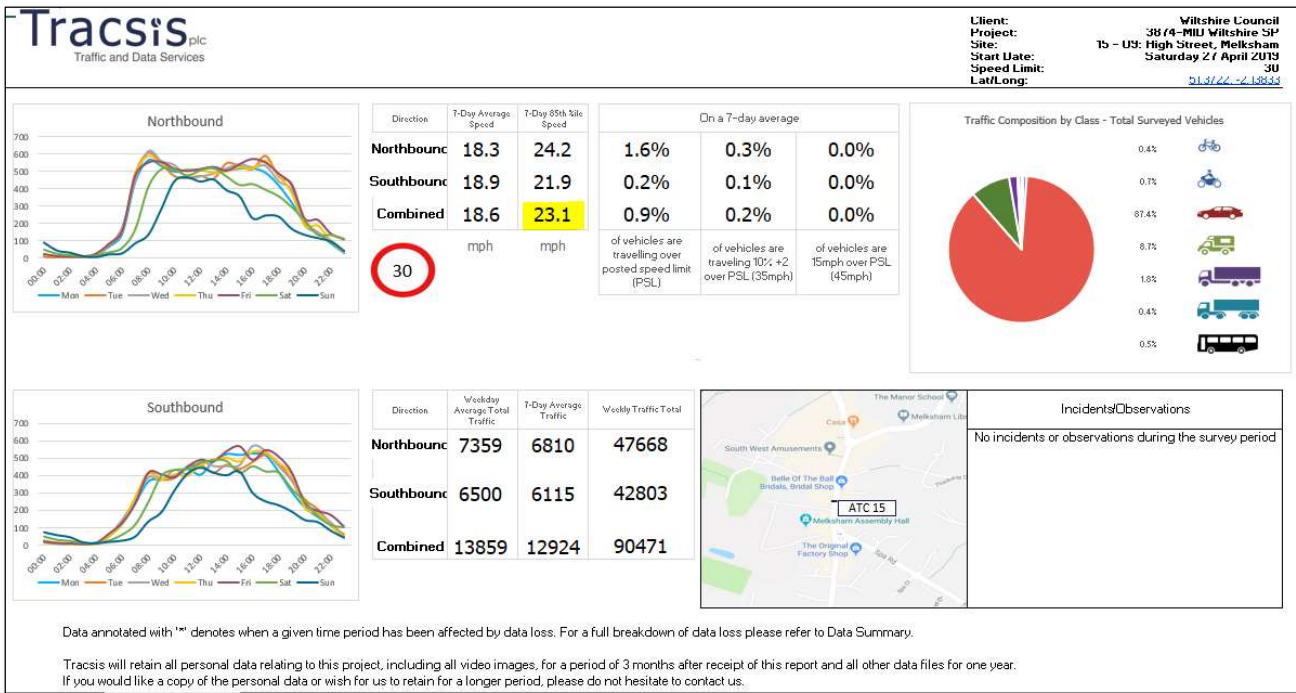
- Combined vehicle volume
- Weekday average volume
- Weekly average volume
- Weekly total volume



- Vehicle Classification**

The classification of each vehicle is recorded during the traffic survey by measuring the distance between front and rear axles as they travel over the two tubes. Again, this information is provided as a summary over the survey period and split into vehicle classifications.

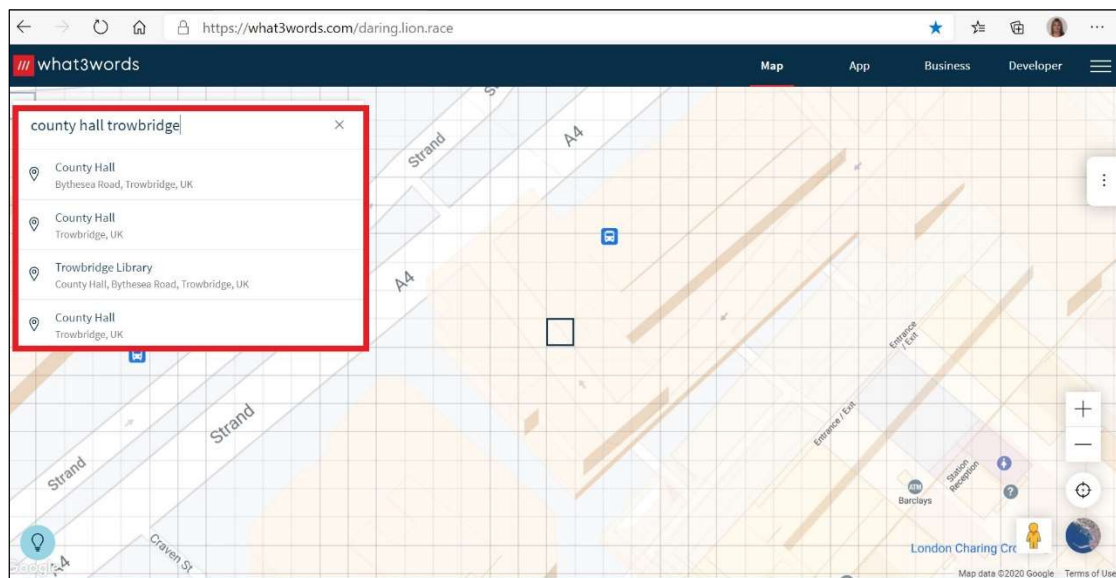
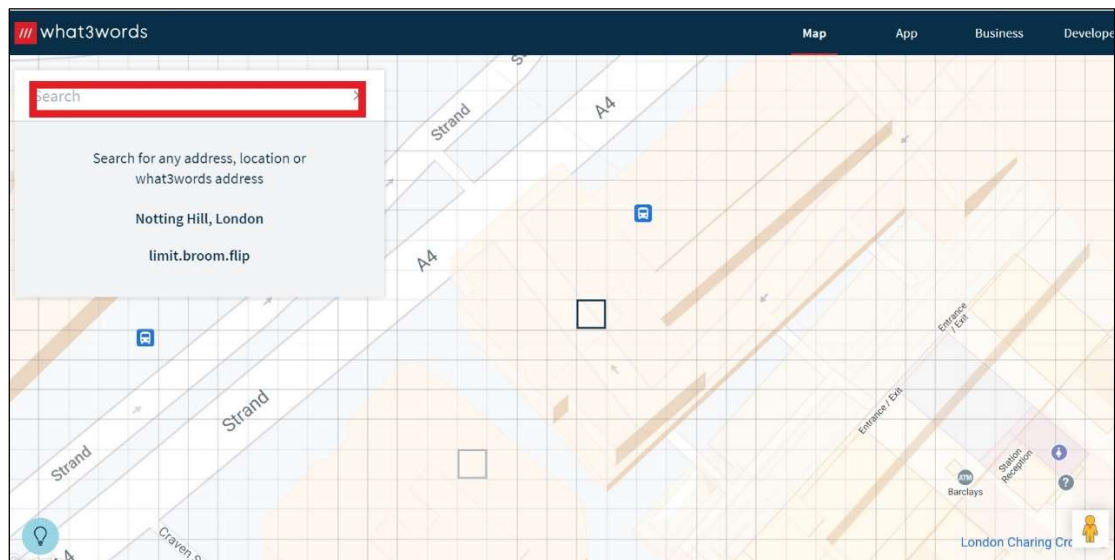
Figure 1 – example survey report



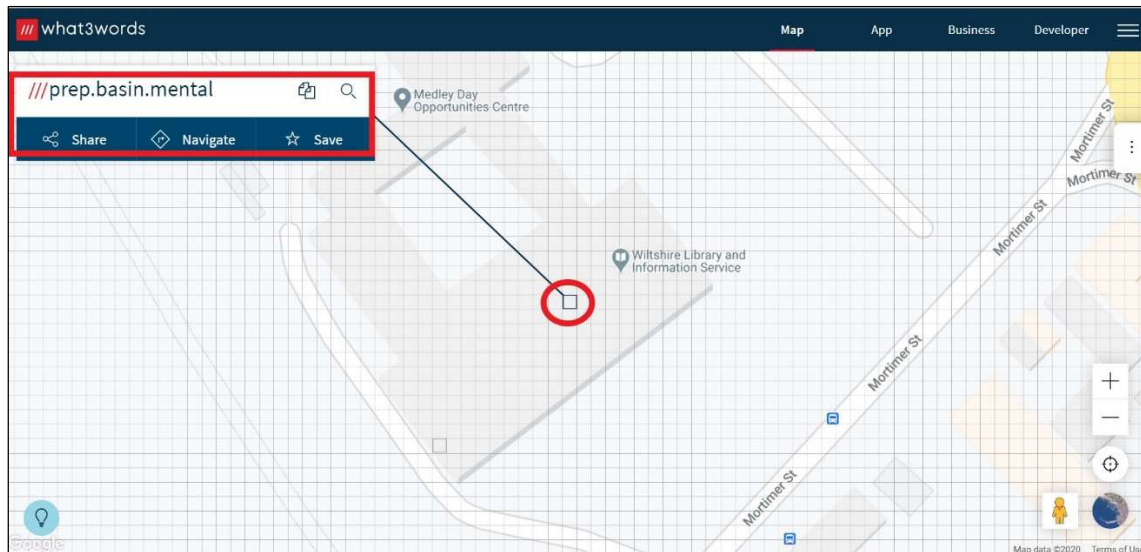
## Appendix 5

### 'What 3 Words' Instructions

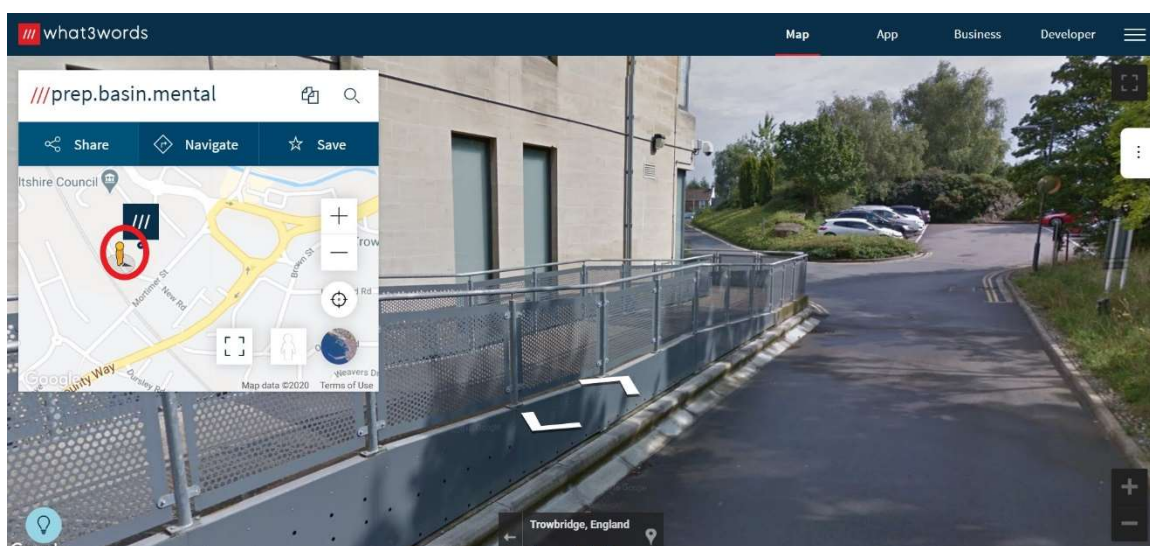
- Navigate to [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com)
- In the search bar at the top left of the screen, type in the address or postcode you are looking for e.g. County Hall, Trowbridge.



- Make your selection from the list and you will automatically be taken to the location on the map as shown in the next image.



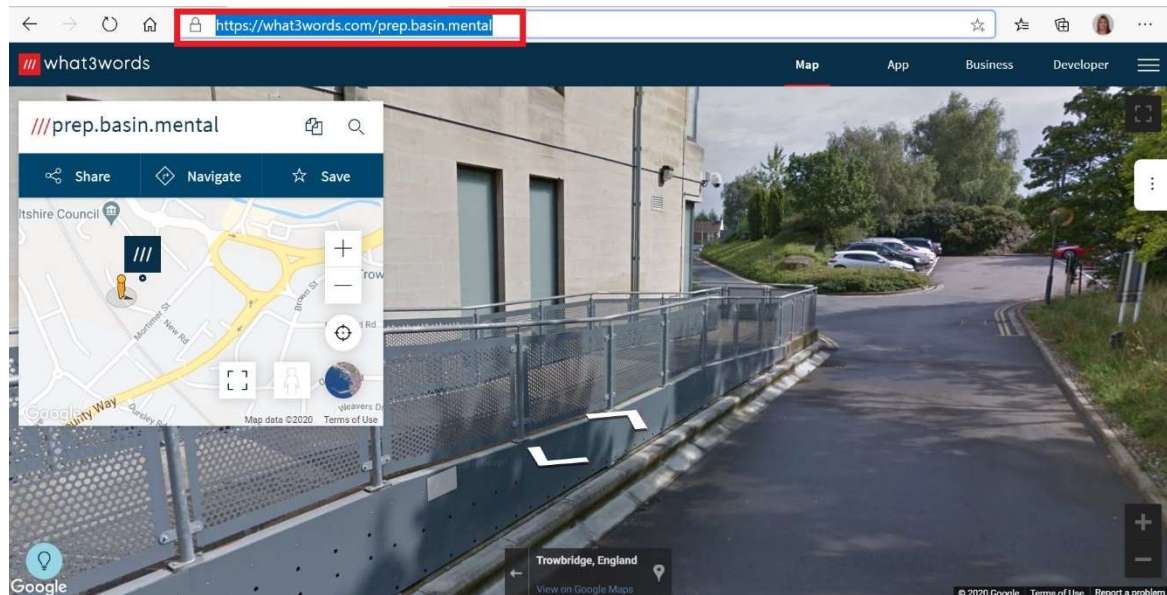
- Once you have been navigated to your chosen address, you will see three completely random words in the search box which is where you will find your 'What3Words' location reference. **However**, the location that you are taken to may not necessarily be the precise location you are looking for (e.g. Mortimer Street, Trowbridge). Using the 'hand' tool, you can navigate around the screen to find your chosen location. Again, using the 'hand' tool, click onto a box within the grid - each time you do this you will notice the 3 words in the search box change.
- Once you have found your chosen location, please select the 'yellow man' at the bottom right of the screen (also shown in Google Maps). Click and drag him onto the map in the vicinity of your location as shown below.



- You can now navigate to your chosen location by selecting the relevant box on the map shown on the top left of your screen, and the 'yellow man' will move to that box. An image

of the location will also be shown via Google Maps which will enable you to specify an exact location (e.g. street light number 35 outside entrance to County Hall).

- Once you are happy with your location, please make a note of the What3Words reference (e.g. ///prep.basin.mental) on your traffic survey request form **OR** simply highlight then copy the URL on your web browser as shown in the next image and paste the URL link onto the request form.



- If you have any issues with using [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com) please contact [trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:trafficsurveys@wiltshire.gov.uk) .

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<sup>1</sup> Document Created By  
Emma Painter  
Sustainable Transport  
October 2020

Thursday, 16 March 2023

**Traffic Speed Survey Result Westlands Lane, Beanacre (30mph Speed Limit)**

- Near 46 Westlands Lane

The Results of the survey for the area of Westlands Lane are provided below.

The survey was carried out between 11/07/2016 and 29/07/2016. A total of 18134 vehicles were checked. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 29.8mph (the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below). The average speed was 29.4mph.

As with every other department, we have to target our limited resources to where they will be most effective and as such I would remind you that unless there are exceptional circumstances we will not accept another count request for this location or close surrounding area for another 12 months. For your information the thresholds for interventions are below;

**In a 30mph speed limit the following criteria will be applied:**

30 to 35mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = No Further Action (NFA)

35.1 to 42 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for Community Speed Watch

Over 42 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = Subject to Police enforcement

Community Speed Watch does not operate in any speed limit above 40mph.

Any other results in higher speed limits will be discussed on their individual basis and merit.

Yours sincerely

Road Safety Driving  
roadsafetydriving@wiltshire.gov.uk  
01225 701970

## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: Speeding Concerns on Westlands Lane  
**Attachments:** Fortunately No Injuries.jpg

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 16 March 2023 12:31  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle <[office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Beanacre Community Group <[bcg.beanacre@gmail.com](mailto:bcg.beanacre@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Speeding Concerns on Westlands Lane

Lorraine,

Thanks for the info below; no doubt it will make interesting watching and reading.....

Just one point to be raised please - if a speed recording device is put into Westlands Lane to monitor traffic speed, I suggest that it should be located outside 44A Westlands Lane or thereabouts. At that point traffic coming from the A350 has speeded up and traffic coming from the Whitley direction has not slowed down. The speeds achieved over the railway bridge at times have to be seen to be believed, resulting in the Fiat 500 taking off and disappearing down the embankment the other week with a female driver and three children aboard. Picture attached in case you missed it.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: "Lorraine McRandle" <[office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, 16 Mar, 23 At 08:58  
Subject: RE: Speeding Concerns on Westlands Lane

Hi Stanford

Thank you for your email.

The minutes will be published on our website once they have been approved (hopefully) at Full Council on 27 March.

## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: HGV Parking in residential lay-by

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 24 January 2023 19:25

To: Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>

Subject: HGV Parking in residential lay-by

Dear Teresa,

I live in burnt cottages in Beanacre. There is small lay-by outside for the 4 houses parking. I also have front drive parking access. There used to be a sign forbidding lorry parking but a HGV knocked it over and it's never been replaced.

Numerous vehicles park there and drivers eat their food on their breaks, some even parking overnight, and as there are no facilities we have found bottles of urine just thrown into the hedgerows.

I have often come home and not been able to access my front drive and even have difficulty getting into the lay-by which is dangerous straight off the A350.

After several incidents, including owners cars wing mirrors getting knocked off, scrapes on cars , footpath blocked and damaged, the police when attending an incident stated the sign would be replaced but that hasn't happened.

I am requesting that the sign be replaced so that the residents are able to access their parking safely. The same seems to apply to the church lay-by. I am assuming the HGV drivers should be using the designated pit stops with facilities.

Regards

Sent from my iPad



## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: IMG\_1359-preview.pvt. For wilts council review re previous request  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1359.HEIC

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**From:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Sent:** 15 February 2023 15:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: IMG\_1359-preview.pvt. For wilts council review re previous request

Hi Teresa

We have put your request through to Wiltshire Council via their App and they had responded as follows:

Wiltshire Council Comment: Thank you for your report. We have no record of any parking restriction sign being installed, being present or recently removed from the Burnt Cottages slip road. Additionally there is no traffic order restricting parking for any vehicles, HGV or otherwise, within the public highway of this slip road. In order to prevent HGV's ONLY from parking then such an order would need to be created and implemented with attendant bespoke signage. As MWPC will be aware this is costly and time consuming and its dubious merits at this specific location would likely make it not cost effective. If MWPC or the residents wish to continue this venture then an application to the LHFIG will be required.

Therefore, we have put your request on our next Highway agenda for consideration and if approved will be forwarded to the Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) for their consideration and if approved both the parish council and LHFIG will contribute 50% each towards the costs.

Our next Highway's meeting is scheduled for 17 April, as they only meet quarterly in order to send requests to LHFIG who also only meet quarterly.

You are more than welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom. The agenda will be published a week before the meeting and includes a Zoom link. The link will also be published on our website just before the meeting.

Lorraine

Lorraine McRandle  
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**Sent:** 10 February 2023 08:30  
**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: IMG\_1359-preview.pvt. For wilts council review re previous request

Sent from my iPad

Dear Teresa

Further to my previous email re lorry parking in residential lay-by for burnt cottages in Beanacre.

Our request for the sign prohibiting vehicles parking to be reinstated is because of this. This lorry was parked across our lane exit this morning and we couldn't exit for work! The driver came back having been to Greggs for breakfast, they have a car park!

I note you said melksham town council can't deal with this as it's Wiltshire highways who will and you have forwarded my email to them.

As you didn't give me their email would you be so kind as to forward this so they can see the urgency of our problem, as it's getting worse. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**BURNT COTTAGES AND REQUEST FOR NO HGV PARKING**



## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Holder, Nick <Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 March 2023 19:21  
**To:** Teresa Strange; Cleave, Julie  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle; Thompson, Andy  
**Subject:** RE: Number of traffic signage issues on Pathfinder Way

Hi Teresa/Julie,

Can I ask why the request for yellow lines will need to go to LHFIG as I am unclear as to why the highways team can not just action this. The request for yellow lines would make the junctions consistent with most similar junctions across the Melksham area>

Nick

**Nick Holder**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**  
**Councillor for Bowerhill**  
**Deputy Chair Melksham Area Board**  
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**From:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 March 2023 14:33  
**To:** Cleave, Julie <Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>; Thompson, Andy <Andy.Thompson@wiltshire.gov.uk>; Holder, Nick <Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Number of traffic signage issues on Pathfinder Way

Hi Julie

Are you able to give us any update on the list below please? We can see on the ground that some, but not all, have happened.

With regards to the request from Cllr Holder for yellow lines, that will have to go to LHFIG, and the parish council can consider at their next highways meeting, which we are bringing forward to next Monday.  
With kind regards, Teresa

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**From:** Cleave, Julie <[Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 14 February 2023 16:21  
**To:** Holder, Nick <[Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk)>; Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle <[office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>; Thompson, Andy <[Andy.Thompson@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Thompson@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Number of traffic signage issues on Pathfinder Way

Dear Teresa and Cllr Holder,

Thank you for your emails below. My next scheduled Pathfinder meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> March and I will consider the issues you have raised then. I will get back to you as soon as possible after that meeting.

Kind regards,

**Julie Cleave MCIHT**  
**Highways Development Control Engineer (Level 3)**  
Sustainable Transport  
(Part time: Mon – Thurs)

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**From:** Holder, Nick <[Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Holder@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 14 February 2023 11:18  
**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>; Cleave, Julie <[Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle <[office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Number of traffic signage issues on Pathfinder Way

Hi Julie,  
One from me to add, is there any chance on installing double yellow lines on both Maitland Place and Newall Road and the junction of Pathfinder. This approach should prevent parking close to the junction and will aid visibility when joining Pathfinder. As you know this is not uncommon on many junctions such as these.  
Thanks

**Nick Holder**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**  
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**Sent:** 13 February 2023 16:14  
**To:** Cleave, Julie <[Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Cleave@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
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**Subject:** Number of traffic signage issues on Pathfinder Way

Hi Julie

I hope you are well, and finally got rind of the lingering cold 😊

We have had a few issues niggling away about Pathfinder Way and the main A365 roundabout and I wonder if you are able to clarify when these will be dealt with please as they are issues still being raised by residents and parish councillors.

- Can we double check that additional signage has been put in place to correct the anomaly of a 30mph speed limit in one direction and 40mph speed limit in the other; Wiltshire Councillor Holder understands that these have been put in place with Pathfinder Way now a 30mph zone. However, we think there is still an anomaly with the painted speed signs on the road.
- There appears to be a new 30mph sign on the exit from Halifax Road roundabout when the whole of Bowerhill is already 30mph and therefore this is effectively a repeater 30mph speed sign which we are not sure complies with Traffic Regulations– can you please clarify.
- The painted turn left sign on the road at the Bowerhill roundabout/Pathfinder Way junction was still to be removed – can you confirm when this will be done, we understand from Cllr Holder that Chris Clark was dealing with this, but can you please confirm when this is likely to be done?
- The incorrect arrows on both sides of the roundabout (i.e. Spa Road and Pathfinder Way) are causing confusion for drivers and some drivers were adhering to what is painted on the road and others were adhering to the Highway Code, not aware of the road markings. This includes the Faresaver buses, with incidences of road rage witnessed, with both drivers feeling they were in the right.

With many thanks, Teresa

Teresa Strange  
Clerk

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS:**

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## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: Bowerhill primary school parking

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**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 23 February 2023 17:28

**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Bowerhill primary school parking

I wondered whether something like no parking signs on the grass would help maybe. It's not just the parking that's a pain it's also the abuse you get if you dare to speak to any one of them. On Thu, Feb 23, 2023, 4:48 PM Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email correspondence.

I am not sure what we can do about this at the parish council?

I do know that the school is looking at its Travel Plan, which will include sustainable way for the pupils to get to and from school.

I can add to the agenda of the next Parish Council highways meeting, but I am not sure what you are asking us to do, or measures to be implemented to combat this.

With kind regards,

Teresa

Teresa Strange

Clerk

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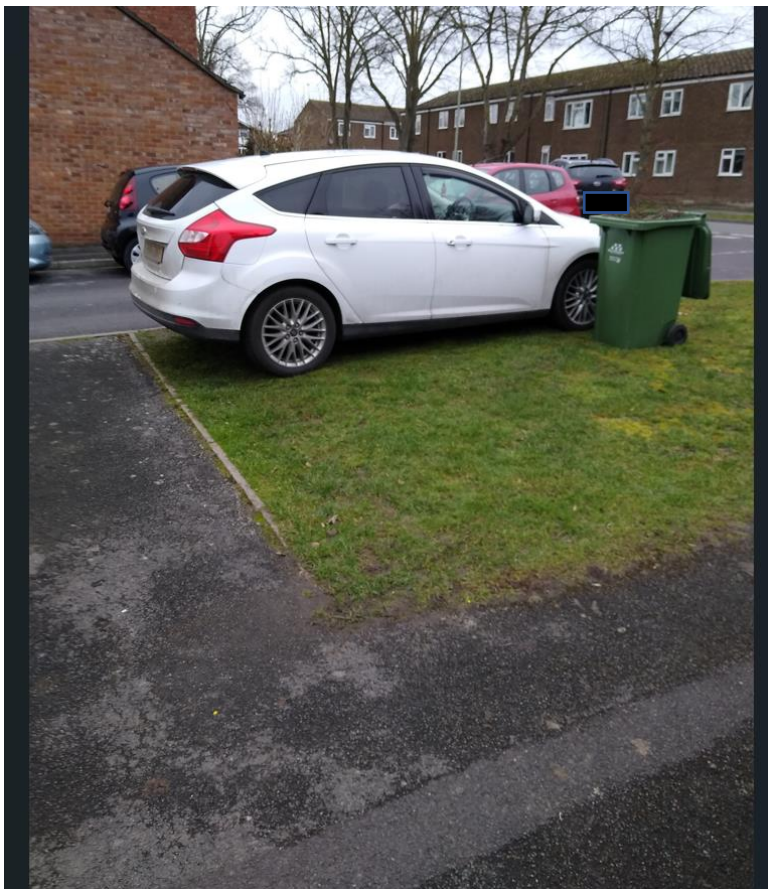
**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 23 February 2023 15:58  
**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Bowerhill primary school parking

I have contacted the school about inconsiderate parking by parents. It is not 5 or 10 mins each time it's getting longer. Now there is a car parking on the grass outside our property making it difficult for people coming to our property and also it's getting difficult to get round onto our drive

It's also churning up the grass. I attach pictures

We realize parking is at a premium but we do expect some consideration.

PARKING OUTSIDE BOWERHILL SCHOOL AGENDA ITEM 8(F)



**Lorraine McRandle**

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**Subject:** FW: To have discussion with Atworth parish council - possible parish steward job

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**From:** Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2023 09:59  
**To:** Lorraine McRandle <office@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>; Teresa Strange <clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** To have discussion with Atworth parish council - possible parish steward job

Reminder for next week

Hi Teresa / further to my initial message last week - I'd like to e-introduce you to Cllr Sarah Davies who is our Village Maintenance lead. She would like to talk to you about whether we can work together to widen the pavement (tidy the grass verge back in effect) between Atworth and into Shaw as far as Lowden Garden Centre in order to allow people with accessibility needs to use the widened pavement. I think scraping off the overgrown verge has been discussed previously. I'll leave it with you to discuss and Sarah will revert to our Clerk. Whilst I write - Juliette is sadly leaving us - Georgie Barry is coming back for 6 months to help us find a 'forever Clerk' but we may reach out to see if you can offer any expertise in that vein! Thanks so much Teresa and Sarah  
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Hello sorry for the slow reply I am currently involved in our neighbourhood plan consultation events and not back at my desk until Monday. Happy to chat about this. It would be fir the parish steward.....

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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS**

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Come to the Melksham Community Campus for an exhibition of display boards with a chance to chat in-person

**THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 4pm-7pm**  
**FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 11am-5pm**  
**SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 10am-12 noon**

Consultation boards will then be on display in the campus and town hall from early February to early March. Where you will be able to comment directly on proposals.

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**Emma**



## CAWS Chair Report – March 2023

**Please read this report before the meeting as I do not propose to walk through it on the day. I will however use the table on page 4 to highlight where I think we need discussion/agreement and/or Actions.**

### Road Safety

Kirsty and I had a productive meeting MWPC (Cllr Alan Baines and Teresa Strange ) on 24/01/2023 as you will see from the summary of our Top 10 initiatives at Annex A.

Taking the output of that discussion and other data and conversations since the following priorities are proposed, noting that some are already in train:

- **30 MPH Limit from George Ward to the Shaw Traffic Lights.** This would help make it a little safer for drivers and pedestrians, particularly for children/parents walking along this route to Shaw School. It would also reinforce the existing hard 30 MPH limit that currently starts just before the lights. There is strong support for this from GWG and others and so I propose that CAWS add its support to the campaign.
- **20 MPH Limit outside Shaw School.** Whilst this might in reality have little real impact while parking at drop off and pick up times is chaotic; it might nevertheless make a marginal improvement now and a bigger one when parking is resolved. WC policy allows for such limits if connected to a School Travel Plan, which for Shaw School is understood to be out of date. I propose that CAWS supports such a limit and pushes the School and WC to include that in the updated Travel Plan proposals.
- **Parking outside Shaw School.** We have recommended that the school consider the use of SVH and that SVH may wish to consider obtaining a grant to resurface etc the existing SVH car park. I propose that CAWS presses the school for a suitable parking strategy in the new Travel Plan and that we support SVH in any grant application that they might make.
- **30 MPH Road Markings.** As there are legal impediments to additional above ground signage, I propose that CAWS supports additional road markings on Shaw Hill and Corsham Road.
- **SIDs or ASCs.** As the principle of dedicated equipment for Shaw and Whitley is now agreed I propose that CAWS deploy one or the other, on a dedicated basis, IF match funding is provided by MWPC. A grant application has been submitted in anticipation (see below) and will be considered by MWPC later in the month.

Items that are already in progress and that we should continue to support:

- **Enforcement.** We should continue to support regular speed and parking enforcement, the latter being a useful source of evidence for our other initiatives.
- **Traffic Light Shutters.**

Items that we should keep a watching brief on:

- **20 MPH Limits in Village Lanes.** There is significant informal support from residents for such a scheme but there are procedural and funding constraints, including that even though I believe there is some discretion that can be applied by WC, the reality is that to balance competing demands, WC will need an application supported by formal evidence which would be expensive to collect. I

therefore propose that we do not make this a CAWS priority at this time, but that we do still collect informal evidence of support so that we can revisit this in due course.

Finally the distribution of Slow Down stickers is complete on Corsham Road and Top Lane and nearly complete on Shaw Hill. We are therefore ready to start on Middle Lane and First Lane. We should offer up any remaining stickers to be used on other bins.

### **MWPC Grant Application**

As the committee gave me some discretion on making a grant application at the last meeting, and because of the positive direction of travel on a SID or ASC with MWPC, and the extremely narrow window of opportunity to make an application, Joan and I submitted an application for £2,870 being 50% of the cost of the planned Topography Signs (which we have already agreed to progress) and 50% of the costs of a SID or ASC. This application will be considered later in March 2023. In the event that our application is denied, or is cut back, we should reconsider our plans.

### **Local History**

You will recall the project to collect local history for use of our Topography signs and possibly other uses including information boards in our other telephone box and a booklet. Hopefully you saw the related article in last month's Connect. I am pleased to report that this have moved on in leaps and bounds with significant support and personal stories and info from many local residents. With over 17,000 words 35+ pages, plus a great range of pictures, we definitely have enough content to publish something. Once some final comments are in, we will be able to move forward to the next stage with a view to having something ready by the time of the fete.

I plan to pursue grant funding support for printing costs, but as I have been leading this personally with 100's of hours work, I am prepared to offer a personal financial underpin as we cannot be sure how much we might actually raise. The intention will be to at least break-even on printing costs and to recycle any excess back into community projects.

I list at Annex B some details on the content collected and the people I have spoken to so far.

### **Topography Signs**

Using content from the local history I have mocked up a rough and ready indication of what the signs might look like at Annex C but more detailed design and layout will be necessary. I will show on the big screen at the meeting. Again local support for the signs is strong.

### **Planning**

Development of the update to the Neighbourhood Plan continues. One significant intention is to set in place "**Green Wedges**" between the local settlements, for example between Shaw and Whitley. Proposals are currently in the draft stage and so we cannot guarantee the scheme will go ahead but the initiative is nevertheless extremely positive for our area and I propose we show our support. I attach at Annex D some additional information.

Abi Dicks and Clinton Dicks had a pre-planning application meeting MWPC regarding the proposed **Middle Farm/Corsham Road** development that is in the Neighbourhood Plan. The next stage will be Outline Planning permission, which really only establishes a basis for the feasible number of houses and the concept of the general master plan and the details of the houses and final layout will be determined in the reserved matters application which would be submitted further down the line by the developer who comes on board and may see changes in layout etc.

Extant Planning Applications for Shaw and Whitley are as follows.

### Planning Applications (667)

Name ↑↓	Address ↑↓	Proposal ↑↓	Valid Date ↓	Decision Notice S... ↑↓	Status ↑↓
<a href="#">PL/2023/00651</a>	183 Top Lane, Whitley...	Installation of 20 Trin...	01/03/2023		Under Consultation
<a href="#">PL/2023/01526</a>	123 Kittle House First...	T1- Horse chestnut: R...	24/02/2023		Under Consultation
<a href="#">PL/2023/00625</a>	Land adjacent 1 Eden...	Reserved Matters app...	27/01/2023		Under Consultation

### Planning Applications (667)

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<a href="#">PL/2023/00245</a>	14 JOANNA CLOSE,...	Demolish existing gar...	11/01/2023		Under Consultation
<a href="#">PL/2023/00073</a>	14 JOANNA CLOSE,...	Single storey extensio...	04/01/2023	11/01/2023	Closed
<a href="#">PL/2022/09665</a>	COMPTON HOUSE,...	Conversion of C20 log...	16/12/2022		Under Consultation
<a href="#">PL/2022/09750</a>	COMPTON HOUSE,...	Conversion of C20 log...	16/12/2022		Under Consultation

### Trees

Lowdens have delivered to me 8 great trees which I will store until we plant in the Autumn as recommended by the Gardening Club. I have asked if MWPC will arrange planting via their contractor and they will consider this at the end of the month. Once we have planting organised, Lesley will continue to consult with residents. A picture of the trees is at Annex E.

### CEG Update

There was a further flood incident on at Shaw School in January 2023. Sandbags for the Vicarage, and road signs were provided. There were also 4 properties flooded in Beanacre. The EA recording station at the bridge shows this January flood as the highest recorded level at this point (1.71m). There was also a reported incident of flooding on Bath Road, opposite what was the Shaw Country House Hotel. There was a suspicion of sewage spilling onto the pavement and highway; Wessex Water and Wilts C were in attendance several times, over several days.

During the periods of snow and ice, a couple of volunteers have been out-and-about with the salt spreader.

Land between First Lane and Corsham Road is not categorised by the EA as flood plain (flood zone 3) but CEG have written to the EA, making the case for this to be changed.

### Grit Bins

There is some confusion about who can use local Grit Bins, so here is the guidance from WC:

#### **When should I use a salt bin?**

- We maintain over 1600 salt bins located throughout the county.
- They are available for both residents and the travelling public for use on public roads and footpaths
- When using salt bins you should work on the basis that 1 table spoon of salt will cover around 1m<sup>2</sup>

- You can report empty salt bins via [My Wilts online reporting](#)
- We **do not** place any new salt bins in Wiltshire. [Town and Parish councils](#) are able to purchase their own salt bins which become their own responsibility. We are able to help and advise any local councils who may to purchase their own salt bin.

**2023 Summer Event**

Planning is underway. So far, we can report:

- to be held at Shaw Playing Fields on Saturday 17 June 2PM to 7PM;
- youth/family feel but all will be welcome (including dogs!);
- picnic in the park type event, with live music, BBQ, bar, coffee/tea/cold drinks, and children’s activities;
- a number of bands are already booked;
- climbing wall;
- classic cars
- Atworth are keen to be involved.

More detail will be shared at the meeting.

**Discussion/Action Summary**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Proposals/Discussion and/or Actions Points</b>
Road Safety	CAWS supports 30 MPH Limit from George Ward to the Shaw Traffic Lights.
	CAWS supports 20 MPH Limit outside Shaw School
	CAWS to press school and WC for a parking strategy
	CAWS supports 30 MPH Road Markings
	CAWS progresses a dedicated SIDs or ASCs if grant funding is provided.
	CAWS will continue to support speed and parking enforcement
	CAWS will keep a watching brief on option to have 20 MPH in lanes
	Remaining slow down stickers to be offered for blue and green bins
Topography Signs	Approve draft content as the basis for detailed design
Planning	CAWS show support for the Green Wedge proposals
Trees	Volunteers for planting working party if MWPC funds are unavailable
Summer Event	Save the date.

PJR, 12 March 2023

**CAWS Speed Reduction and Road Safety Initiatives – Top 10**

#	Topic	Comments	Status	Notes of 24/01/2023 mtg with MWPC
1	30 MPH Repeater Signs	Not permitted by law when there is a 30 MPH sign at the start of the zone and there are street lights at no more that 200 yards apart along the route.	Not viable.	Not discussed as there is no latitude in the regulations to install such signs.
2	Road Markings within a 30 MPH limit	Whilst we accept that it is not possible to use 30 MPH repeater signs, it is not clear to CAWS if 30 MPH, SLOW, lines, or rumble strip <u>road markings</u> can be deployed and we would be grateful for MWPC comments on this point.	Possibly viable and we welcome MWPC comments.	MWPC will not support rumble strips (they are noisy and unsuitable for residential sites). However other road markings may be feasible and MWPC will investigate further.
3	20 MPH Limit in Lanes (e.g. First Lane, Middle Lane, Top Lane, Westhill, Purlpit et al)	<p>CAWS believes that authorities can set 20 MPH speed limits in areas where local needs and conditions suggest the current speed limit is too high, where there is expected to be a positive effect on road safety and there will be a generally favourable reception from local residents.</p> <p>CAWS thinks the guidance can particularly apply to residential streets, where they are being used by people on foot and on bicycles, there is community support, and the characteristics of the street are suitable.</p> <p>In the case of the Lanes, CAWS does not believe the MWPC policy that speeds must already be 24MPH or less applies as this is relevant to “larger areas” and that some discretion can be applied within the</p>	Viable and we request that MWPC considers this further.	MWPC accept that there is a difference between the regulations for limits and zones and that limits could be suitable. They will review further.



		<p>guidance in any event. A traffic survey is not therefore required for these locations.</p> <p>The characteristics of the Lanes in question support the principle of “self-enforcing” without calming measures being necessary. We can find no evidence that calming measures are mandatory in these circumstances (i.e. 20 MPH Speed <u>Limit</u>) but we accept that calming may be appropriate for a 20 MPH Speed <u>Zone</u>.</p> <p>As we do not believe calming measures are necessary or appropriate, we do not think it would be necessary to consult the emergency services prior to implementation.</p> <p>A 20 MPH limit in Purlpit, Westhill and part of Top Lane, would also mitigate the risk from the lack of a pavement.</p>		
4	20 MPH Limit or Zone on Corsham Road and Shaw Hill	CAWS believes that the authorities could make a case for 20 MPH signage on these routes but recognises that a traffic survey, and some calming measures might be appropriate given the characteristics of these busy roads.	This is not considered viable at this time but may be relevant in the future depending on the outcome of other initiatives in the area such as the A350 Bypass which may have an impact on the volume of traffic.	MWPC will investigate whether there could be a case to introduce a 20 MPH limit/zone outside Shaw School. It was noted that such an approach is now policy in Wales.
5	Traffic Light Shutters	These were installed on the Traffic Lights before they were replaced and MWPC are already in the process of arranging a retrofit to the new lights.	Viable, WIP and an update on the project would be appreciated.	This is WIP.
6	SID	CAWS believes such devices make a positive impact on road safety and supports their use. Shaw and Whitley	Viable and consider further taking into account any	MWPC confirmed that there were sufficient sites

		<p>currently have a SID deployed periodically as part of the MWPC rotation of devices.</p> <p>CAWS would like to increase the tempo of deployments and may be prepared to invest in a new device if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the sign is dedicated to Shaw and Whitley (we believe the sign could be moved periodically within village locations in compliance with WC guidelines of between 2 and 8 weeks);</li> <li>• any investment by CAWS is match funded by MWPC and/or the Area Board and others;</li> <li>• maintenance and movement is the responsibility of MWPC and its approved contractor;</li> <li>• a review of locations is conducted to maximise the impact of the device, recognising that the installation of removable post sockets may be required to facilitate this);</li> <li>• the initiative has community support (which we believe it has).</li> </ul>	<p>other initiative adopted and in particular the use of ASCs (see elsewhere in this paper).</p>	<p>in Shaw and Whitley for a SID to be permanently deployed. Whilst their preference was for CAWS to fund and MWPC to maintain/move, they acknowledged that CAWS may wish to make a grant application.</p> <p>For additional sites in Shaw and Whitley removeable posts (using sockets) would be necessary at an approx. cost of £400 each.</p>
7	Automatic Speedwatch Cameras	<p>CAWS believes such devices make a positive impact on road safety and supports their use.</p> <p>CAWS may be prepared to invest in a new ASC device if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the device is dedicated to Shaw and Whitley;</li> <li>• any investment by CAWS is match funded by MWPC and/or the Area Board and others;</li> <li>• maintenance and movement is the responsibility of MWPC or Wiltshire Police and their approved contractor(s);</li> <li>• a review of optimum locations is conducted to maximise the impact of such a device.</li> </ul>	<p>Viable and consider further, especially in conjunction with any consideration of a new SID.</p>	<p>Both CAWS and MWPC are very interested in this type of technology. Kirsty will investigate further. Any grant application might want to reserve whether funding is used to support a SID or an ASC.</p>

8	Slow Down Bin Stickers	This project is already in operation with stickers already being distributed to residents.	Viable and WIP.	This project is already in train and CAWS left a sticker with MWPC for info.
9	Parking at Shaw School	<p>Parking at the school at drop off and pick up times is chaotic, involving parking and driving on the pavements and on yellow lines. This causes congestion that leads to some dangerous driving by some. The safety of pedestrians and other drivers is at significant risk.</p> <p>MWPC have asked the school/WC for a copy of its Travel Management Plan but this has not yet been provided.</p> <p>CAWS thinks parents and others could make more use of SVH Car Park which is only a short walk from the school and we recommend that MWPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• procures an up-to-date copy of the TMP;</li> <li>• enlists the support of Phil Alford et al to get a copy of the plan if necessary;</li> <li>• requests a dialogue between the school and SVH (CAWS will make similar representations);</li> <li>• consider the use of flashing warning lights at drop off and pick up times;</li> <li>• encourage Parking Enforcement to attend more regularly (NB. PE did attend in December and this delivered a marked but <u>very</u> short-lived improvement).</li> </ul>	Viable and we recommend that MWPC liaises with the School and WC et al	<p>MWPC will procure a copy of the Travel Plan via Phil Alford. It is likely to be out of date and require updates.</p> <p>CAWS will make contact with SVH to explore whether the car park could be extended to allow for drop off/pick up vehicles noting that SVH may wish to seek grant support for such works.</p> <p>The inclusion of EV charging points in such a scheme might make grant applications more attractive.</p> <p>The possibility of a 20 MPH zone/limit outside the School was noted.</p> <p>Parking/Speed enforcement</p>

				will continue to be pursued.
10	Speed Enforcement	Two recent Speed Enforcement deployments have demonstrated the scale of speeding in the area, particularly on Shaw Hill, and we recommend that continuing attendance is encouraged by MWPC and CAWS et al.	Viable	It was noted that enforcement was a significant deterrent and enforcement will continue to be pursued (and elsewhere in the parish too).

PJR  
18/01/2023, and updated after 24/01/2023 meeting with MWPC (final column)

A Short History of Shaw and Whitley and the Surrounding Area

**Preamble**

About CAWS (back the of the front cover)

Preface TBA, possibly by Jennifer Saunders (contact made), or if not by a local resident

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Multum In Parvo

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Gastard

**Part 4 - Maps of the villages to show the locations of topics referenced and to identify walking routes to see them.**

**Sources & Acknowledgments (WIP)**

40+ historical references.

100's of document images and pictures.

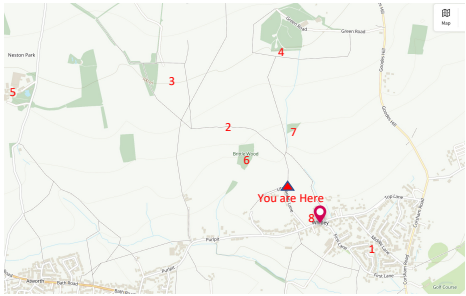
Meetings and conversations with Phil Alford, Alan Baines, Joan Boorer, Mike Booth, Clive Briggs, Bob and Cicely Brownrigg, Eddie and Eileen Carter, Jilly Chittenden, Terry Chivers, Becky Evans, David Farr, David and Monica Giddings, Jackie Giddings, Bill Hazlewood, Roger Hollis, James Kellock, Rev Jane Palmer, Stefano Patacchiola, Pip Pennington, Dan Pike, Barry Pocock, Iris Pocock, Brian Roberts, Jonathan Rumens, Edna Sawyer, Lesley Sibbald, Tom Skinner, Teresa Strange, Barb Trembling, Richard Wiltshire, Ann White, Tom Wingfield and others.

17,281 words as at 07/03/23

**Rough Mock-Up of Topography Signs**

Please note that the signs will be similar in size to the existing sign by the school and so the text will not be as small and there is room for more artistic design etc!

**The Area North of Whitley**



1. Whitley means a "white clearing" in a wood and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Whitley House, Whitley Farmhouse and Slade's Farmhouse date to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century and Westlands Farmhouse and Northey's Farmhouse to the early 18<sup>th</sup>. The Methodist Chapel was originally a house purchased in 1828 and the Whitley Reading Rooms was donated by local benefactors in 1904. Cottages were added to the village throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century many men from Whitley worked in the nearby quarries and local farms.

2. The Roman Road ran from Bath (Aqua Sulis) to London (Londinium) via Silchester (Calleva Atrebatum). For much of its path in this part of Wiltshire it follows the course of Wansdyke, which was a massive linear earthwork said to have been built to halt the Saxon's advance into the South West.

3. Park Lane Quarry was opened in 1880 but was sealed in 1960 because due to a decline in demand, rising costs and propensity to flooding. It reopened in 2013 and is now in full production again. Walkers might notice what looks like large green oil drums in a line above the Roman Road. These are actually concrete structures at the top of ventilation shafts and they give some sense of the size of the quarry below.

4. Eastlays Quarry was opened in 1887. It was acquired by the War Office in 1930 and developed as part of Central Ammunition Depot Corsham and was in use by the MOD up until 1966. Since the mid-1980's it has been used as a high security bonded warehouse for alcohol and private collections of wine.



5. Neston House has been owned by the Fuller family since c 1790. The Fuller family became known for their participation in the Fuller Smith & Turner brewery in Chiswick, producer of Fuller's London Pride ale. Noted explorer John Hanning Speke of the Fuller family, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound while hunting partridge at Neston Park in 1864. The estate has been used as the filming location for a number of TV productions.

6. Brittle Wood is famous for being one of the remaining habitats of the rare Bath Asparagus plant - Ornithogalum Pyrenaicum - which it is believed was originally introduced to Bath two thousand years ago by the Romans - please do not pick it. There was once a well in the middle of the Wood, and the wooded area close to Brittle Wood was known as The Plantations, and is still a good area to see Bluebells.

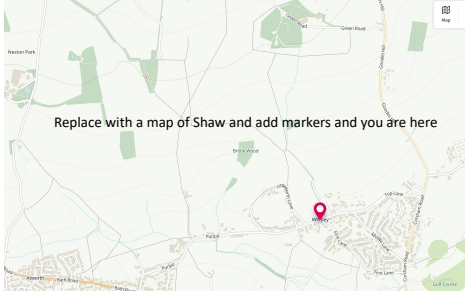
7. Buttonhole Wood contains a pond there that is still used as a "holding pond" to help protect Whitley from flooding. Some say that the wood was originally called "Buckwino Wood" but it is more likely that the name derives from the fact that there was once a large double ditch here which looked a little like a buttonhole from above. This double ditch originally ran almost the length of the entire footpath to Whitley.

8. The Pear Tree is a Grade II listed building dating from about 1690 making it one of the oldest buildings in Whitley. It was probably originally a small farmhouse. Ushers Brewery acquired the property in 1832 and it has been a pub in Whitley ever since.

This sign has been placed by CAWS to mark the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. For more information on the local history please see the CAWS Book "A Short History of Shaw and Whitley". For an up to date map of all the footpaths in the area use the QR Code. Please keep to the footpaths at all times as they cross agricultural land.

**Shaw and the Surrounding Area**



1. The manor of Shaw, meaning "copse" dates to at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century. By 1335 there was a chapel of St Leonard. The higher ground to the west of the village was known as Shaw Hill. At some time before 1669, Shaw became a stronghold of the Quakers (Society of Friends) with Friends travelling from around the area to meet here. Shaw Farm and The Old Malt House date from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Shaw House was rebuilt in 1711 and Shaw Brewery, now the home of Rocking Horse Nursery, was probably founded around 1800. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century many men from Shaw and Whitley worked in the nearby quarries.

2. The Golden Fleece, now known as Il Vello D'Oro (which is Italian for The Golden Fleece), has been a pub since at least 1838.

3. Christ Church was built in 1837-1838 but rebuilt in 1905 in the Arts and Crafts Gothic style and is a Grade II listed. The tower rises in four stages; the lowest forms a porch and baptistry; the buttresses of the belfry stage terminate in life-sized statues of saints; the parapet is embattled, and the slender spire is covered with oak shingles which were replaced in [2017].



4. Shaw Church School was probably founded around 1848 and was extended in 1871. Before then the village school was thought to be at what is now known as The Grange Coach House, on Middle Lane in Whitley and the site of the old school bell can clearly be seen at the northern end of the building.

5. Shaw Hill House, a large country house, was built before 1825. It was taken over by Beltane School during the Second World War where many evacuees were educated. It was demolished around 1965 and is now the site of The Beeches which was built in 1968. Shaw Village Hall was built in 1976 in readiness for the Queens Jubilee and the Playing Field was developed around the same time, although there had been a smaller playing field on the site before then. Some signs of the original Shaw Hill House footprint remain including the old garden bank along the western side of the playing field and there are some boundary walls and outbuildings, including a magnificent dovecote, behind Beltane Place and along the A365.

6. Atworth is about 1.5 miles east of Shaw and dates to before 1001. The clock tower was erected at the side of the Bath Road in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's golden jubilee, and has later served as the parish war memorial. The original Cottles manor house which was rebuilt in 1770's has been the home of Stonar School since 1939.

7. Broughton Gifford which dates from 1260 and possibly earlier is about 2 miles south of Shaw. The parish includes the hamlets of Norrington Common and The Common. St Mary's Church dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

This sign has been placed by CAWS to mark the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. For more information on the local history please see the CAWS Book "A Short History of Shaw and Whitley". For an up to date map of all the footpaths in the area use the QR Code. Please keep to the footpaths at all times as they cross agricultural land.

Green Wedges

## GREEN GAPS AND WEDGES

### WHY MELKSHAM NEEDS THEM

**National Policy guidance states** "Planning ...decisions ...should ensure that developments... are sympathetic to local character and history,"

**JMNP Policy 17 states:** "Development proposals will be expected to:... maintain the separate identity of settlements."

**BUT...**

**50 dwellings at Semington Road**  
Appeal May 2022; **ALLOWED!**

**Effect:** Reduction in separation between Berryfield and Melksham.

**Mission:** Local Green Gap and Wedge Designations  
**Delivered:** Robust Technical Evidence:  
• Green Gap and Green Wedge Assessment Report (DRAFT) AECOM Feb 2023

**THE PROPOSED GAPS & WEDGES**

What about Strategic Cross Parish Boundary Green Gaps? Berryfield & Bowerhill - Semington & Seend

Wiltshire Local Plan Responsibility? If not..... how?

We are working together with our neighbours.....

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**





Jubilee Trees



## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: Highways- CAWS SID request

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**From:** Marianne Rossi <[admin@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 16 March 2023 12:14

**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Highways- CAWS SID request

Hi Teresa,

**Recommendation 4:** The Clerk to inform CAWS that the council were unable to approve the 50% cost element of a new SID as requested in their grant application as the council have more appropriate budget headings for this type of expenditure and would need to consider this at their next Highways Committee meeting.

Thanks  
Marianne

Marianne Rossi

Finance and Amenities Officer

Melksham Without Parish Council

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# M4 to Dorset Coast Connectivity study

Winter 2023



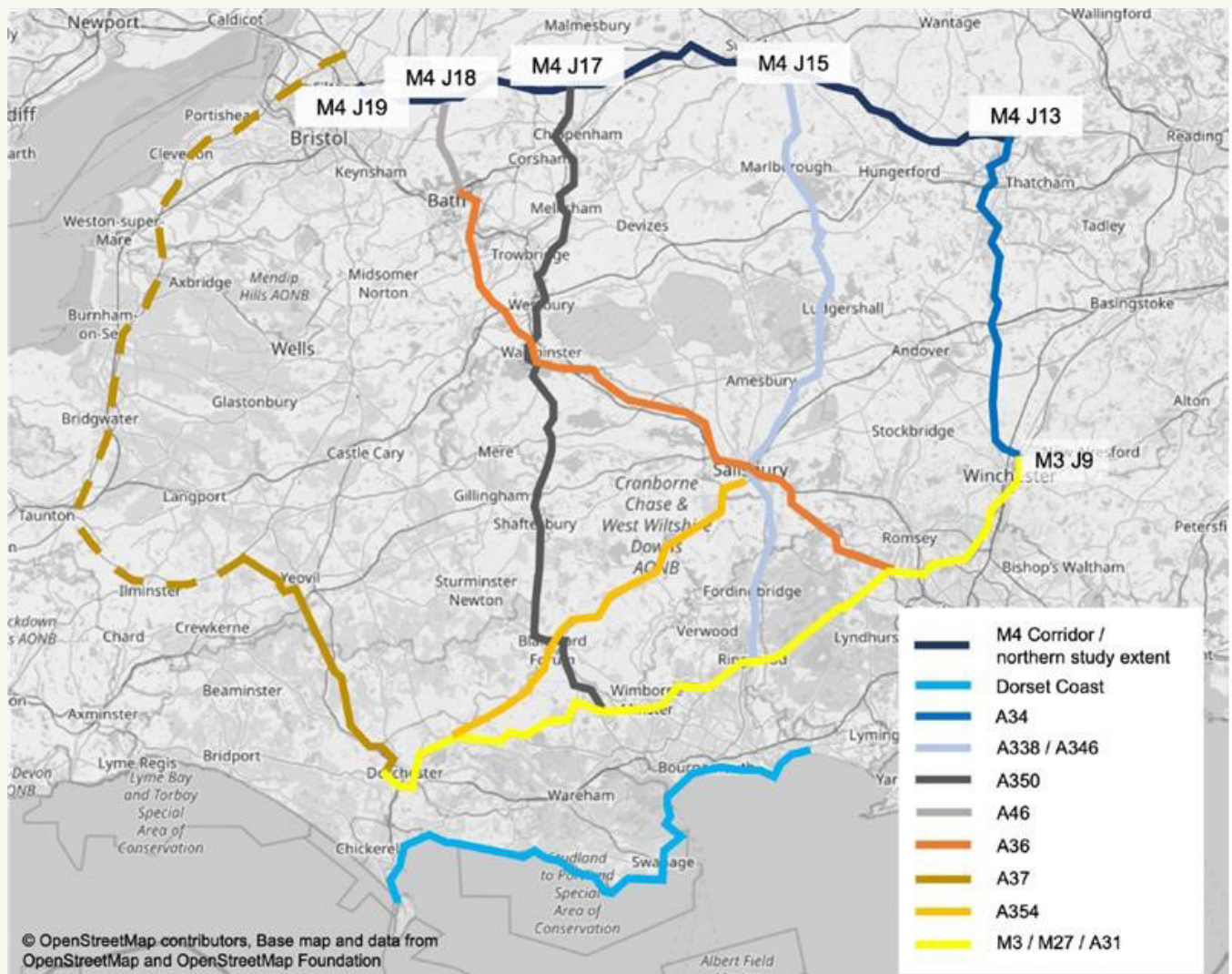
## What we've been doing in 2022

Since early 2022, National Highways has been undertaking a detailed strategic study to identify how we can improve connectivity between the M4 to Dorset Coast. Over this period we have engaged with key stakeholders and assessed various data, including journey time, delay, safety and environmental information across a number of different corridors in the study area. This work looks to:

- Identify which road corridor should form the main strategic north-south route
- Establish what improvements could be made to the road network to provide a high-quality link
- Understand what consideration may need to be given to trunking or detrunking
- Identify supporting measures (e.g. public transport, active travel) that should be considered

We will soon be finalising our technical work and developing our key study recommendations. Our expectation is that the strategic study will be completed by Spring 2023.

# Study Corridors



## What we've found

A number of key findings have emerged from our work to date, these include:

- The road network in the study area is underperforming and connectivity within this area is relatively poor
- Alongside any improvements to north-south connectivity there is a need to improve the east to west Dorset Coast Route
- Wider 'last mile' improvements are needed at the southern extent of the study area to enable access to key locations including ports and airports

The study has developed a long list of potential road improvements, building where appropriate, on previous work and known schemes. Active travel and multi-modal travel measures are also being developed to improve local and strategic connectivity.



## Engagement so far

Since our last update we have met with various stakeholders to brief them on our activity, to gather information and to understand their aspirations and concerns. This has included:

- Seven steering group meetings with local authorities and Sub-National Transport Bodies, as well as separate meetings with individual councils
- Meetings with representatives from local Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boards and CPRE
- Briefings to the study area's MPs and the Roads Minister

## What happens next...

The key output from the study will be a report, which will contain our recommendations for a preferred corridor (or corridors) to deliver strategic north-south connectivity across the region, as well as a list of potential concept investments that could support these strategic movements.

We will continue to work closely and engage with key partners and stakeholders to take forward this important study, and further stakeholder engagement and communication activities will be carried out to keep you aware of our progress.

## More information

M4toDorsetCoastConnectivityStudy@nationalhighways.co.uk  
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## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: Melksham neighbourhood plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2023 13:16  
**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Linda Roberts ([linda.roberts@melksham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:linda.roberts@melksham-tc.gov.uk)) <[linda.roberts@melksham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:linda.roberts@melksham-tc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Melksham neighbourhood plan

Hi Teresa,

Many thanks for your very informative reply and thank you also for putting it under the nose of the highways people at the parish.

I will forward my email to the bypass department too although I have probably sent it to them before.

Thanks again,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | Mobile (UK): [REDACTED]

On 16 Jan 2023, at 4:16 pm, Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]  
Thank you for your email correspondence.

Neighbourhood Plans are planning policy documents, and not infrastructure project plans. It would have no jurisdiction on what the local or national highways authority does, and certainly has no funding for this type of project. The Melksham Neighbourhood Plan has no policy on the proposed bypass, just a priority statement.

With regards to your suggestions, I can put it forward to the parish council's Highway Committee for consideration. As I say, this is for the Highways Authority, but for any project like this to be put forward to the LHFIFG <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6632/Local-highway-and-footway-improvement-groups> it needs the support of the parish council as they will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of such a scheme. This looks way outside the scope of that group, in terms of the costs involved, and would need more Substantive Funding, of which there is none allocated for the Melksham area in the next financial year.

Perhaps, really what you are suggesting is an alternative, shorter route for the Eastern Bypass? and that would best be sent to Wiltshire Council direct?  
[maiorhighwayprojects@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:maiorhighwayprojects@wiltshire.gov.uk)



My understanding of the proposed bypass route was that it was to discourage traffic from New Road.

More information on the proposed bypass here <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-a350-melksham-bypass>

I hope that is helpful?

Kind regards,

Teresa Strange

Clerk

Melksham Without Parish Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 January 2023 13:36  
**To:** Teresa Strange <[clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melkshamwithout-pc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Melksham neighbourhood plan

Dear all,

I would like to offer some thoughts to the neighbourhood plan with regards to potential local road improvements.

The proposed bypass (I'm not sure what stage this is at or whether it will go ahead or not) highlighted numerous concerns and oversights and does not serve the local population of Melksham and merely aims to improve the north south connectivity journey time.

Whilst I disagree with the bypass proposal, I do feel that it highlighted local infrastructure problems, such as the rat run through Lacock and the traffic that backs up in the Melksham town centre trying to access the A350. Personally, I believe that a new local road would benefit the local community, improve connectivity to the East of Melksham, reduce congestion on the existing A350 and reduce the Lacock rat run.

There are a number of existing field accesses from the A350 that could be utilised (please refer to attached screenshot) and link up to New Road. New Road would also benefit from being widened so that 2 cars can pass in tandem without the laybys dotted down the road. New Road could also then



be cleaned up and there would not be the need for the traffic cones and bollards that currently litter this road.

This would also mitigate the need for the lengthened route that runs all the way round Bowerhill, keeping the residents round there happy and removing the need for a large road. A smaller local road would be cheaper and have less of an environmental impact and could also run, in part, Wiltshire councils own land.

I feel like this local road would be a benefit to the local community and in turn, relieve traffic on the existing A350 (therefore improving journey times anyway) and relieve town centre traffic too. The big issue with the existing infrastructure in Melksham is that there is no Eastern link to the A350 meaning everyone has to squeeze through the town centre or Lacock to join on to it.

Kind regards,



## Lorraine McRandle

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**Subject:** FW: Temporary Closure of: Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without (24.04.2023)

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**From:** Wiltshire Council <[noreply@one.network](mailto:noreply@one.network)>

**Sent:** 02 March 2023 16:35

**Subject:** Temporary Closure of: Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without (24.04.2023)

Dear all

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Please see the above links to the Notice and Indicative Plan for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without commencing 24th April 2023.

The closure can also be found on one.network here: <https://one.network/?tm=133175273>

Kind regards

Jason Lucas

Traffic Order Team

Please direct any queries regarding these works to: [streetworks@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@wiltshire.gov.uk) Tel: 01225 713497

Website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures>

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**Wiltshire Council**

**Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

**Temporary Closure of: Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without (Ref: TTRO 8647)**

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all users:

**Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without;** for a distance of approximately 15m either side of the railway crossing.

**To enable:** crossing upgrade to allow for safer use, this will include new approaches, steps and signage.

**Alternative route:** via Footpath 85, Melksham Without (unaffected length) – B3353 – Westlands Lane – A350 – Footpath 85, Melksham Without (unaffected length) and vice versa.

**The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.**

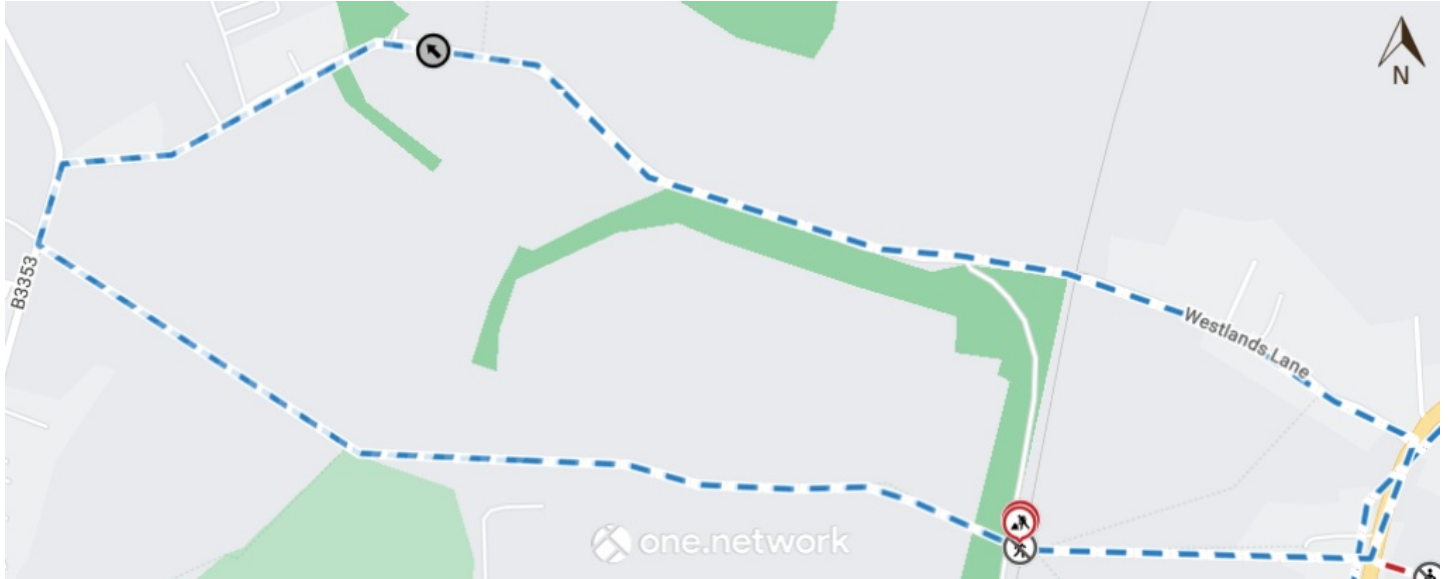
This Order will come into operation on 24 April 2023 and the closure will be required for 5 days. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 06 months.

For further information please contact Countryside Access Officer on 01225 718647.

**Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN**

**21 April 2023**

## Indicative Plan : Footpath 85 (Part), Melksham Without



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# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

**Meeting:** Melksham Area Board

**Place:** Melksham Community Campus Library, Market Place, Melksham, SN12  
6ES

**Date:** Wednesday 8 March 2023

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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**The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 28 February. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.**

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to Senior Democratic Services Officer - Ben Fielding of Democratic Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, direct line 01225 718656 or email [benjamin.fielding@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:benjamin.fielding@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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# Road Safety update – Melksham Area Board

March 2023



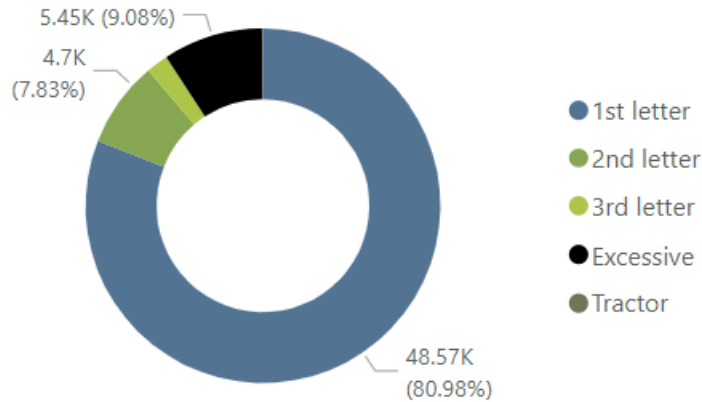
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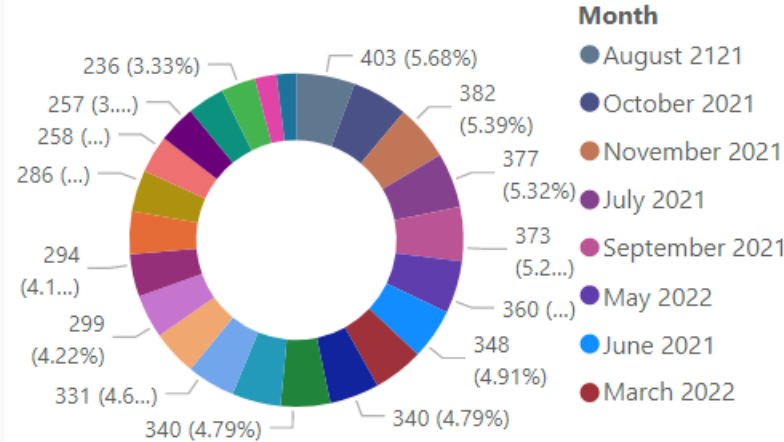
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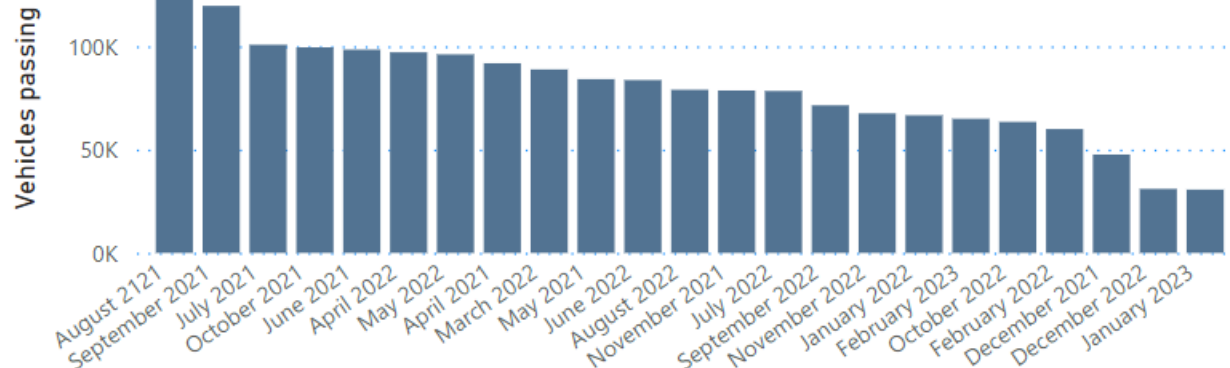
Number of letters sent



Number of watches by month



Vehicles passing by month



7.09K

Sum of No. of watches

59.97K

Sum of Total letters

1.83M

Sum of Vehicles passing

48.57K

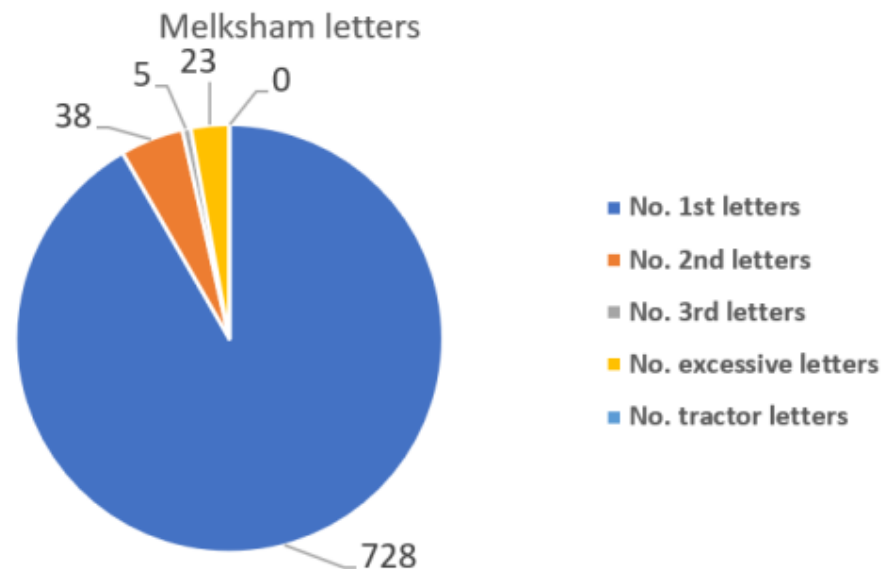
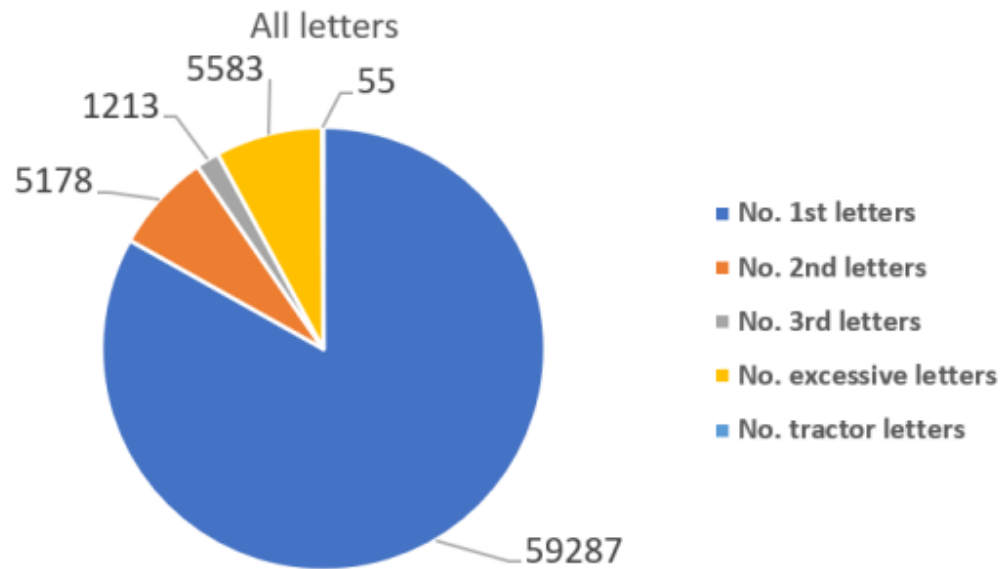
Sum of No. 1st letter



# • CSW Melksham - Data since July 2020 to 2 March 2023

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Beanacre	35	3	1	4	0	43	4	5.11%
Melksham - Berryfields	56	2	0	0	0	58	43	1.44%
Melksham - Woodrow Road	160	18	1	6	0	178	45	5.19%
Shaw and Whitley	477	15	3	13	0	508	98	2.13%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>2.76%</b>

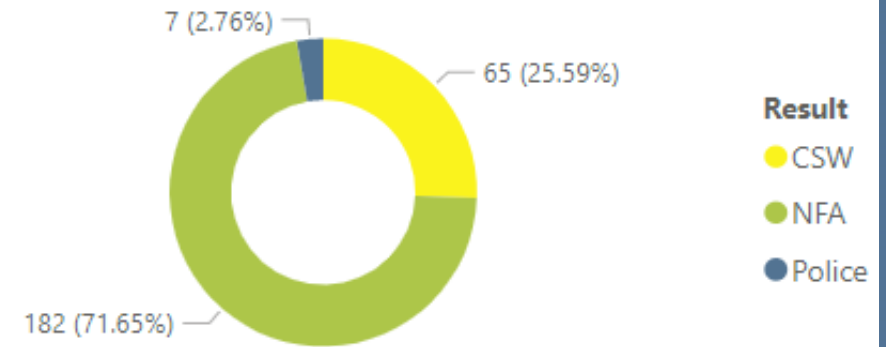
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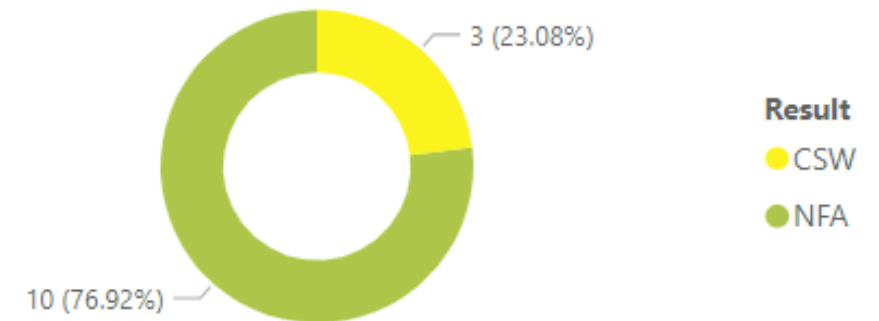
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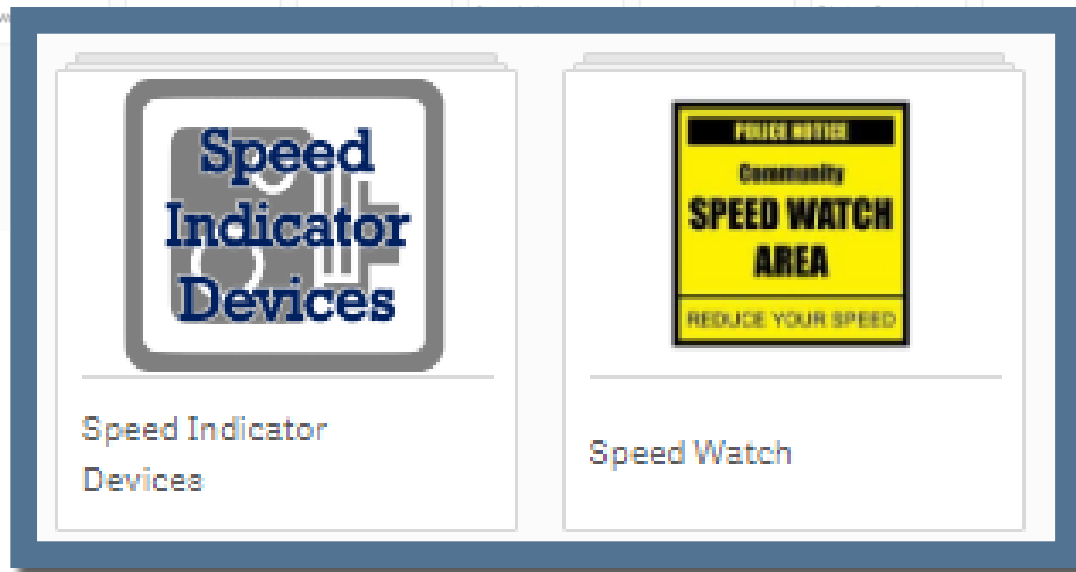
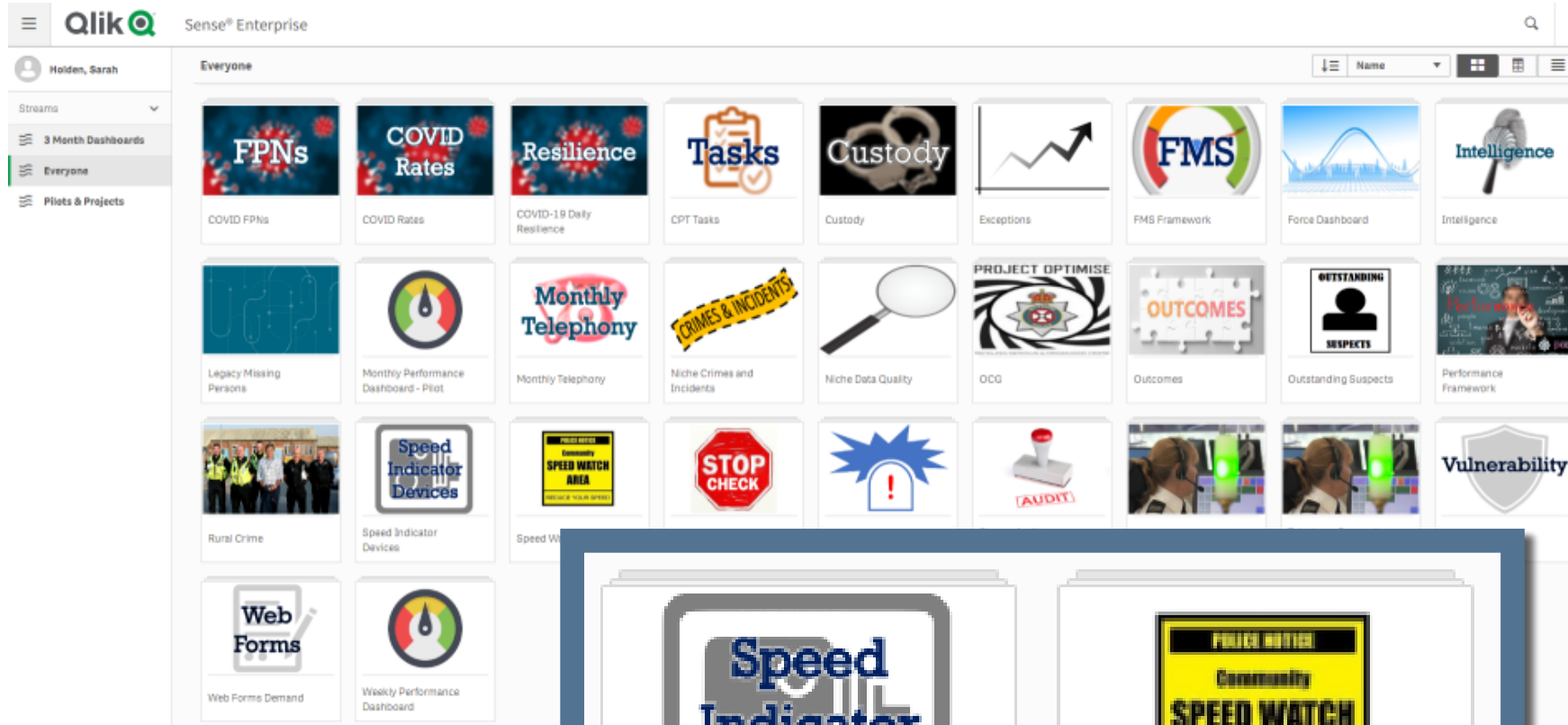
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Melksham - Coronation Road	CSW	01/12/2021	20	27.9	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - A3102 Lowbourne (south of)	NFA	21/11/2021	30	30.7	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Church Lane	NFA	21/11/2021	30	31	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Coronation Road	NFA	21/11/2021	30	27.9	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Halifax Road	NFA	12/10/2021	30	34.8	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Hazelwood Road	NFA	21/11/2021	30	25.7	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Pembroke Road	NFA	01/11/2021	30	24.5	Trowbridge	Melksham
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Melksham - Queensway	NFA	21/11/2021	30	29.5	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Skylark Road	NFA	21/11/2021	20	20.2	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham - Spa road	NFA	12/10/2021	30	28.2	Trowbridge	Melksham
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# SID Pilot update

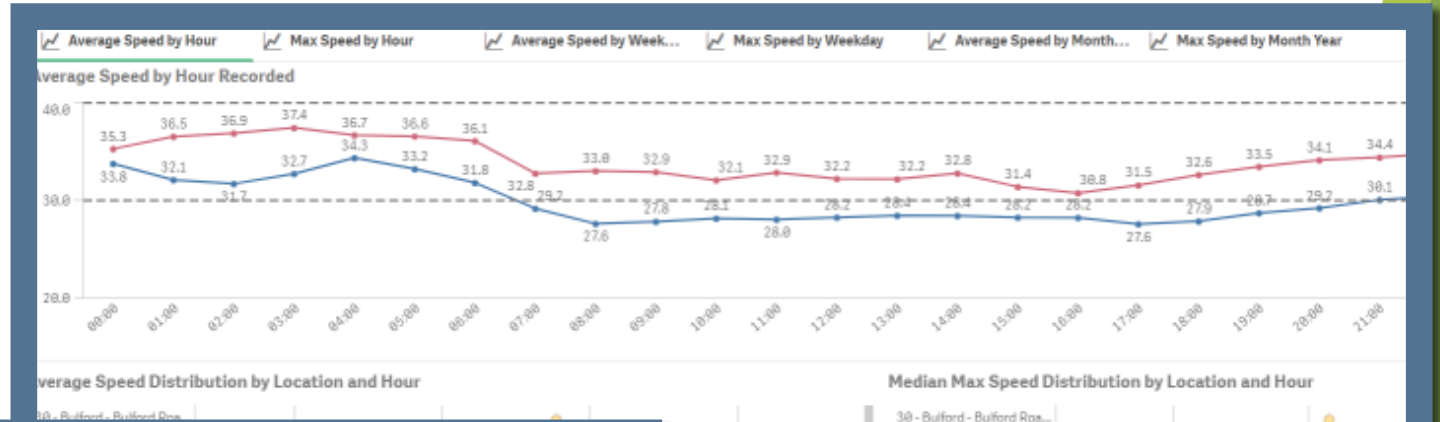
# • SID data project



# • SID Pilot - Launched

Public sheets (4)

- Welcome**  
Welcome Page
- Details**  
Heatmaps
- Trends**  
Trends and Distributions
- Summary**  
Data Table



Drill Down All Locations List

Average Recorded Speed by Location and Hour

Location  Limit And What3...

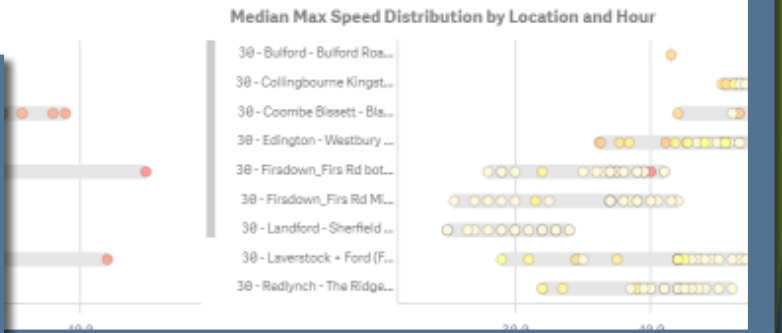
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30 - Coombe Bissett - Blandford Rd_P	35.8	34.0	30.3	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.5	30.6	30.2	30.6	30.2	30.2	31.2	31.5	32.6	33.7	35.9	34.2	38.1
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30 - Firsdown_Firs Rd bottom	28.4	33.7	27.9	25.3	25.8	25.8	25.3	25.0	25.3	25.2	25.0	25.2	25.0	25.4	26.3	27.4	26.5	27.2	
30 - Landford - Sherfield English Road	24.1	25.0	25.3	24.6	24.3	24.7	24.5	24.9	24.4	24.0	24.6	24.0	25.3	25.4	25.8	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.0

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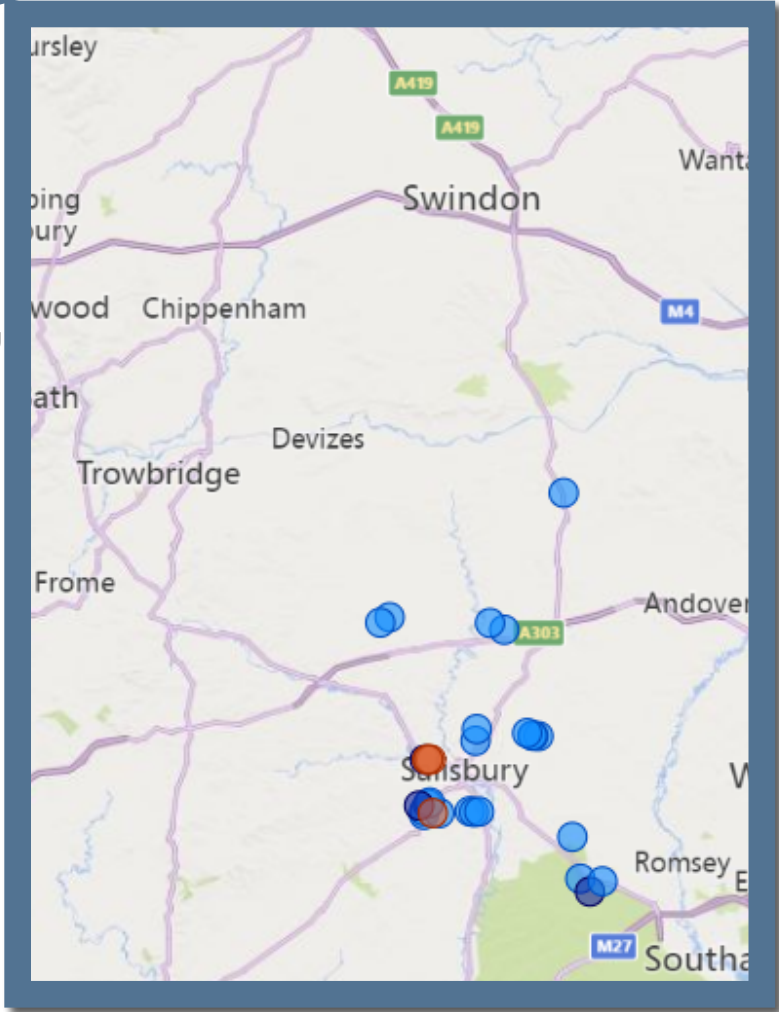
Average Number of Vehicles (per day) by Hour

Hour	Average Number of Vehicles
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02:00	9
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10:00	403
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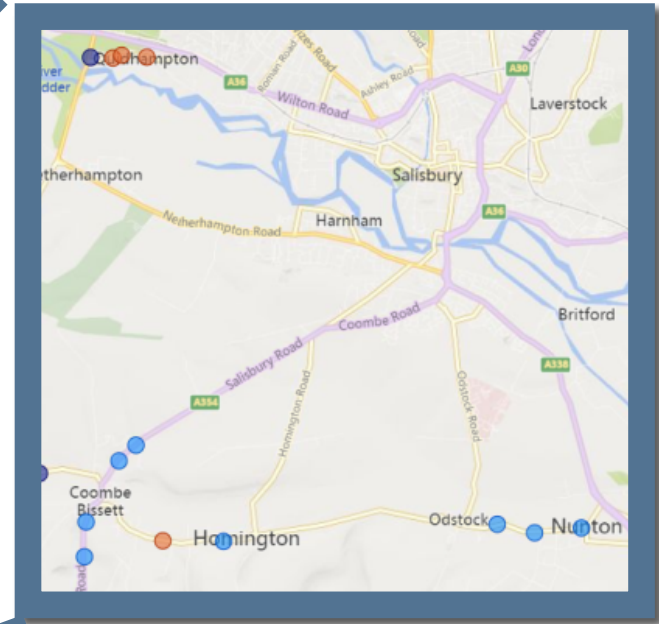
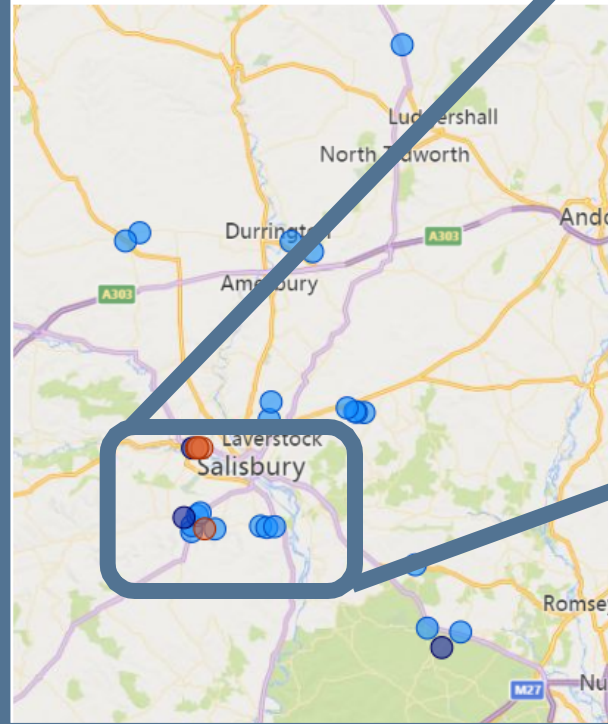
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# • SID Pilot - Area



Locations and Speed Limits - SIDS

Speed Limit ● 20 ● 30 ● 40



Amesbury/ Salisbury  
area

35 different locations  
covered

Locations spread across  
5 Area Boards

# Community Road Safety Officers

CRSO's

Your officer is Kaylie Griffiths

[Kaylie.griffiths@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:Kaylie.griffiths@wiltshire.police.uk)

# • CRSO's

## Attended



## Partnership working



Ministry  
of Defence

# Wiltshire Council



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## Promoting & supporting



NFCC  
National Fire  
Chiefs Council



Tier 1

### National Roads Partnership Calendar 2022-2023



National 2 Wheels Operation



Global Road Safety Week



## CHILD SEAT SAFETY

• THE CAR SEAT EXPERTS •

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# Community Speed Enforcement Officers

## CSEO's



# • CSEO – Overall Dashboard (06/03/2023 0800 hrs)

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

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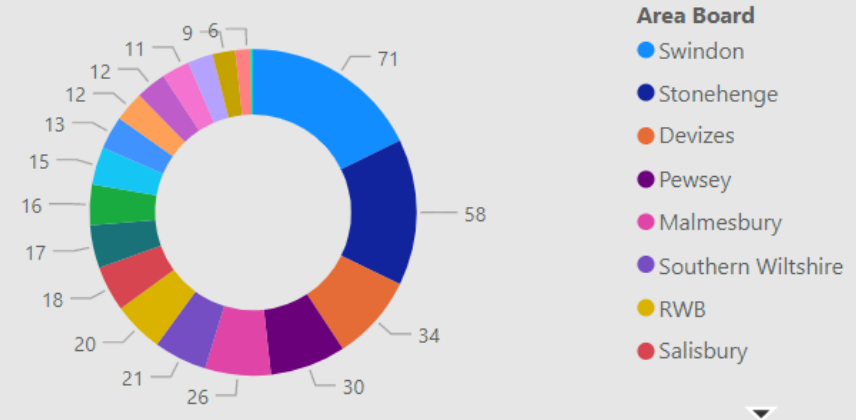
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Sum of Court

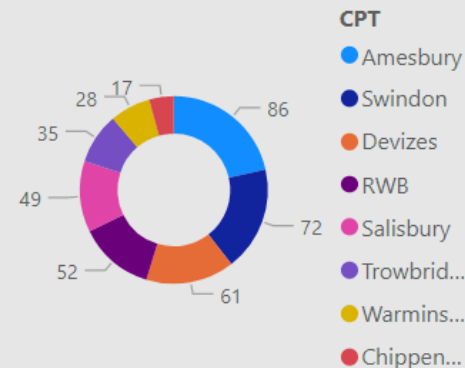
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Count of Location

Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Aldbourn - South Street - Opposite Ford Farm	2023	January	3.00	0.00	0.00	Devizes	Marlborough
Aldbourn - South Street - Outside Nursing Home	2023	January	0.00	0.00	0.00	Devizes	Marlborough
Aldbourn	2022	February	0.00	0.00	0.00	Devizes	Marlborough
Aldbourn - bus stop	2023	January	3.00	0.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Aldbourn - Silver Wood	2023	January	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salisbury	Southern Wilts
Allington & Boscombe - Social club	2022	November	7.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Southern Wilts
Allington & Boscombe - Social club	2022	October	12.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Allington & Boscombe - Social club	2022	November	3.00	2.00	0.00	Amesbury	Stonehenge
Allington & Boscombe Social Club	2023	January	14.00	1.00	0.00	Amesbury	Southern Wilts
Allington & South Boscombe	2022	January	0.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Southern Wilts
Allington and Boscombe - Social Club	2023	January	1.00	0.00	0.00	Amesbury	Southern Wilts
Allington and Boscombe Social Club	2023	February	1.00	1.00	0.00	Amesbury	Southern Wilts
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,546.0</b>	<b>339.00</b>	<b>44.00</b>		

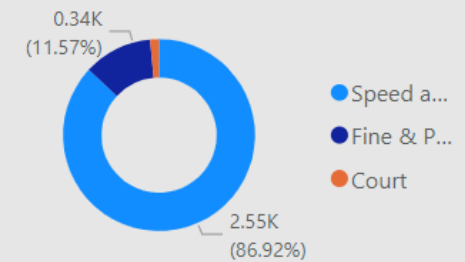
### Activity by Area Board



### Activity by CPT



### Outcomes



# • CSEO – Melksham Area Board results

## CSEO Activity Dashboard

Outcomes are dependent on previous convictions and history

165.00  
Sum of Speed awareness...

21.00  
Sum of Fine & Points

3.00  
Sum of Court

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Count of Location

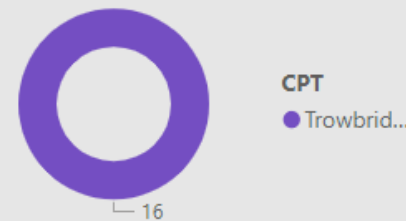
Location	Year	Month	Speed awareness course	Fine & Points	Court	CPT	Area Board
Beanacre	2022	March	9.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Beanacre	2022	April	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Beanacre	2022	August	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham	2022	March	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Melksham Woodrow Road	2021	September	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw & Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2023	January	40.00	2.00	1.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley	2021	December	1.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley	2022	May	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - Corsham Road	2022	December	3.00	1.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - Shaw Hill	2022	December	16.00	4.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley - Shaw Hill	2023	February	24.00	2.00	2.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2022	December	55.00	9.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham
Shaw and Whitley (Shaw Hill)	2023	February	17.00	2.00	0.00	Trowbridge	Melksham

**Total** 165.00 21.00 3.00

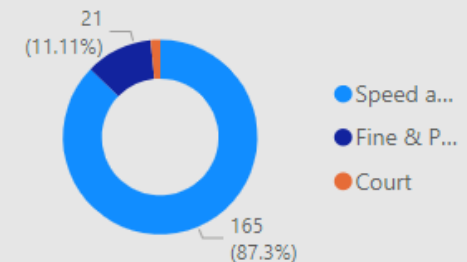
### Activity by Area Board



### Activity by CPT



### Outcomes



# • Wider work for February overall



There's never an excuse to...

Drive under the influence of drink or drugs

# FatalFive



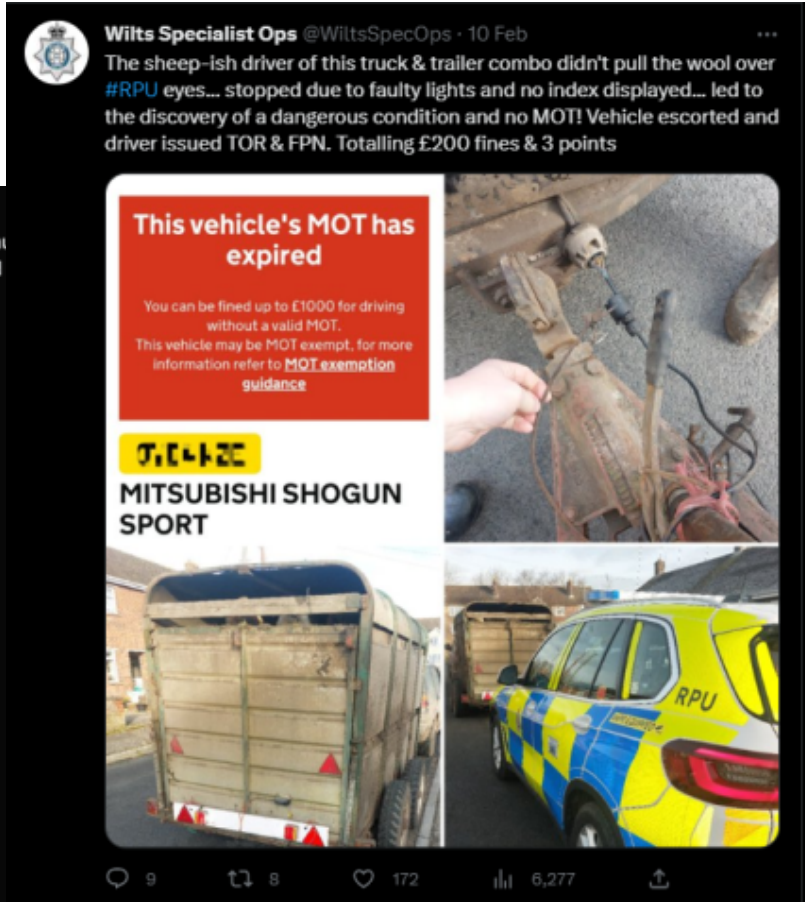
Vehicles seized = **71**

AGENDA ITEM 11(a) - Supplement Agenda, Melksham Area Board 8 March

- Drink Drive arrest = **45**
- Drug Drive arrests = **48**

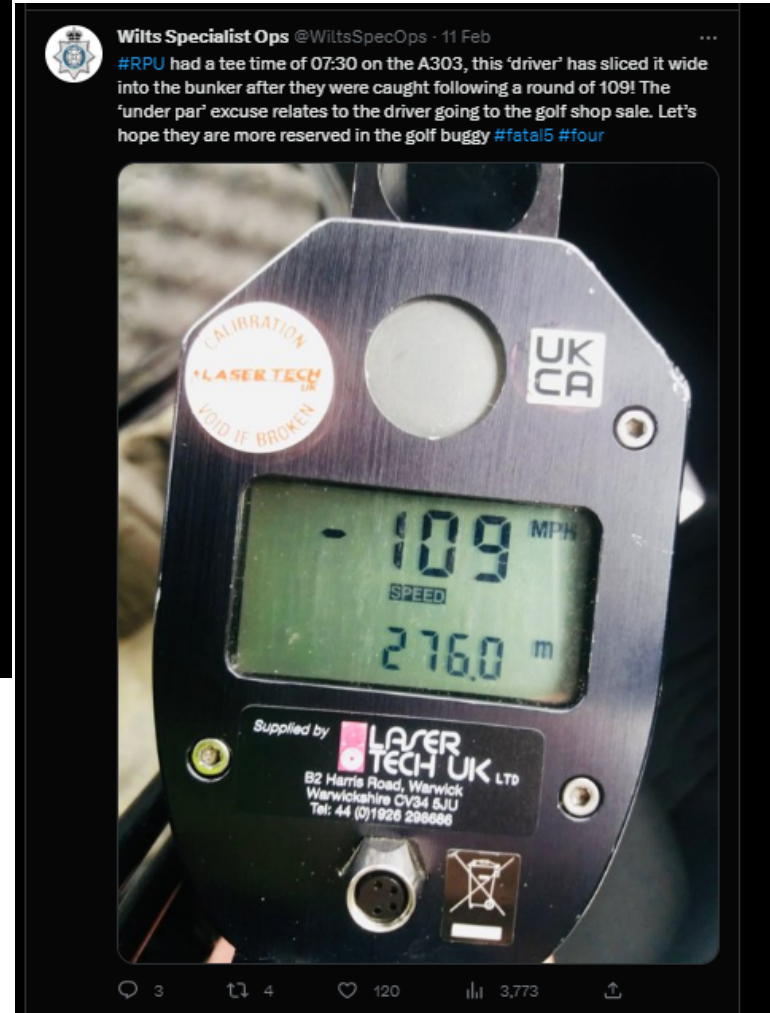
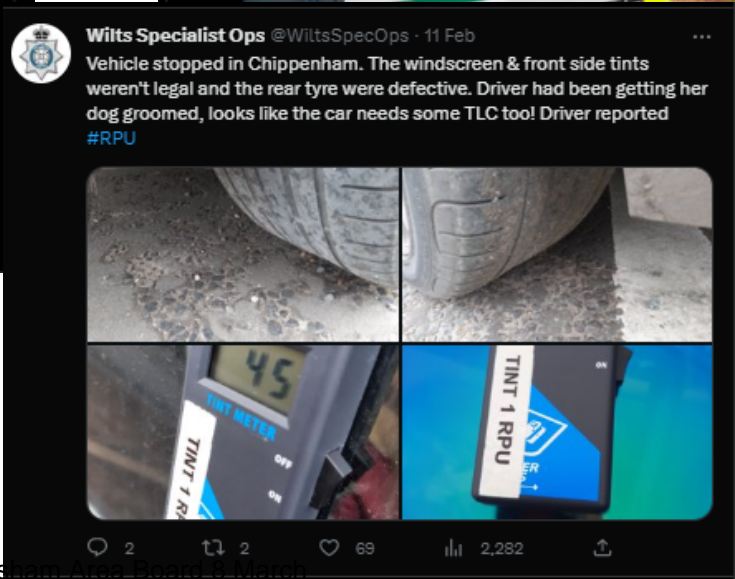
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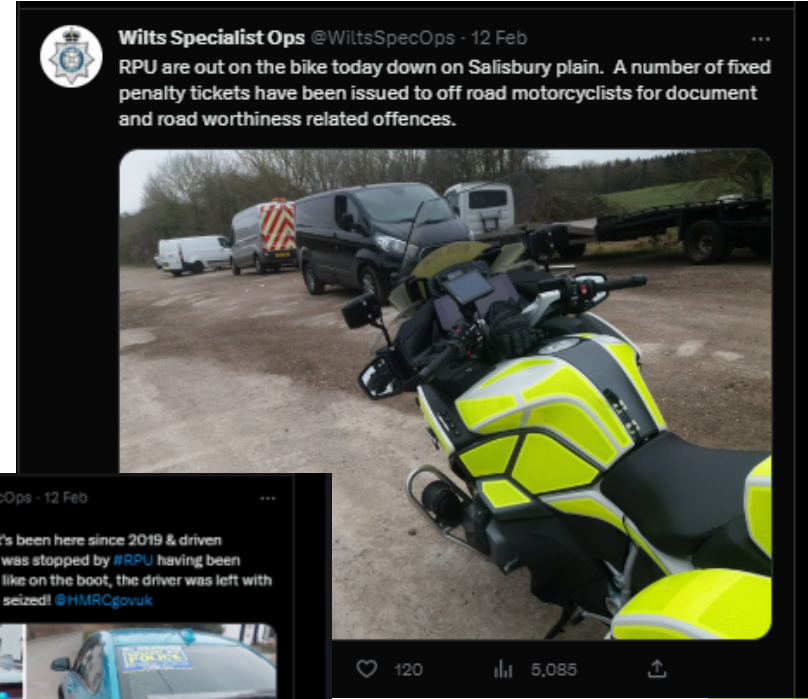
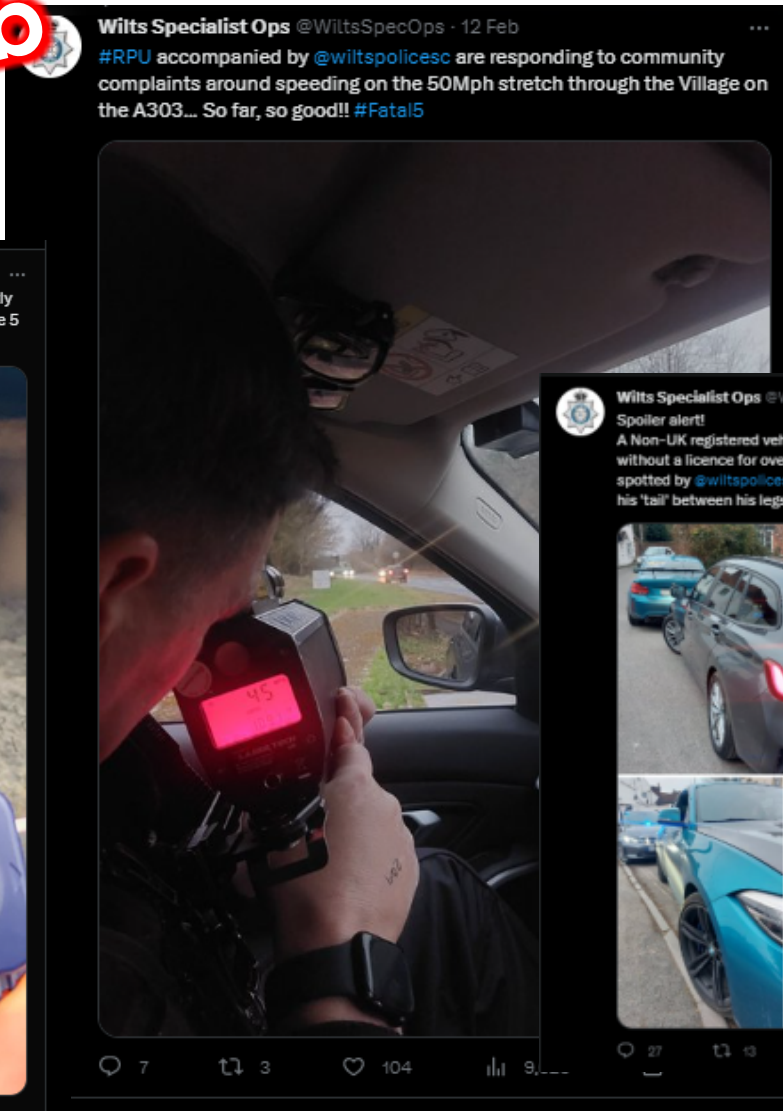
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**Saturday 11 Feb**



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**Sunday 12 Feb**



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# • Twitter – Wiltshire Specials

## Specials Road Safety Unit #SRSU



- 2 x Drink Drive - Arrested
- 2 x Drug Drive - Arrested
- 1 x Mobile Phone - Reported
- 10 x RTC's Attended
- 4 x Assist Arrest
- 1 x No Insurance - Reported
- 5 x No Tax - Reported
- 1 x No MOT - Fixed Penalty
- 2 x VDRS - Get it fixed..
- 2 x Excessive Tints - Fixed Penalty
- 4 x Vehicle in Dangerous Condition- Reported
- 1 x Driving Otherwise Than in Accordance - Reported

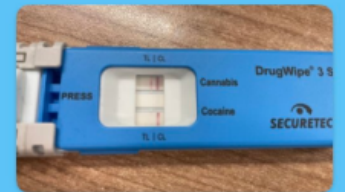


**Friday 5 Feb**



### Specials Road Safety Unit #SRSU

3 units on patrol yesterday around the county  
 Variety of jobs, speed checks, stop checks,  
 tints removed, RTC, arrest for drug drive,  
 mobile phone offence.  
 Multiple drivers reported for offences, and a  
 few fixed penalties given.



**Friday 14 Feb**





## Lorraine McRandle

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**From:** Teresa Strange  
**Sent:** 08 March 2023 15:22  
**To:** Alan Baines  
**Cc:** Lorraine McRandle  
**Subject:** Speed Enforcement

Alan, it seems that they have been all over the parish, we can note at the next Highways meeting All from Facebook, so not sent to us, I can ask tonight if they can be sent to the parish council etc

### BEANACRE

Speed enforcement caught 11 vehicles speeding on 07th March 2023 in Beanacre.

The fastest vehicles were captured travelling at 42 MPH

Depending on previous convictions and history, all 11 will be offered a speed awareness course.

Proceedings will now be undertaken to ensure the most appropriate outcome for the offenders takes place.

### WOODROW

Yesterday we had the Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Team doing a Speedwatch session along the road. One driver was caught doing 40mph and depending on previous convictions will either be fined with points or offered a speed awareness course.

Please remember Woodrow Road is a 30mph road.

Please keep to the speed limit for the safety of the residents of the road.

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