

Highways and Streetscene, Portfolio

Highways

Contact and performance issues with the Parish Steward continue. However we will keep on persevering.

Currently all normal Parish Steward activities are suspended, for them all to focus on pothole repairs. We understand that it is likely to be May before the “normal “pattern of visits returns. Discussions have taken place with both our local County Councilors Jerry Kunkler and Paul Oatway, about the very poor service that we receive from our Parish Steward.. We are proposing to raise the issues in June with Wiltshire Highways.

A meeting took place in the village with our County Councilor, the Area Engineer from Wiltshire and the Area Supervisor from Ringway, to look at several highways aspects. In particular their attention was drawn to the condition of the drains along The Street, the condition of the footways along the B3087, and the overall condition of the area where the road from Wootton Rivers joins Ram Alley.

Immediately prior to this meeting Wiltshire had sent a road sweeper, which was in the village for about three hours, and this removed much of the mud and detritus from the gutters. In addition, a pothole repair crew was in the village.

All Parishioners should continue to report any pot holes, or other highways issues to me, and I will then use the on-line reporting system to have them repaired.

Some resurfacing along part of the B3087 was scheduled for April, but has still to happen

Village Street 20mph limit

Many vehicles, often non- residents, appear to be ignoring the limit, and a metro loop check has confirmed the perception.

Speed Watch

The volunteers continue to be active, and the issue of speeding along the B3087 is acknowledged by the Police. Speeds in excess of 50 m.p.h. are recorded on a regular basis by the Speed Watch volunteers, and speeds well above 40m.p.h. are common place, despite the high visibility of the monitors. The strategy has to be to keep pushing for a permanent solution, as advocated by the PCC when he visited Easton last year. The matter of traffic calming provision has been raised at the CATG meetings, but lack of funding is the major issue.

Some new volunteers have registered for training, but more would still be very welcome.