

SAFETY ON PARISH ROADS

We are all aware that the volume of traffic within the parish has increased and this is causing misery to many. Speeding is an ever present problem which results in noise and the constant fear of accidents

And then there are the lorries driving up and down our roads that a few years ago were mere cart tracks – a layer of tarmac and they suddenly become highways which have a speed limit of anything between 30mph and 60mph

Couple the above with children going to and from our schools and we have a recipe for disaster

Elm Parish Council has set up a very active and successful *Community Speedwatch Group* which has highlighted areas of high speeding rates. If you can spare an hour or so a month, at a time convenient to you, please contact our Co-ordinator at csw.elm@gmail.com – she will be delighted to hear from you!

One positive result of *Speedwatch* was the implementation of a speed monitoring programme by the County Council in September 2016. A summary of some of these results are shown on the “Monitoring” page

Some of these results can only be described as horrifying ... 94.1mph recorded at 4.15pm leaving Elm and travelling towards Fridaybridge. In a 30mph limit! Near to a play area and not so far from Elm school!

During this particular time frame (Monday to Friday), 89 per cent of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit of 30mph and the 85th percentile speed was 43.72mph. This means that 15 per cent of vehicles were travelling faster than 43.72mph

Little wonder that the Parish Council, Elm School and Cambridgeshire County Council believe that there is a need for some form of traffic calming in Elm and near the Fridaybridge School. However, the project has suffered a slight setback as one resident has lodged an objection but there will be meetings with County Councillors and Officers

One relatively small change which would reduce speeds of vehicles entering and leaving Elm would be the reduction of the 40mph limit between Elm and Fridaybridge to 30mph. Unfortunately, the Police are not supportive of this proposal – so, I have a meeting scheduled with the Constabulary’s Transport Management Officer ... we live in hope

If you want to get involved with Speedwatch contact our Co-ordinator at the address above

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at the email address below

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