

## Traffic Working Group

### Report for Parish Annual Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Traffic Working Group was set up in 2018 to develop ideas and projects to reduce the speed and volume of traffic through the village and subsequently to drive these projects to implementation. The group is currently made up of members of the Parish Council and members of Speed Watch. Through this group the Parish Council coordinate the monitoring of speed and data on traffic passing through the village.

The Group is currently working on the following projects.

- We have approval for 40 MPH buffer zones on 4 entrances to the village which has been funded by donations from villagers and a grant from SCC. These buffer zones are currently being implemented by Suffolk Highways and should be in place by the 3/4rd quarter of this year.
- In conjunction with Great Wratting, we are designating Withersfield Road as a Quite Lane under SCC Quite Lanes project. This has been fully funded by SCC and should be in place by 2022.
- We are working to have the yellow lines just past Melbourne Bridge extended as this has become an accident black spot but this is yet to be confirmed or funded.
- The main focus recently has been the 20MPH Speed Zone which was agreed by SCC and SH in July 2020. This zone would cover the whole village and replace the current 30 MPH Zone completely. At present we have been unable to fund the project as we have yet to agree the traffic calming measures required by Suffolk Highways. We have received pledges from the village of £3,100 and the Parish Council holds a contingency fund of £2000 that may be used to support the project. We now await the result of the local election on the 6<sup>th</sup> May as the traffic calming measures will need to be agreed by the new District Councillor (to be elected) the Parish Council and Suffolk Highways. Once we have agreed the traffic calming measures we can then cost the project and continue with our fund-raising activities. To this end we have joined the Villages Working Group set up by Suffolk County Council and made up of representatives of other Parish Councils in the area to find ways to fund a larger traffic calming scheme that would include our 20 MPH Zone.

Activity like this can seem slow but must be pursued to get the outcome we require which is safeguarding our villagers from speed and volume of traffic and the environment from the encroachment of urbanisation.

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