

2024 WELLOW TRAFFIC SURVEY RESULTS

Wellow Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent traffic survey. In total there were 45 responses. Whilst this survey cannot be considered to be a formal consultation it has provided useful information about the traffic related problems in the parish and ideas for how to resolve them.

Over 90% of the responses indicated that traffic and speeding was thought to be a serious issue and over 90% that it was important that these issues were resolved. Common concerns include speeding, inconsiderate driving, the lack of pavements, HGVs and poor parking.

Potential solutions include the use of cameras and speed indicator devices, the installation of speed bumps and other traffic calming measures (chicanes etc), lines and signs, pavements amongst others. It should be noted that there was not universal support for all of these measures.

Particular hotspots were identified as The West end of the village, the vicinity around Bulls Hill and the school and Farm Lane.

The next step is to engage with BANES to understand how we can take our concerns forward and turn them into action. Once this is understood we will engage with the parish again.

The detailed results and comments are listed below.

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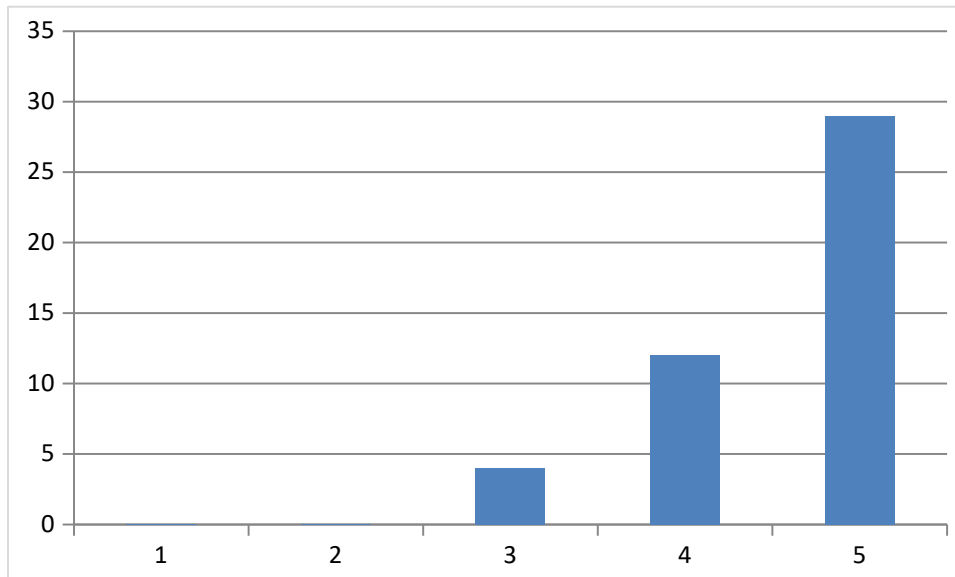
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37 responses indicated willingness to attend a meeting in the village hall to discuss traffic related issues

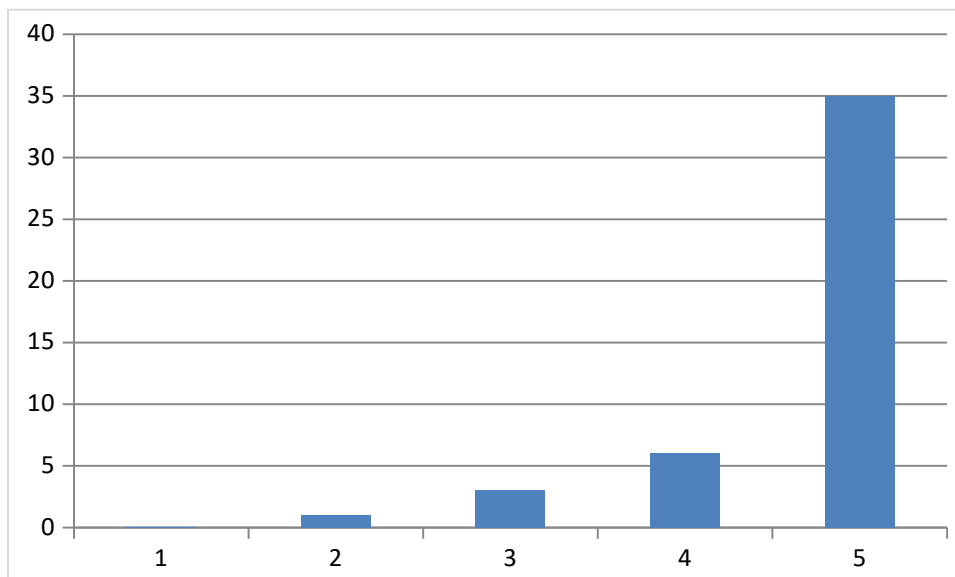
17 responses indicated willingness to join a working group

24 responses indicated willingness to help support a speed indicator device

How serious an issue is traffic and speeding in Wellow to you?



How important is it to you that these issues are solved?



Please describe any specific problems that you've witnessed and their locations?

Speeding on the High Street, especially where there is no pedestrian footpath
General speeding over 20mph through the village, Drivers using mobile phones, Drivers not respecting priority of oncoming vehicles
Too much traffic, it's used as a bit of a rat run and it should be a quiet village. Also too fast from the Manor House , past the pub until it gets congested with parked cars. Also too many builders parking on roads so clogging up roads, can they be forced to park in car park?
Speeding Through Village - All areas. Poor Parking. Especially near the park, school and trekking centre.
Under the viaduct - a regular route for horses and bikes but narrow road and poor visibility.
We live at the top of Bulls Hill and have to pull out of a tight single access road often through badly parked vehicles from the school. We have had two vehicles collide into the side of our car and our boy has been knocked over by cars speeding up bulls hill.
Inconsiderate driving especially when allowing cars to pass in the village.
All through Wellow it's dangerous especially at school pick ups
We live at the very end of the village as you head towards Peasedown. There is no pavement here and of course there are no street lights. There are several young families along this stretch of road and it is dangerous. In my experience, as they enter the village they only slow down when they have to near the shop, and on the way out they put their foot down at the shop to leave the village. Twice recently cars have come flying past as I have been crossing the road with children. I have motioned to the drivers to slow down and each time they've stopped and basically been abusive. They believe they can drive however they like and couldn't care less about the speed limit or that children may run out without looking properly. Through the centre of the village the parked cars force drivers to slow down. At the Peasedown end there is nothing to stop them to driving way over the speed limit. The other area of concern is the lack of pavement between the Peasedown end of the village to where the pavement starts. With the above in mind, pedestrians and children can't get out of the way of speeding cars. Additionally, the stretch near the shop becomes very narrow for cars and pedestrians to get through together and cars often go faster than they should through here. With young children it is dangerous. Finally, the lane that we access the road from is on a blind corner. We can see cars in the mirror however at high speeds they are on the corner by the time we've seen them. Again, it is dangerous.
cars speeding in to and out of the village
Grid lock when cars get diverted if there's an incident in Dunkerton!
Speeding. Esp. Audi and Mercedes drivers near start and finish of working day - from garages in Peasedown? Large vehicles.
Excessive speeding in outer areas of village where it is still 20mph - aggressive tailgating when behind you and you are doing 20.
Haphazard driving/parking near school
Speeding vehicles passing by a primary school should be avoided at all costs.
Speeding in the morning. Wellow is used as a cut through and the west end of the village is very difficult to walk.
I believe heavy arctic vehicles are more problematic than speeding vehicles. We have lived in the village for 20 years and find the speed of traffic much unchanged during that period. However, large commercial vehicles cause detrimental impact to Chris locks which we believe is worse and should be stopped.

<p>There is no pavement or walking space at the west end of the village and children walk along the road and traffic speeds into the village.</p>
<p>Speed of traffic. Lack of visibility when crossing road due to parked. Lack of pavement making it dangerous to walk along the road.</p>
<p>Farm Lane seems to have a lot of cars bombing up and down it far too fast. It is narrow and there are a lot of bends /vegetation that obscure user's view of what may be approaching... vehicles, horses, walkers and animals in the road. There are several footpaths off the lane across the fields and from Farm Lane to Bath Hill that attract walkers and it is used by cyclist, some of whom actually come down the hill at very high speeds. It's very messy too, so an emergency stop may well turn into a skid. The council don't appear to send the street sweeper up there anymore. Water runs down the road all year round; straight over the drains because they are not being kept clear. As a result the road becomes very dangerous in freezing weather. Brake without thought and one can end up across the High Street and halfway to the ford!</p>
<p>Speeding</p>
<p>While walking the length of the village with school children - at school pick and drop off - tractors, lorries, large trucks, waste vehicles and speeding commuters all driving through at speed these crucial times for child safety. The congestion leads to aggravated drivers and vehicles mounting pavements.</p>
<p>The speed people drive through the village is dangerous.</p>
<p>Very few drivers observe the 20 mph limit, whether through bloody mindedness or neglect. If it is true, as I believe the Parish newsletter is concerned, that one speeder was clocked by the local watch at 65 mph, then this verges on serious crime.</p>
<p>Walking with a toddler through the village is absolutely terrifying given the number of speeding vans and lorries, many of whom mount the pavement, and given the fact that the pavement is barely visible at the Peasedown end of the village. Without wishing to sound cliched, surely we don't have to wait for a child to be injured or worse before doing something? On a related issue - surely Shoscombe Lane shouldn't be 60mph given the number of cyclists, (dog)walkers and children who use it?</p>
<p>There appear to be several pinch points during the day. Obviously, the school drop off and collection times are tricky, especially when parents try to park near to school and need to hurry to work or hurry from work through the village to meet their children. Another time is between 4.30 and 6 pm when the road through Wellow becomes a commuter ratrun - everyone seems to want to get home in a hurry and, in the summer especially, this is when older children are still outside and are thus very vulnerable since the pavement provision is limited. Skips and large vans belonging to workmen make visibility hazardous., though I appreciate that these aren't permanent, and householders are obviously within their rights to improve their property. Elderly people with walking aids, parents with several children to bring to/collect from school, parents with prams/ buggies are regularly squeezed as vehicles speed past. Wellow is a vibrant and welcoming community and it should be possible to crack the traffic problem with determination.</p>
<p>Living in the west end of the village, with 2 small children, we often see cars coming in very quickly to the village. They often only slow down when past the village shop.</p>
<p>Lack of pavement at Peasedown end of the village , cars don't slow down until the parked cars opposite Box Bush</p>
<p>Speeding up past the school/pub</p>
<p>Between the Parlour and the Peasedown exit/entry to the village; the corner at the top of Bulls Hill beyond the church.</p>

<p>Bottlenecks at some points. Speeding on straight sections. Cars, trucks and tractors ramping kerbs to drive on the pavement at bottleneck points. Cars parking on kerbs near the pub blocking visibility around the intersection. Pedestrian section past shop defined by road marking is unsafe for pedestrians.</p>
<p>Inconsiderate driving at peak hours often in excess of 20mph and excessive speeds in particular at the western end of the village as the road straightens.</p>
<p>Complete disregard of the 20mph limit from moment passed; increase in cars during school drop off and pick up</p>
<p>Cars driving on the pavement outside the school close to the children. Cars going too quickly through the village.</p>
<p>Vehicles (cars and vans) going too fast coming into the village from Peasedown end and for the other direction they seem to accelerate from just after the shop</p>
<p>Cars speeding as they enter the village from the west. Tend to only slow down once past the shop where they have to negotiate parked cars.</p>
<p>Periodic speeding along the High Street</p>
<p>Cars speeding round the bend outside The Rectory round to Brook Lodge. There isn't any pavement at this point in the road so pedestrians are at risk. Our stable has been hit and damaged many times and we have given up replacing the gutter and drain pipe as a result.</p>
<p>Speeding generally throughout the village and too big lorries or vans specifically coming down Farm Lane which is not suitable for large vehicles</p>
<p>Speed throughout village is a problem but in the dark it is incredible dangerous</p>
<p>90% of walks along the High Street give witness to speeding vehicles.</p>
<p>I live in the West end of the village and cars speed into the village well over 30mph and there is no pavement. Two of my children do paper rounds so they are walking around the village early in the morning when it is dark and it is so dangerous.</p>
<p>I am sorry but I work full time so am not around in the day time to volunteer at the moment.</p>
<p>The road between station road and approximately Emma Rose's house is wide and traffic speeds up. The pavement is also narrow and is bordered by hedges pushing pedestrians towards the edge of the pavement. Multiple times have I feared I would be hit by a wing mirror or a car scraping the pavement. Bath hill is often the location for speeding cars - but there are not so many pedestrians so not such a priority. I believe speed surveys also back these observations</p>

Please suggest any practical ideas that might solve these problems.

Speed Indicator Device and further traffic calming measures
Traffic humps or depressions set diagonally across the road in various places
Speed control humps and more obvious narrowing of roads like esp by pub
More effective chicanes at entrance to village
Double yellow lines and no turning sign for traffic at the top of our lane (lane to Church Farm) and onto Bulls Hill.
No ideas
Speed ramps. Traffic islands give way like Stratton on the Fosse has they work fantastic
We need a proper pavement all the way through the village. We need a speed camera that will fine them for speeding. We need several tricky chicanes so that they have to slow down and can't swerve through them. I understand the smiley face idea however the drivers I mentioned above for example will pay absolutely no heed to it and it won't slow them down. The only thing that will stop them is something that will negatively affect them personally if they speed ie. a fine or damaging their car by not heeding a chicane.
speed bumps
Speed camera.
Needs thought as I believe many offenders are those passing through village (but still WOULD'NT like to see bumps / give way to oncoming traffic road narrowing - this and accompanying signs would ruin village)
More double yellow lines
Speed bumps and/or right of way sign posts
Speed bumps!
Speed indicators. Some kind of pedestrian designated walk way.
Traffic calming features. Pavements.
Make the whole of Farm Lane and beyond, from Midford to Wellow a 20mph zone. Get the council to sort out the drains and sweep the road from time to time. Put up warning sign for watching out for people/animals in the road.
Cameras
School street initiative, car shares, waste vehicles avoiding school drop off hours, traffic calming (although that would involve trade offs for residents), school initiatives to encourage lift shares and walking buses. Speed enforcement, engagement with farmers with heavy vehicles etc to avoid the road at school times.
Speed bumps maybe or a camera?
A speed camera, sleeping policemen or the creation of a chicane to introduce e.g. a hundred metre single lane. Preferably all of these, but certainly one. There are examples of neighbourhoods that have effectively eliminated speeding as an issue and there's no reason why this should not happen in Wellow. As it stands, the only effective deterrent is the progress of a horse through the village.
10 miles an hour at school drop off and pick up time. Repaint the white lines at the Peasedown end (they're not visible at all) + paint the pedestrian section red (as they have in Freshford / Limpley Stoke) + get speed bumps + community speed watch does great work, but speed cameras are the only things that actually force people to slow down - let's get some!

<p>Many more 20 mile an hour speed signs throughout the village; really large sleeping policemen at intervals from the viaduct to the Peasedown end of the village; realistically, chicanes will not be acceptable to farm vehicles but signs warning about horses and children, and new red paint in the keep clear sections would very much help drivers to feel that Wellow residents were ' on the case'.</p>
<p>Speed bumps as you enter the village.</p>
<p>Speed reader that gives feedback to people about their speed in real time.</p>
<p>Beyond the Parlour repainting the white lines for the pedestrian crossing would help. Possibly widening the line and adding hatching would narrow the perceived road width and encourage lower speeds.</p>
<p>Suggest moving car parking past shop to the other side of the road, with defined pedestrian space constructed that is then protected by parked cars. Also limits this straight section to reduce speeding. Answers to questions below if attending Village Hall meeting and supporting Smiley face group are both Maybe.</p>
<p>Hard to know as many things tried over the years but need to find a way to make drivers moderate their driving and their speeds to recognise this is a residential community - the most practical way seems to have parked cars narrowing the road and so removing the clear run that people seems to think they have when - cheaper than engineered solution involving B&NES Highways</p>
<p>Speed: sanctions; Congestion: school bus</p>
<p>A Speedy Face indicator hopefully will help. I believe speed bumps are not allowed without street lights</p>
<p>Install digital smiley face sign as you enter the village.</p>
<p>Sleeping policemen</p>
<p>Chicanes, flashing speed notification, or speed camera.</p>
<p>load/width limit on farm lane. More speed bumps in the village for the speed issue?</p>
<p>speed humps, access for restricted hours through the village with cameras</p>
<p>I'm guessing the simple solution of a fixed speed camera (or 2 "average speed" cameras) is not permitted, for some reason, otherwise we'd have them already! Ditto sleeping policemen. One suggestion could be the idea of "turn-taking" as in Chilcompton, but this too could be fraught with problems in Wellow. This leaves us stuck with the serious compromise you are already intending to have installed. At least that will work for some drivers, maybe.</p>
<p>Some kind of traffic calming and a pedestrian pavement should go right through the village.</p>
<p>I want a fixed speed indicator or speed smiley face in this vicinity to remind vehicles to slow down.</p>