

Betchworth Parish Council- Highways Report- October 2023

30 mph Speed Reductions

The reduction has been carried out to Old Reigate Road & Wellhouse Lane Residents attention to change to be broadcast in email news & The Forum.

The gateway sign at Station Road / A25 needs cleaning & painting. Brockham PC to be requested to undertake for gateway at Arkle Manor.

Speedwatch

With additional volunteers there should be opportunity to carry out regular monitoring at 3 approved locations- The Street/ Post Office/Station Road once onsite training has been completed. We are liaising with the Coordinator on these issues. Regular presence will hopefully reduce speeding breaches.

Road safety Review- Old Reigate Road/ The Street/ Pebblehill

Parish Clerk & Cllr. Randall last week met Senior Road Safety Officer from Highways.

This was to consider installation of VAS signage as visible warning on curbing excessive speed. Various proposed locations were carefully considered but proved unviable as to correct sighting/high cost of installation & maintenance.

Safety Officer will consult with Traffic Engineer on improved/ more regular speed repeater signage. They had found where installed there could be up to 60% improvement in traffic speeds.

The exception was Pebblehill where an approved location being site of previous unit was accepted as part of overall speed calming being actioned by CC Clr. Clack.

In interim she has offered funding to clear /increase footpath widths to restore clear footway for pedestrians /prams & mobility scooters.

Betchworth Bridge

We are awaiting the road surface testing results over the next few weeks . Resident reported to us a collision on bridge with speeding cycle groups. This did not cause personal injury but resident had to have damaged car repaired.

The signage before the bridge we are advised is correct & not required to be altered but we will request double dotted lines either side as a road alert to

cyclists who often do not notice other signage. An increase in latter would not be desirable to restrict street furniture in a rural setting.

Residents are advised where such incidents continue to report to Police promptly with dashcam footage.

Council if approved to approach local cycling clubs to advise of the need for caution by members approaching this bridge & also other single file bridges at Brockham & Flanchford.

Obscured Road Signage & Overgrown Hedges To Local Roads/ Footpaths

Some road signage is not clear due to overgrown branches/ foliage. Road width on narrow roads is also reduced. Highways cannot be expected to deal with this as too widespread & from private properties. It would be appreciated if adjoining owners would check and rectify any oversailing issues.

