

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Introduction of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit in Lacock Village and Hither Way

Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, advised the TRO's (traffic regulation orders) are still in preparation by the WC TRO team for an advert in September. If there are no objections then the installation can proceed. If there are objections then this will delay installation while the objections are considered by a WC cabinet member.

2. Traffic calming measures

On 21st August Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, did a site visit with Peter and Stuart and is suggesting the following interventions :-

1. Bowden Hill /Forrest Lane at the Village Gateway
2. On the Warfe, below the 30 mph sign, approaching Abbey Bridge from the south.
3. Down from the village gateway at Cantax Hill before the first bend (Lover's walk junction)
4. Cantax Hill down from where two service roads join the road

The intention with the two Cantax Hill interventions is to slow traffic down before entering the village 20 mph zone from the north. The raised table at the West street junction will slow traffic entering the village from the south. Sarah advised using pillow humps at these new locations.

3. High Street/West Street Revised Layout Improvement

No progress to report since last month. Legal documents for TRO's are being prepared for the High Street / West Street project. The road work is scheduled to start 22/1/24 January and be completed in 16/2/2024.

4. Double Yellow Lining still outstanding from 2019

All the necessary legal traffic orders are now completed for outside the Abbey and for the turning circle at the top of Nethercote. Still awaiting them to be issued for advertising and consultation. If there are no objections the yellow lining should be completed during the summer/ early autumn months.

Stuart has e mailed Dave Arnup at WC, who has instructed that the Nethercote "Keep Clear" white repainting is included in their work schedule. Continue to be progressed with Dave Arnup.

5. Blocked Grids and Gullies

Peter Glen has done some excellent work identifying and photographing the roads surface drainage problems we are experiencing in Lacock. How to best proceed to get blocked drains cleared by WC?

6. Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC

Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

The camera has been moved to outside the old chapel with some interesting high speed results, including regular offenders. These details were forwarded to the Police.

Pete will update the LPC at the September meeting.

7. Coaches back in the Village

Incidents of coaches parking badly continues.

The next meeting of the Village Coach Group with representatives of the NT, LPC and the manager of the George and Red Lion was delayed due to holidays but will now be 12th September in the Manger Barn.

Everyone, please continue to report the details of the coaches that are still parking badly to Pete Shaw, or Peter Glen or Stuart Gregory to log. A photograph of such incidents would be a great help to show location and time.

8. Parish Steward (PS)

Our new Parish Steward (PS), Rob Johnstone was back during w/c 20th August.

The repair to the damaged wooden rails at Abbey Bridge was, at long last, was completed.

Three large potholes on Abbey bridge and the Warfe were filled.

Nettle vegetation was cut back on the Warfe at the footpath entrance to the field.

Cut back of vegetation at the village gateways at Bowden Hill and Melksham Road was completed.

Currently, I am aware of the following work for the PS : -

- Spray weeds in gutters and pavements in West St., Cantax Hill and other roads identified.
- Repair potholes either side of the Pack Horse
- Examine and repair kerb damage caused by a car at the High St/East street junction.
- Grips and gullies- continue for them to be checked and cleaned.
- Request the WC Road Sweeper tanker returns again next month to keep the gutters clear of debris. I'm told this is being scheduled.

Let us know of any other work or potholes needing repair.

There is always more that can be done. Please be observant and let us know of any other PS jobs ASAP, ideally with a photograph to identify issue and its precise location.

Stuart Gregory and Pete Shaw