

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

The Parish Council recognises many parishioners are becoming increasingly concerned about safety issues relating to the speed and density of traffic on our roads. Vehicle noise is also a concern that has been voiced. In many cases these problems are as a result of the increasing use of our roads which may not have kept pace of burgeoning housing and industry, in others it is because drivers simply are not adhering to the traffic regulations that are in place. Whatever the cause, it appears that the number of accidents, near misses and the potential for accidents, is on the increase.

Your council has been trying to address the roads problem for many years, but now we have an opportunity via the Community Highways Scheme to formally put forward our concerns to WSCC. The scheme is implemented through the WSCC's Annual Delivery Programme and, importantly, it is community-driven.

In order to help improve the safety of all road users and pedestrians, this means that at this stage we only need to know of any incidents/accidents that have taken place. Then, when we have considered all the input (including broader issues such as new housing) that are challenging the capacity and safety of our roads, we will work with WSCC to try and find the best community scheme to possibly solve the problem. These schemes can include:

- traffic calming features
- town/village centre enhancements
- cycling facilities
- crossing facilities
- speed limits/zones
- junction improvements

More detail can be found at: [Apply for a community highways scheme - West Sussex County Council](#) and at [Community Highway Scheme \(CHS\) guidance \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](#)

The Parish Council already has the support of our local county councillor, who is also currently working with Sidlesham Primary School and WSCC Highways on a School traffic plan. Before submitting any application for the wider community he will be party to all discussion.

If you have been involved in a road safety/traffic incident, or if you are able to cite occasions when and where any incidents have taken place, please forward the details to the Parish Clerk at: parishclerk@sidlesham.org. These examples will then be used to support any possible applications for schemes that might hopefully both make our roads safer, and also used more appropriately in a village community. It is requested all input is received by the end of November 2022.