



Loxwood Parish Council

Autumn 2011

40mph Experimental Speed Limit for Guildford Road Trial Period Update

On 21 February 2011 West Sussex County Council brought into effect an experimental 40 MPH Speed limit on Guildford Road, running from the northern end of the existing 30 mph limit in the village, to the West Sussex County boundary. Surrey County Council have also made a similar Order on part of their length of Guildford Road running northwards from the county boundary. The effects of this Order on the speed of traffic on Guildford Road have been closely monitored and now after the initial 6 month period, the TRO was reviewed at the County Local Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2011 at Loxwood School.

The Committee agreed that, on the basis that the speed survey results at two of the sites indicated that average speeds had fallen below 42mph (the speed required for a 40mph limit to be made permanent) and that at the other two sites speeds were sufficiently close, to approve recommendation five which is to seek dispensation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to depart from County Council policy and so enable the implementation of the temporary 40mph limit to become permanent. You can view the draft minutes from this meeting at: <http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/clc/nc/nc270911ucmins.pdf>

VACANCY NOTICE

Parish Council

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor?



Parish Councillors are the grass roots of local government, at the heart of the community and are in prime position to know what is going on and what is needed.

You will have :

An interest in your community, its affairs and the local government.

A willingness to get involved, ask questions and seek answers.

The enthusiasm to maintain and improve the quality of services and facilities in our Parish.

If you are interested in joining Loxwood Parish please contact the Clerk.

There are no specific qualifications required to be a Councillor other than to be 18 or over and a British Citizen, or Citizen of the Irish Republic, the Commonwealth or another member state of the European Union.

Contact Us: Parish Clerk is Jenny Hartley. 88, Rusper Road, Horsham RH12 4BN. 07814 788407
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If you wish to contact the Parish Council, please address all correspondence, whether letter or

e-mail, to the Parish Clerk. Parish Council minutes and agendas are available from the Clerk, preferably by e-mail, or on the Loxwood Village



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Community Speed Watch

Remember the high vis jackets near the Onslow Arms?

Many people think Community Speed Watch is just a few silly people with clip boards and a SID (Speed Indication Device).

400 mostly West Sussex registered drivers no longer do! As a result of the great volunteering effort of some 30 Loxwood villagers over 2 weeks in June 400 drivers were recorded as driving past the SID at speeds over 40mph – at least 10 miles an hour over the limit. Details were sent to the Police using the Operation Crackdown website for reporting anti-social driving. Those details remain in Police records for at least a year and result in follow up action for any reported repeat offence.

The really great thing about the exercise is that our Neighbourhood Police team now know when speeding happens, have visited Loxwood much more often and at the best times to deter and catch. Their commitment to help us overcome the plague of noise, pollution, fear and mortal danger due to the many dangerously fast drivers through Loxwood is driven by our commitment to help them. By the way, the silly drivers who 'flash' to alert oncoming traffic of Speed Watch or Police activity are also committing an offence and the Police have plans to apprehend them too!

More volunteers please contact Wendy Andrews for Round 2 of Speed Watch - coming soon to again help Loxwood residents. (01403 752170 or loxwood.csw@gmail.com)

By the way, YOU can record bad driving on Crackdown too! <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> or on the dedicated Crackdown Hotline 01243 64 22 22



LOXWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS INITIATIVE



Have you noticed that the telephone box and the area surrounding this are being transformed from a piece of waste ground into an attractive garden that will be a fitting centre piece for the village? This project has been initiated by members of the LCGI and has benefited from tremendous support from Colin and Dee from the village shop, who have generously supplied the oak sleepers and will be supplying plants to create an attractive feature in the middle of the village. This is being done in typical Colin style, providing fantastic support in the background without wanting any publicity. He has'nt got away with it this time! Many thanks Colin and Dee.

What else are the LCGI people up to?? As you might be aware, we have been very fortunate to receive some Lottery funding for our Community Garden at Willetts Way. Hopefully, work on the major hard landscaping will start in this area in early autumn. This will involve a serpentine sleeper wall incorporating raised beds, seating and a York stone paved area. We will also be fencing the area along the path to provide a safe environment for children.

The North Hall woodland area will be further developed during the winter months. More coppicing of the hazel and willow, we will also be planting lots of native shrubs and some more native trees such as the Wild Service and

the pernicious weeds such as stinging nettle and thistle in readiness for planting a wildflower meadow in the autumn of 2012.

Future fundraising

A note for your diary.....on Friday 21 October we will be holding a fundraising event at North Hall which will be a talk by Mark Saunders, who is the Head Gardener at Fittleworth House. He will be talking about the Head Gardener's Year at Fittleworth House. Tickets will be available nearer the time. Watch for posters around the village. If you would like to find out more or would like to become involved and help us improve the village areas, please go to our website www.lcgi.org.uk or contact Graham Moore on 01403 751722

Community Messaging



Are you interested in finding out what's happening in our community?

Community Messaging is your way of finding out what is happening in the local area. By signing up to the scheme you will receive emails from Chichester Police as and when an incident occurs that may affect you, your belongings or our community. You will receive updates on ongoing incidents that have had a big community impact. The idea of the scheme is to give the public more information about what our local policing team is doing for us. If you're interested please leave a message for our local PCSO, Clair Gamlin, on 0845 60 70 99, ext 26682, asking for an application form.