

## Highways and Road Safety Update

### Community Speedwatch

A number of dates for monitoring have now been completed, with further dates scheduled, and following discussions with Cllrs K Grimes and M Karunaratne, it is planned that the data collected from VAS monitoring will in future inform monitoring locations for the CSW teams.

### Wickham Street – Request for reduction in speed limit from 40 to 30mph.

For background, see previous report [WPC.24.01.02](#).

At its February meeting (Min. **25.02.7.4** refers), the parish council resolved:

- i. **The parish council approve the cost of room hire and refreshments at not more than £70 plus VAT to support the Community Speedwatch team.**
- ii. **The parish council approve the printing a newsletter/survey with respect to road safety in the parish at a cost of not more than £150 plus VAT**
- iii. **The parish council approve the cost of contributing to:**
  - a. **A tube speed survey with vehicle class at not more than £45**
  - b. **A full report by Suffolk Highways into the parish request for a reduction in the speed limit at Wickham Street from 40mph to 30mph at a cost of not more than £750.**

A further accident took place at the junction by the Plumbers Arms in the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Two Tube surveys have now been scheduled on the A143 (either side of the junction at the Plumbers Arms in Wickham Street) by Suffolk Highways, fully funded by through our County Councillor, Bobby Bennett's Locality budget. Once these surveys have been completed, the Highways Community Liaison Officer will advise on how to instruct a full report from Suffolk County Council into the case for a reduction in speed limit at Wickham Street.

A draft survey, inviting comments from parish residents about the proposals and suggestions as to any additional safety measures that they consider would improve this stretch of the A143, to feed into the Parish Council's contribution to the full report, is attached as **Appendix A**.

### Bus Stop Improvements

Integrated Transport & Enhanced Partnership (Suffolk Passenger Transport) have advised that following the announcement of a Capital funding element to this year's Local Authority Bus Grant, they are now happy to accept requests for bus stop improvements from Parishes or other community groups.

These can range from improving the paved area at a bus stop, adding raised kerbs for easier access on/off buses or small lengths of footway to link bus stops to existing routes up to new Bus Shelters or Real Time information screens. What can be achieved at any given bus stop will of course depend upon what space there is available and the potential impact of changes on visibility for other traffic.

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Applications can be made using the same online form as for service requests, which can be found [here](#) along with additional information. There is no deadline for applying, but please include photographs of the stop area. Each site will be assessed by the Passenger Transport team as part of the application process.

One suggestion is improvements to the bus stops at Wickham Street and Clopton.

### **Other reported issues:**

1. A new bus stop has been established in the northbound layby of the A143 to allow for passengers to be set down and picked up (and link into community transport services).  
A copy of the reasoning for the location of this bus stop has been provided by SC Cllr Hicks and is attached as **Appendix B** (namely that the bus stop at Wickham Street is deemed too dangerous).

2. **Report reference number is: 00518197**

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**Date reported:** 28/04/2025

SCC Highways have advised that the sign will not be replaced as it does not meet Suffolk Highway's intervention criteria under its Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP).

The parish council could consider adopting Suffolk County Council's [Community Self-Help Scheme](#), which empowers town and parish councils to deliver minor maintenance works within their communities. There may be cost implication in terms of resource time for the clerk, recruitment of volunteers etc which should be considered before signing up to this scheme (which the parish council considered in 2020 and rejected).