

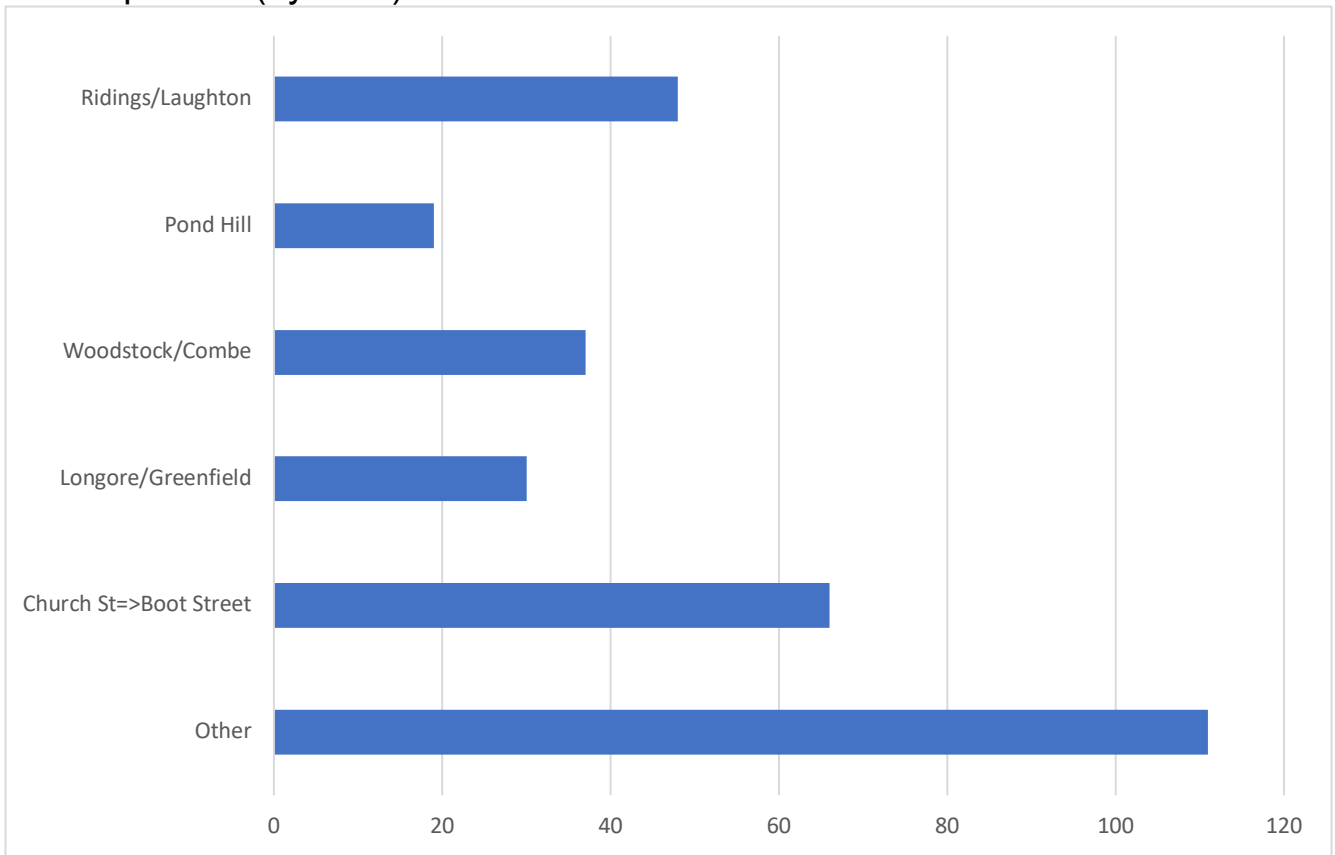


Results of the residents' survey

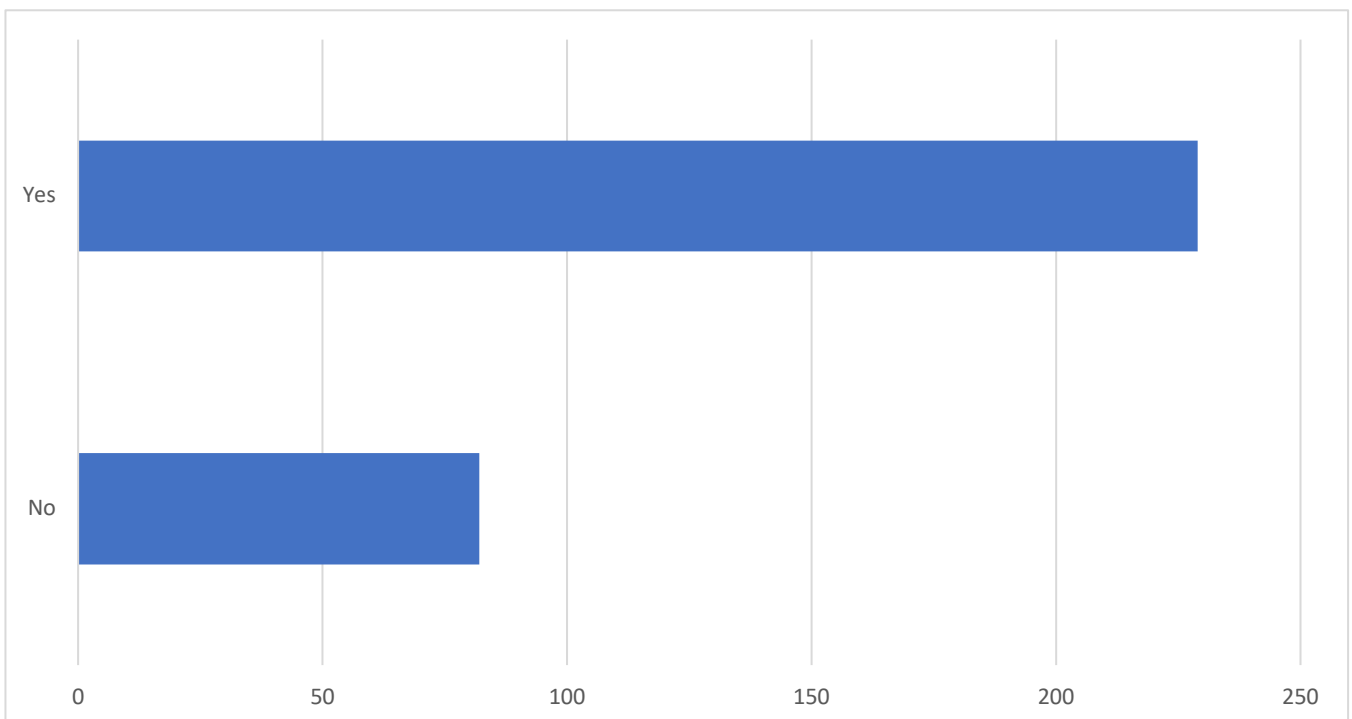
26th November 2018

Stonesfield Speed Survey Results

Q1: Responses (by road)

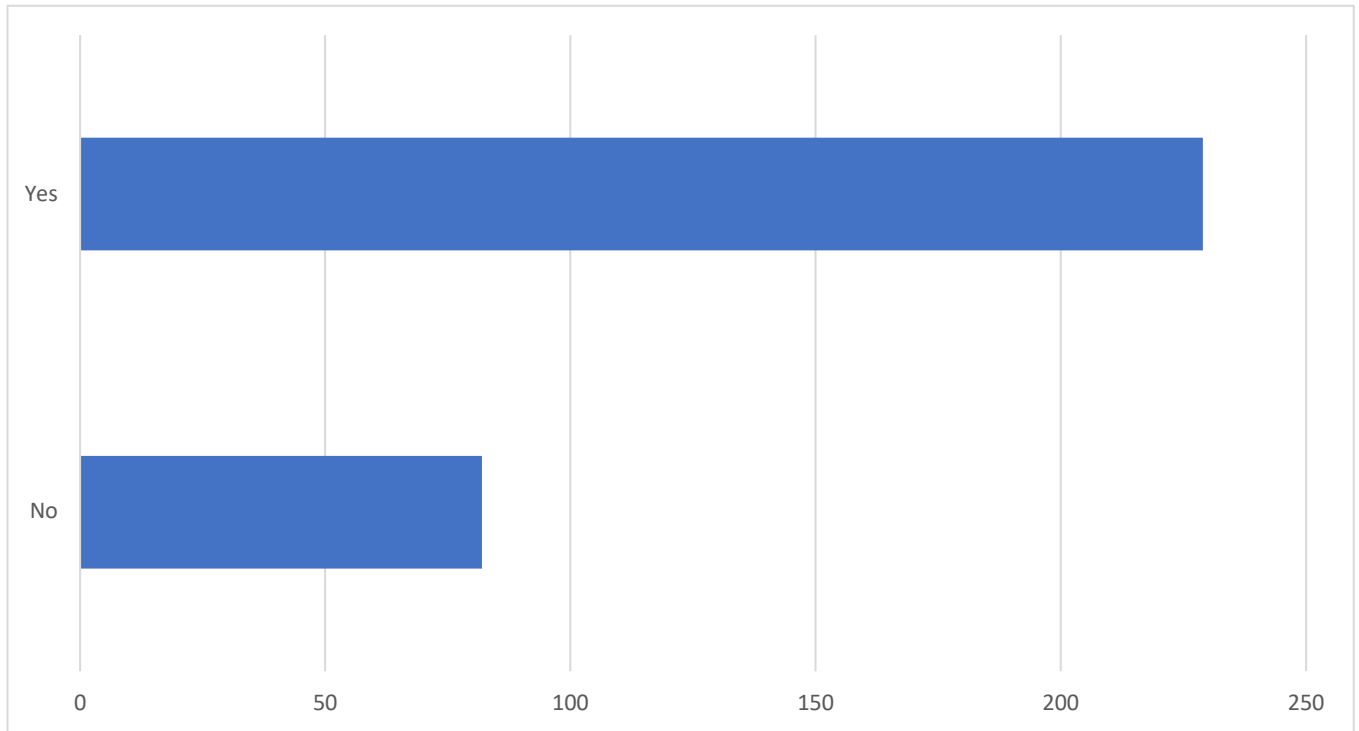


Q2. Do you believe the volume of through traffic in Stonesfield has increased in the last 12-24 months?

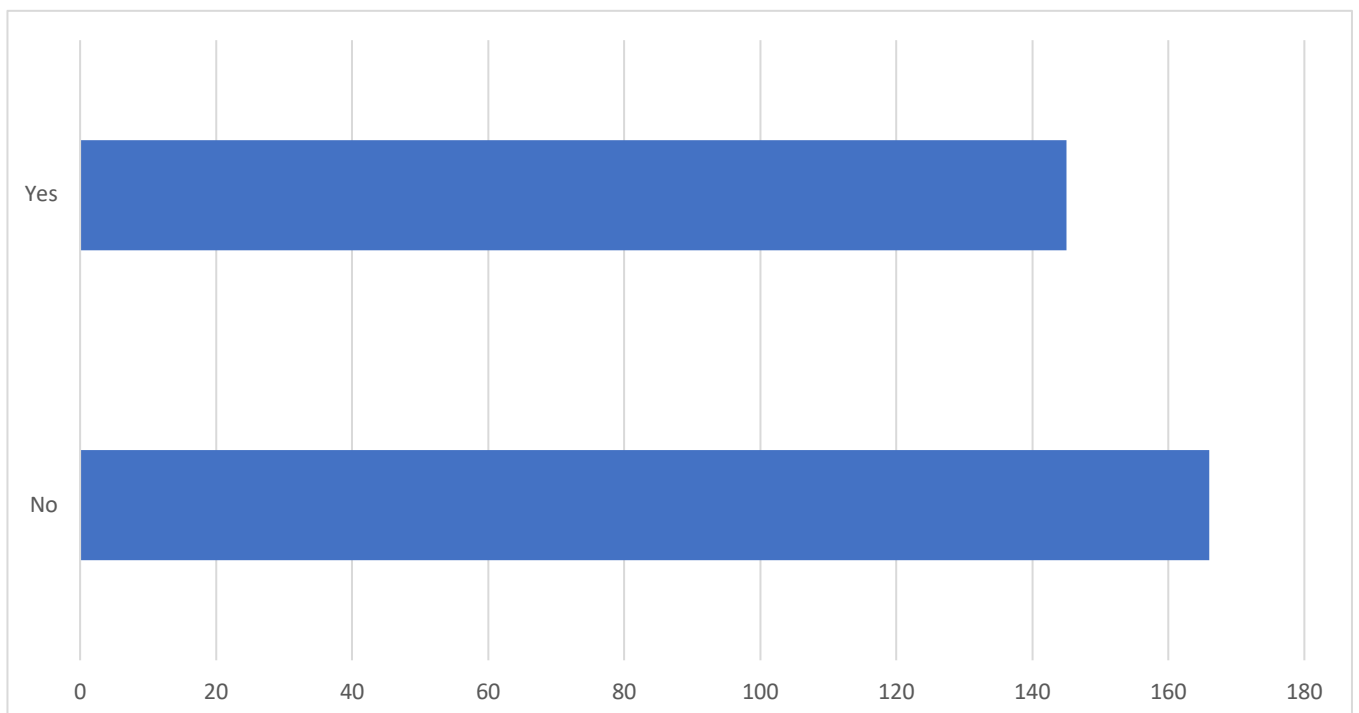


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Q3: Do you believe vehicles travel at excessive speed (i.e. faster than you feel is safe for the road conditions) in Stonesfield?



Q4: Have you had personal experience of a vehicle travelling at excessive speed or being driven badly in Stonesfield that has caused you or your family any harm or concern?



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Q6: What should the village speed limit be?

A. the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph throughout Stonesfield

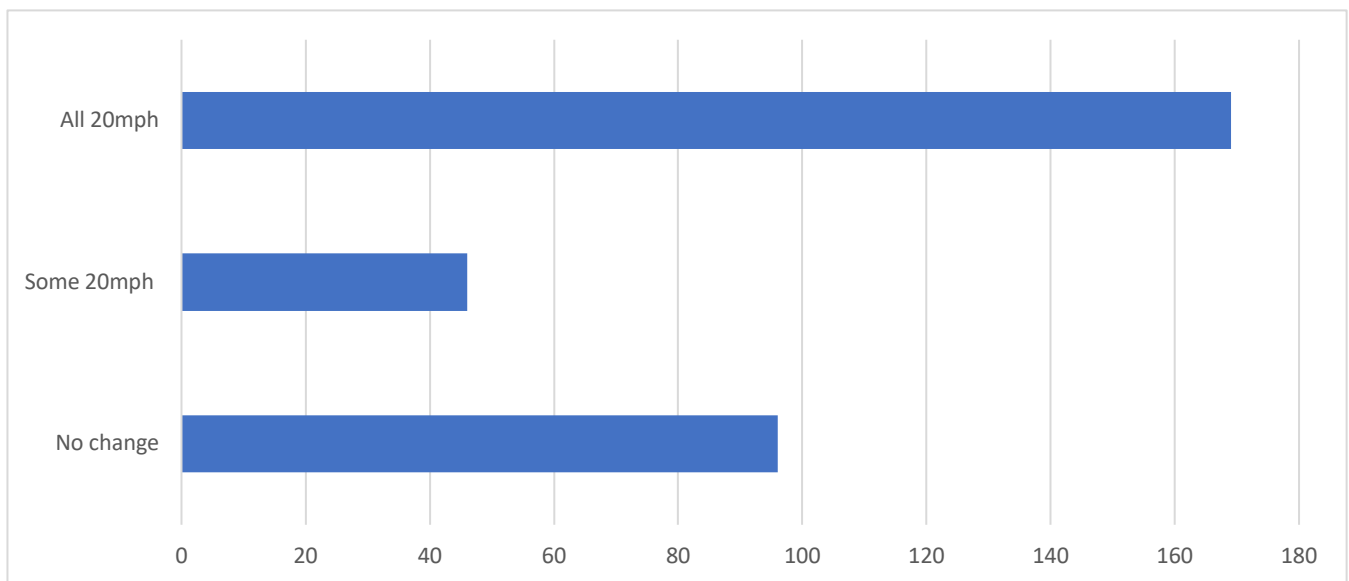
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B. the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph in Pond Hill, The Ridings and Laughton Hill / Fawler Road

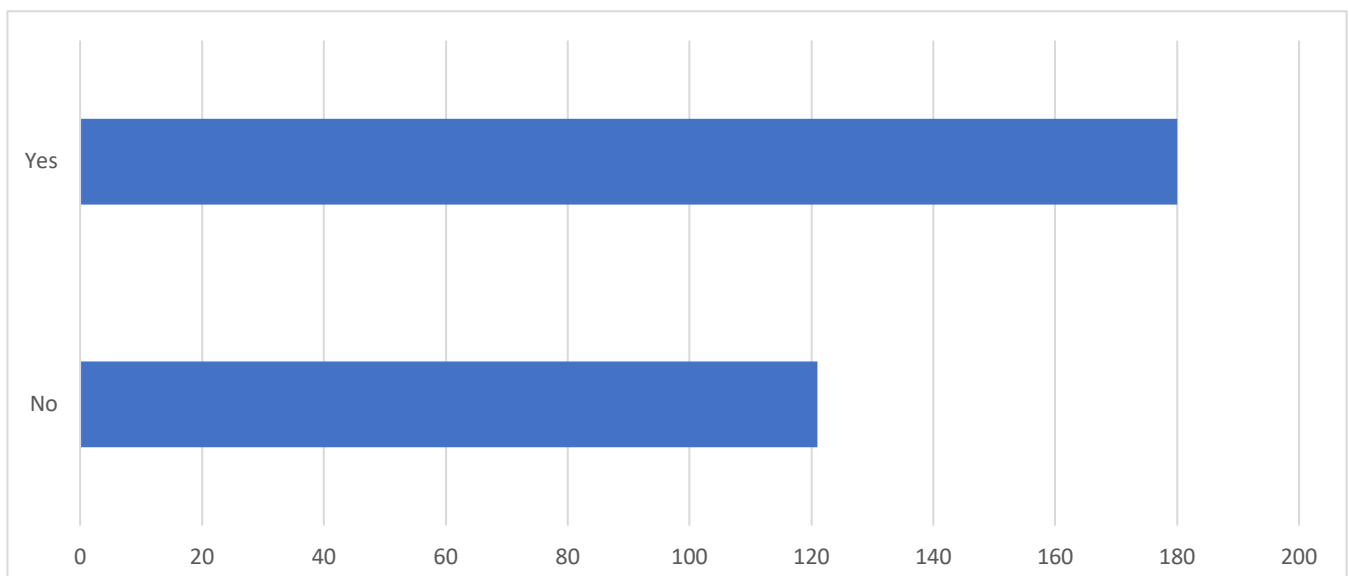
14.8%

C. the 30mph speed limit should remain throughout Stonesfield

30.9%



Q8: Would you like to see additional signage / warnings to motorists (e.g. No pavements, Road narrows, Horses etc)?



Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Laughton Hill / The Ridings

Many incidents at rush hour on Laughton Hill both up and down the hill.

We were just walking out on to the road ready to go to the school when a car came very fast and close to us on Laughton Hill. I think that people must assume that when they are travelling down Laughton Hill, they're out of the village and can just blast it to get up the hill.

The speed of traffic coming into the village from Fawler is often excessive and is incompatible with the presence of parked vehicles on Laughton Hill.

Early morning walking down Laughton Hill with dog. Cars speeding into and out of the village is alarming. Frequent screeching traffic on Laughton Hill, if there are cars parked on the road, making the road single lane. Many near misses.

Regularly seen cars doing excessive speed down Laughton Hill and swerving to avoid other vehicles or having to slow quickly to pass parents with children. This occurs mostly at rush hour, but at other times too.

We live at the bottom of Laughton Hill and have two young children. Crossing the road to Well Lane especially in the mornings we see cars speeding down the road and barely slowing down in time as they come round the corner. On several occasions we have had to jump back with the kids as cars have swerved and raced past. On a few occasions I've indicated for drivers to slow down and have had rude responses.

I often walk up The Ridings out of Stonesfield towards Callow Farm and vehicles coming into village often do not slow down to 30 until well after Farley Lane. With no pavements for kids and dogs this is a worry

(1) July(?) 2018: Nearly run over by car on The Ridings at night, despite wearing light clothing and carrying torches. Car hurtled up Laughton Hill and round the bend, screeching to a halt about 1m in front of us. (2) Sunday 28 Oct: A car drove down Laughton Hill at speed and came within 6" of me - I was walking along the road in front of the cottages (which have no pathway or frontage) opposite the Oxfordshire Way. It appears that I was completely invisible to the driver despite wearing a bright yellow raincoat and it being broad daylight.

Fawler Road into the village, cars do not slow down coming in to the village which is horrendous when there are no pavements or safety for pedestrians. Also pulling out of Boot Street onto Laughton Hill is perilous when people are speeding up to the blind bend.

On Laughton hill particularly, early morning and early evening traffic with people honking horns and revving engines if they have to wait to let cars pass stationary vehicles. Cars come rushing into the village here and often do not slow until they come to the bit where the road narrows at the bottom of the ridings. It is VERY unsafe for children and not pleasant for any pedestrians as there is no pavement

Several incidents of fast driving in The Ridings, especially in the 4-6 p.m. slot.

Vehicles travelling too fast down The Ridings approaching the Boot Lane junction and as the road narrows entering Laughton Hill.

On Wednesday 24th Oct 2018 I was walking down Laughton Hill when a vehicle drove down the hill from the Fawler direction entering the village at an estimated speed of 60 MPH. I waved to the driver to slow down and he replied with an offensive gesture. This happens regularly

Being at the end of the drive and a motorbike / cars travelling way too fast along Laughton Hill. Also the speed of traffic travelling past whilst walking along the road.

Laughton Hill, cars passing me far too closely

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Laughton Hill / The Ridings (cont)

Cars having to brake suddenly on Laughton hill as there is a blind bend with pedestrians using the road regularly. I've seen at least two cyclists knocked from their bikes due to speeding traffic

Also incidents on the hill past Stonesfield garage, cars going too fast through narrow road

Laughton Hill - recklessly driving youths – 2017

Plenty of big cars travel much too quickly around the tight turn from boot street out to Fawler. I've had to slam on my brakes countless times to avoid being hit. Boot street itself is also often taken much too fast by too many vehicles either a complete disregard for any traffic travelling in the opposite direction.

In 2006, a neighbour's car was emerging from the bottom of the bridleway onto the Stonesfield / Fawler road, turning right (a blind corner turning) to go up the hill. My neighbour's car was part way across when it was struck hard at the rear of the driver's door by a BT or British Gas white Ford van coming fast down the hill from Fawler. Fortunately, neither driver was hurt but the car was a write off. I think the police might have measured up braking marks and registered the accident but as no one was injured that might not be correct.

Many times I have seen 'near misses' as cars try to turn right out of Boot Street into path of vehicles coming up the hill. Last week I was at the bus stop opposite and had to shout / wave at a car to make it stop as a 'white van' accelerated up the hill.

My son has had close encounters with cars where the road narrows on Laughton Hill when he is walking up the hill to get the school bus.

We live on Laughton Hill cars approaching the village too fast is a daily thing

About 18 months ago, on the morning that the clocks went forward, I was crossing Laughton Hill on the way to the village shop, towards Boot Street. When I was about 3/4 of the way across a cyclist came down The Ridings at speed. Without braking or changing direction he passed through the 5foot gap between me and the beech hedge. this was about 9.15 am. The cyclist did not stop and could only be identified by the Number 1 on his back.

My drive is directly on the road with little visibility up the road towards the pub. Though I check when I pull out when cars are going too fast it is hard to see them in time. Some cars drive very fast, particularly at night, and as there is no footpath on the Ridings I worry for my children's safety.

Various, unmarked white van 25/10 4pm I had to step off the road onto a grass verge to avoid being hit. Made worse by cars parked opposite Farley Close junction.

The 'Villager Bus' backed down Laughton Hill, without looking behind, and drove into my car causing damage to my car. It was a frightening experience for me. The driver admitted liability and apologised.

Bottom of Laughton Hill, coming out of Witney Lane with 2 dogs I have had narrow escapes on several occasions. Bottom of Peaks Lane, cars travelling too fast along Boot Street

Delivery vans speeding through the village morning and evening. Very large lorries delivering building materials, motorcyclists riding on the pavement from the shop towards The Ridings. Motorcycles on our footpaths, rights of way and in the woods - very dangerous

Large vehicles driving far too fast down the narrow part of The Ridings, from Callow Farm down, and if you are not sure footed enough to go on the grass verge it is difficult to move out of the way.

My near neighbour had his car written off in The Ridings about 2 years ago. No one saw it happen and the culprit somehow drove off and was never caught.

Laughton Hill - travelling too close whilst I was on foot

Excessive speed by delivery vehicles all day every day up Farley Lane

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Laughton Hill / The Ridings (cont)

Stonesfield to Ditchley Gate early morning, during the day or evenings, we have seen cars travelling in excess of 60mph. It should be no more than 40mph. Same applied on Stonesfield to Fawler Road

Many vehicles travelling up / down The Ridings.

The visibility from Farley Close into The Ridings is very poor when driving a car. Many vehicles have to park in The Ridings also and speeding cars are therefore an extra hazard

Cars coming down the hill from Fawler into the village often in excess of 30mph, even as they start to climb up the other side

Have witnessed many close calls when exiting The Tewel

Pond Hill

Living near Hank's Corner the traffic coming round the bend is a concern. Traffic comes round far too fast and, at most time, on the wrong side of the road. Parking near the school is not helping especially Pond Hill at school times. Cyclists are also a concern speeding through the village.

10.9.18 pond hill two cars with two young males were screeching through the village almost out of control. I was walking my dog by the shops and felt vulnerable on the pavement. These individuals were driving at excess speed recklessly. I reported the incident to the police. Second incident: 3.09.18 young Male on a motorbike down Witney lane driving at excess speed nearly ran into me and my dog. Luckily I got us out of the way. The same individual also speeds through the woods. Generally the speed on the main route through is unsafe especially when carrying a child and walking a dog. Not one incident - just regularly having to jump out of the way when trying to load/unload the car outside our house on a narrow street.

We have encountered vans mainly speeding around the bend near the shop. This is also hazardous at school pick up time in the afternoon.

*Near misses with children crossing the road for school just beyond the shop and also on the lack of path going down pond hill towards the Longore turning. I hate walking my children down that round!
Pond Hill 15:20hrs school time April two cars met, ignoring me and child walking in road*

Near misses at Hanks corner

Parking on the roadside opposite the shop and near the school causes problems

Speeding up the hill as I'm trying to cross children for School.

Walking on foot path near shop after dropping children at school the bin lorry was parked on the opposite side of the road and a impatient driver decided to mount the pavement and clipped me in the process causing me to fall and fracture my elbow

We live right on the bend before the shop and cars frequently speed round the blind bend. We not only hear the cars travelling at excessive speed (even more than 30mph), but we've had a couple of near misses crossing the road. Typically van drivers and young drivers from experience

At various times (particularly bad in rush hour) at Hank's Corner. vehicles travelling too fast and turning the corner on the wrong side of the road ie veering into oncoming traffic. This will be a big problem at some time especially in the morning when children are walking to school.

Coming off Longore to join the road to walk upto the village shop there is a white line that we can walk inside as there is no path myself and my two children was inside this white line when a silver BMW that was coming to fast had to stop very quickly behind us as there was another car coming down while he was racing up not only was he way over 30 he was inside the white line were we was walking. This happened just before school broke up October.

Driving at excessive speed on Pond Hill

Just generally speeding around the corners at Pond Hill

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Pond Hill (cont)

During rush hour taking child to school I have witnessed many concerns about speed and on one occasion a car swerving into Peaks Lane to avoid an oncoming vehicle. The location of Peaks Lane on Pond Hill is a frequented crossing point which has always concerned me as pedestrians have to assess 2 'blind' corners before crossing the road and the increase in electric cars makes this more difficult as they are harder to hear. There are no signs to indicate the school is close by. It needs signage and speed humps to slow traffic to a safe level. The other bit of road of concern is where there is no pavement approaching the pub (downhill)

6pm on Pond Hill bend, to the left of the shops, there are cars parked on the side of the road which means you have to drive in the middle of the road - it's dangerous

At the end of Pumbro where Pond Hill narrows and there is no footpath as you come up the hill, car travel too fast

Evening at the dip in Pond Hill going towards The White Horse, the car was coming down the slope at an alarming rate.

A car cut the sharp corner (Hanks Corner) nearly causing a head on collision, just going too fast. This was around 5.00pm on 22/10/18

Have had to move into neighbours' driveways to avoid fast moving vehicles when walking along Pond Hill. Have also been afraid that fast moving vehicles would hit me or others.

Exiting from Barrets Close, turning left towards the shop the road narrows on the bend at Peaks Lane. Turning right towards the blind bend to leave the village.

It happens constantly in Pond Hill and is an accident waiting to happen, particularly during school drop off time.

Vehicles drive too fast round Hank's Corner and the narrow Pond Hill section

Pond Hill many times seen vehicles travelling too fast. 8.30 - 9.00 when getting the papers most workdays

Coming down into Pond Hill from the triangle with the bus stop a car continued without stopping whilst I was driving causing me to have to alien down to avoid collision. Walking down Pond Hill without pavement always treacherous and crossing over the road from Peaks Lane towards shop seems like an accident waiting to happen.

I was walking home from school with my grandson. As there is no path between Pond Hill going past Pumbro so you have to walk inside a white line painted on the road. A car was coming down and sped up where the road narrows, it really scared my grandson

Woodstock Road / Combe Road

There have been many incidents. On Friday 19th October, with the sun low in the sky, a Land Rover Discovery overtook the traffic on the 'Stonesfield Straight' when there were pedestrians and cyclists. it was very frightening. I often see examples of poor driving - speed is usually a major issue.

Anytime of the day vehicles travelling along Stonesfield Riding entering the Village (passing the 30 MPH sign) travel at speeds over 30. On several occasions vehicle pass us too close for comfort between Farley Lane and The White Horse. Drivers fail to take into account how close they are to pedestrians and put vulnerable road users at risk.

incident of overtaking on Stonesfield straight (many times often worst between 4 and 6 - Friday v bad.

cars overtaking me on Woodstock Rd at great speeds

Only this morning, a white VW Golf driving at excessive speed down Woodstock Road. Coming to fast in to Stonesfield from Woodstock

We often get disturbed by the noise of cars and motorbikes accelerating quickly out of the village west-bound on Woodstock Road

Every morning and afternoon along Woodstock road when walking children to and from school

On my way back from work. Driving on Woodstock road as soon as you get into the village, I always drive 20-30mph, the amount of people I have either trying to overtake or flashing me to go faster is disgraceful. They need to understand just because it says 30mph, doesn't mean you have to go that fast. We have lots children in the village who play outside and could easily trip onto the road, and you will not be able to stop in time if you are going 30mph!

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Woodstock Road / Combe Road (cont)

Speed and volume of traffic up and down the main Stonesfield straight out of the village towards Woodstock.

BMW racing out of the village down the Woodstock road, overtaking another car before it got to the chicane, nearly hit pedestrian walking on the verge forcing them to jump back, had they been disabled or with a pushchair/child, they would have been hit!

Cars racing past on Woodstock road when trying to cross coming out of William Buckland way, don't feel safe walking round the village with my children anymore

Almost daily speeding along Woodstock Road at school run time. Have also experienced tailgating along Stonesfield Straight up until the chicane where I was actually overtaken as I had paused for oncoming traffic. It was a BMW driver and there was very nearly a collision. Speeding regularly happens on the Stonesfield straight but that might not be relevant as not actually in the village. The chicane incident happened in the early evening in the summer (possibly June). I worry about the children walking to school and allowing my child to walk to school alone.

Numerous incidents. Most focused during the morning walk to school and the area around the Green/White Horse but also speed along Woodstock road through the village + excessive speed down the Ridings towards Callows Farm.

Woodstock Road by the speed bumps

Cars driven at high speed towards the village by young male drivers - late afternoon along the Woodstock Road

Cars accelerating at the war memorial and speeding out past the chicane. This happens all the time. We've notified the police, taken registration number, the police have come with speed detectors and the problem still persists. Installation of the illuminated 30mph sign has not changed the situation as it just remains illuminated as the cars speed past.

At peak times (am & pm) along the Woodstock Road leading in / out of Stonesfield there are a large amount of children and cars travelling at well about 30pmh

Speeds in excess of 30pmh. Also impatience and trying to overtake me as I approach chicane from Woodstock and needed to stop

Rear-ended on Stonesfield Straight at the Coombe junction by a car driving at 60+mph in April 2016

Excessive speed on the 'long straight' towards Woodstock/Blenheim and into the village. Threatening to pedestrians and car owners driving within the speed limit

July (late morning): Pick up truck travelling at excessive speed at the bottom of the hill, travelling towards Stonesfield (where the road narrows) scraped my stationary car whilst it was pointing towards Combe. My car was definitely well into the verge when the incident happened.

25/10/18 While walking dog we saw a car was travelling down Combe Road (out of village) at high speed. This is unfortunately a regular occurrence.

6.15 - 7.00am alone Woodstock Road and Combe Road. Drivers travelling to work - residents and non-residents. All in excess of 30mph. And the police don't set up their speed traps until 8am which is too late to catch the commuters.

Coombe Road 8- 9.30 am

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Greenfield Road / Longore

Very fast cars / bikes passing my house in Greenfield Road at more like 50mph. How would 20mph help?

People drive through Greenfield Road at excessive speed. I tried to slow down a guy a few months ago but only received abuse

A few months ago, neighbour's wall and gate on corner of Greenfield Road / Crescent was crashed into and damaged. The motorist left the scene without bother to find out whose property was damaged.

In the evenings around going home time cars regularly clip the curb and screech brakes at junction of Woodstock & Greenfield Road- I'm scared to let my young children out even on the drive alone I have fears of a crash mounting the curb into our property

Car drive into parked car outside our house, Longore 2017

The 'chicane' at junction of Greenfield Road, Greenfield Crescent and Busby Close: Any day & any time. Scary!

Ongoing - there is a bend between Greenfield Road and Longer, many people cut the corner and are on the wrong side of the road. Latest incident was Tuesday 30th Oct 2018 at 3.45pm

Cutting corner entering Greenfield Road from Woodstock Road. Bad congestion and poor parking (on pavement) around school start & finish times

Constant excessive speed along Longore, no care for pedestrians

Numerous incidents of unrespectful drivers for others speeding through Longore rush hour traffic mostly 7-8am then 5-6pm. My husband has had numerous incidents of near misses with vehicles whilst out walking.

Many times, when turning onto Longore from Maplewell, traffic travelling from Pond Hill is so fast that we have to brake suddenly. Many times travelling along Longore towards Woodstock Road, I am tailgated when I drive at or just below 20 mph, which is intimidating and pressurising.

Greenfield Road especially at the Z bend

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

Church Street / High Street / Churchfields / Boot Street / Peaks Lane

If one is coming over the stile from the churchyard in Churchfields, on his likely to be flattened by cars racing along Churchfields. This is used as a speedway by some drivers, at any time of day.

Impatient drivers have caused our car, parked in Boot Street, to be hit 3 times in less than a year

Drivers from The Cross taking the bend at Church Street too fast. It happens frequently. There are many more parked cars in Church Street now so this makes speeding even more dangerous than ever

Delivery drivers speed excessively. Especially near The Cross had one speeding along on his phone. Also lots speeding along Woodstock Road out of the village. Quite scary when on the school run.

No specific incidents but often cars drive much too fast along Churchfields, a large concern due to the number of children living along there, plus lots of concealed driveways, no lighting in darker evenings and no footpaths. Hanks' corner also dangerous with cars and trucks driving too fast and in the middle of the road.

Junction with Churchfields and Boot Street. More than once meeting a car travelling too fast on that very narrow bend causing us both to brake very sharply, narrowly missing collision.

Travelling too fast down Churchfields

At school drop off time (8.45am) mostly once or twice cars speed down High Street, round corners, and there are no footpaths so we have to duck into driveways

Delivery vans mostly. Couple of residents that I've had to ask to slow down on a few occasions and nearly had head on collisions with them by the black head due to their speed

At different times of the day unsafe speeds in Churchfields

Damage to parked cars on boot street 6 months ago day time

People drive too fast in Peaks Lane when they use it as a rat run. It is sometimes hazardous to emerge from our driveway. It should be made a one-way street, which would at least halve the problem.

Large vehicles trying to drive along Boot Street / backing up into High Street at various times of day.

Careless driving. Someone in a 4x4 drove straight out of The Cross. I was coming from Church Street and had to jam on my brakes to avoid hitting him

Vehicles travelling too fast up and down Church Street and meet on a blind bend outside The Chestnuts cottage which many times requires evasive action. I have had to hug the wall to avoid being hit on many occasions too numerous to mention

As we see many families with young children, people with dogs or on horses pass our houses the traffic frequently moves too fast for safety and reducing speed, especially on Church Street corner, would help

Peaks lane - danger to children at entrance / exit to school. Few times have experienced cars & vans driving too fast

Other roads

Small car driven by a young man came up Farley Lane very fast and turned right into Bishops Meadow. It happened Saturday afternoon in Sept 2018

I live in Field Close so I know what speed is. They go very fast past my house. I think humps in parts of Stonesfield should to apply to built up areas

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents – by location

General

Weekend coming down the hill too fast on blind corner

I don't drive and it is exceptionally dangerous for me to take my children out of the village - on foot or by bike.

On a daily basis when walking the dog especially in the mornings 6.15 to 7am

Cars going too fast when cyclist are close by. Cars driving too fast when there are children playing on the street/close.

I was trying to learn how to use a mobility scooter but the traffic coming into the village was very fast and frightening. The pavements are not really suitable for scooters but the roads present so many problems from potholes to speeding cars as well as animals and small children that it is always a challenge to go out

Frequently on village roads with no footpath vehicles fail to see / slow down for pedestrians. Exiting my drive/gate cars drive past too quickly mostly at school times

Due to cars now parking on roadsides this leaves less road to drive on (often only one way). Lower speeds would help the situation. This is a problem that has got worse over the past 5 years esp Churchfield, Boot pub area and Pond Hill. It is not possibly to drive 30mph round Stonesfield so why remain the speed limit?

Yes, every day when entering onto the highway from our lane when cars parked either side of the lane obstructing our view onto the highway.

Large lorries frequently scrape against our stone walls as they are too large and not expertly driven. Have not kept a diary but have complained when we have physically witnessed this.

Many times

One side mirror and one front grill smashed, one front wing scratched

Too numerous to specify - vehicles frequently travel too fast in village streets. Too fast might be as slow as 20 mph though and there seems to be no regard for narrow old streets or road narrowing due to parked cars, still less the presence of pedestrians.

Car driving at excessive speed every morning while children walking to school. Reported to police by more than one resident and I understand they received a warning and no longer see the car

Often very noisy mopeds and bikes racing up and down the road, midday and afternoon at excessive speed

Mostly while running during the darker winter months. It's a common occurrence but more to do with a lack of experienced drivers than the road conditions (not withstanding potholes!) just physically seen excessive speeds while out walking the dog

I'm not aware of any significant incidents which would in any way justify the draconian imposition of a ridiculously low speed

Speeding

Old drivers showing no respect for others with a need to get to their destination

See results of 10 day radar survey

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q8: Residents' comments

Responders who want 30mph retained

Main cause of hazards - Dangerous Parking on Lawton Hill especially by blind bend, Pond Hill at delineated Path and Junction. Also on bend on Pond Hill Near Peaks Lane.

I don't think the speed limit is the problem, it's just that a minority of drivers will ignore it regardless of whether it is 20 or 30 mph. I think speed cameras or similar active prevention is the only way to reduce the problem.

The additional signage would be a waste of money as it cannot be enforced and the more signs you have to more people switch off to their own senses. There is significant evidence to suggest that the less signage you have the safer things become because people rely on their own judgement, sight and hearing. The instances of speeding simply do not warrant further expenditure for something that cannot be enforced. Contact the local policing team for some speeding enforcement in the village if you are that worried.

I think a speed counter as you enter Stonesfield from Woodstock. also I believe double yellow lines should be used on he bends near the shop to the church as it's a very difficult road without the added extra cars park in very dangerous places

If the recent large planning applications for housing developments are approved the traffic will increase hugely. Not sure this survey will provide a representative result.

I would ask on what basis this group of residents is concerned. what evidence is there to support their position (have actual vehicle speeds been professionally measured?) I would also challenge what a reduction in the speed limit would actually achieve - I suspect the local constabulary would not have sufficient resources to enforce it. I respectfully suggest the biggest risk to pedestrians in Stonesfield is the lack of footpath and the tortuous horizontal alignment of the road near the post office. I believe great protection would be provided by additional signage to highlight these hazards. I would expect to see a 20mph limit at schools, but given the location of the school I would not think this necessary.

Please be careful not to fall for confirmation bias when looking at these results. The premise and questions seem to be designed to lead to a predefined conclusion.

Most people drive sensibly to suit the conditions in Stonesfield, narrow roads etc. I don't think extra signage will impact on the few who don't. I am more concerned about the danger immediately beyond the village to pedestrians and cyclists down Combe Road, the Ridings and Woodstock Road in particular. There are already too many signs as you come in to the village, which means there are too many to be noticed as well as being an eyesore.

This is a village - we do not need more signs or street lights and warnings cluttering the streets, as they won't stop people speeding.

I don't believe reducing the speed limit or adding signs (which already spoil the look of our village) will help. Those wanting to break the law will do so whatever the limit.

Please be realistic. There is no speed/traffic issue in Stonesfield. I urge you not to waste precious resources on this issue.

I feel that the number of cars that are now parked on the roads and blocking pavements and especially on the corner of church street and Churchfields needs to be addressed more than speed. There is no chance of anyone speeding along Churchfields as there are just way too many cars being parked on the road. The corner by the old recording studio is absolutely dreadful and needs address. I have lived in the village all my life and I have never seen it so bad. Unfortunately families now have two, three or even four cars and either don't have enough room on their drives to accommodate this or find it easier to park on the road!

At the bottom of Combe Road (at the bottom of the hill). The road is too narrow there. Buses and vans use it. People don't give way. On a different note and in response to no. 6 above there is already traffic calming measures along Woodstock Road and there has been police presence with their mobile speed cameras BUT everyone in the village is forgetting about Combe Road - no traffic calming, no police presence and definitely excessive speeds are broken Reducing the speed limit will not benefit anyone

Most people who drive through the village know the roads and drive appropriately. A change in speed limit will not achieve any significant change in behaviour. Road signs are ugly and a large number of road signs are confusing and may lead to increased number of traffic accidents.

The additional signage should be restricted to one flashing 30mph warning sign as you come into the village at Laughton Hill and one on the Combe Road. Speed limits are only any good if they are enforced. Parking on The Ridings and Laughton Hill should also be looked at.

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q8: Residents' comments

Responders who want 30mph retained

Too many vehicles parked on the road, particularly by the cemetery and exiting the village past the Tower

There are places in Stonesfield where 20 mph or less is sensible. However these are obvious to all but idiots and idiots are the last people who will take notice of a few signs particularly when the chances of being caught exceeding the new limit will be non-existent. Unless there is a plan to install speed cameras or have the police conduct regular speed traps - both extremely unlikely - then the signs will clutter up the village and achieve nothing.

Stop the parking on corners and bends

This is a daft suggestion. There is absolutely no evidence that this proposal is warranted. What will the next suggestion be, "men walking with red flags in front of the vehicles or the return to horse drawn society"

Stop complaining and move on!

If people kept to 30 it would be fine. Just a small minority of kids who break the limit. This ruins it for everyone else. If it's reduced to 20 these people will still speed. I don't feel driving at 20 will make any difference if applied to Stonesfield as the problem will always be the same with the minority! Unfortunately!! This applies to all places and Ed's!!

Waste of time 20mph, NOT enforced by police. It is still TOO fast for Pond Hill. It will get people used to breaking the speeding laws. They are better concentrating on how they drive rather than how fast they drive. Professional opinion of retired Police Sergeant

30mpg to be enforced - speed traps at War Memorial not at chicane

Drivers are grown-ups. Impose speed restrictions where necessary, but the danger in Stonesfield is from parking, not when cars are moving. Parking on white lines (Laughton Hill) and parking too close to junctions (Hunts Close & Busby Close) are creating black spots that are more dangerous. No point in any limiting measures if they are not policed. Clamp cars creating an obstruction first

It would be interesting to know if there is any evidence of increased traffic volume or excessive speed

A 20 mph speed limit is completely unnecessary for Stonesfield. People make a judgement as to the appropriate speed for corners and tight spaces - bad drivers get this judgement wrong and will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit.

Drivers that speed in the village already ignore the 30mph limit, so will also ignore a reduced limit. Also at other time even 20mph is too fast. Changing speed limits do not stop bad driving.

The problem is not the speed limit but the enforcement of the existing 30 mph max

Please focus on ensuring people do not park on verges blocking drives and roads instead of village speed - this is not the M25 corridor. Find a habit!

It's a village not an opportunity for a road sign factory

30mph is fine. I don't see anyone speeding.

Parking is more the problem as motorists have to drive/ swerve around parked cars and may not see/ concentrate on pedestrians.

Additional signage would be most useful. Most of the roads in the older part of Stonesfield are impossible to drive at 30mph anyway so reducing the speed limit would not help. Perhaps near the shop it might, but signage about no pavement etc may be better use of investment. A driver will drive the speed he wants regardless, but may take more care if he is literally told there may be people and horses in the road.

Living on the edge of the village I have to cross the Woodstock road to get anywhere in the village with my children, motorists are constantly speeding up the road. A speed bump entering the village would help this. Reducing speed limit will not change driver behaviour. Better signage, traffic management and police presence are the proven methods.

I find this a ridiculous nuisance of people with nothing better to do. Already people have taken liberty of ruining our beautiful countryside posting 20 all over our village. One should be more concerned with people parking on the verges and blocking corners where one is unable to get out of their own lane. Get a grip busybodies!

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Responders who want 30mph retained

Any speed limit reduction is unenforceable and therefore a further waste of expenditure.

*Parking outside primary school makes the road very dangerous for cars passing and children coming out of school.
Needs double yellow lines*

We live in a village with no street lights by choice. the speed limit is 30mph. Everyone who lives here should be mindful of the road dangers. A small vocal minority must not be allowed to impose 20mph on everyone

Drivers should proceed according to the conditions. 20mph on Laughton Hill is too fast.

30mph limit is fine as long as all drivers adhere to it

Inappropriate is dangerous, 30mph is not inappropriate

Increasing signage will have no impact and cause more clutter / street furniture. The vast majority drive safely. I doubt if reducing the speed limit will help stop the few who drive badly.

The motorists that break 30mph speed limit are unlikely to take any notice of a reduction to 20mph. Unless it can be policed in some way it will daily be ignored just as using mobile phones whilst driving continues

I have seen no evidence of danger from traffic in the village despite having lived here since 1965. I also think the village is aesthetically impaired by excessive signage

Rigorously enforce 30mph

Don't want a village full of signs but would like more flashing speed reminder signs i.e. on Pond Hill

Double yellow lines on narrow sections of road / bus route. Fix pot holes

*How can people exceed the speed limit when there are so many parked cars in the village that are blocking the roads
Stop dangerous parking at / near bends and junctions*

I do not want to see any further signage in this historic village. The entrance to the village from Stonesfield Straight is an eyesore and should be removed. Streetlights would be totally out of place here

I think Longore is the road I see as biggest concern as it's used as a rat run for people cutting through the village. I believe most people slow down to appropriate speeds where the roads do narrow. Cars parked near where the road narrows cause cars to go on to opposite of the road limiting seeing any approaching traffic, it also causes on coming traffic to meet cars on wrong side of the road.

Traffic is a concern in many surrounding villages. If 20mph speed limit was imposed it would then start to become the norm with other villages requesting same treatment particularly in proximity of schools. Activated "Caution" or "Slow" signs at specific locations like Pond Hill and the bottom of the Ridings would be more effective in our view.

Lowering the speed limit will have no effect. Too many drivers already ignore speed limits and lowering them will not change anything. Harsher penalties for those who break speed limits together with more driver education is what is needed.

The 30 mph should be enforced

Speed limit of 30mph enforced in the village. Not as a money maker by police at the edge of the village.

There are some dangerous situations not caused by speeding but by parking badly. A real problem with narrow roads but sometimes people could be more thoughtful especially near the school

Reducing the speed limit will not stop those who ignore the current 30 limit. All it will do is frustrate responsible drivers

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Responders who want 30mph changed

Improving road safety and tackling dangerous driving in Stonesfield must be made a priority. We cannot continue to ignore this situation any longer.

We need traffic calming at the bottom of Laughton Hill

I have asked the police and a parish councillor if we could have traffic calming on the Laughton Hill approach the village, rather like the other villages in the district, but the response is usually that there isn't enough money or we haven't had a proper accident yet. I have noticed that it is the cars with very loud exhaust pipes that driven too fast and without consideration for other people. Laughton Hill has 7 families with young children. The bottom of the hill is the crossing for the Oxfordshire Way and the walk to Witney Lane and the woods is used by many walkers with dogs every day. Witney Lane has a sign warning drivers of the presence of pedestrians, which is not the case for Laughton Hill. It would also be a good idea to have a white painted line for pedestrians as they on Pond Hill.

If a 20mph limit didn't include Woodstock Road then it could make matters worse for residents on Woodstock Road since drivers would accelerate harder when leaving the 20mph zone west bound - we're all human and people are often late for work!

Hidden exit signs approaching the village coming in from Fawler

If cars were driving at a slower speed it would be a much safer village without out need for warning signs.

A traffic calming obstacle or a speed signpost (showing the car speed) on the entry to the village from the Fawler direction up Laughton Hill would be good.

Children crossing signs on Laughton Hill where there are several families. Also around the school and possibly horse signs on Laughton Hill.

Q2 I think it would have been helpful to have a 'don't know' box. I suspect that most people will answer 'yes' to that question as you feel it's increased whether you have any evidence to back that up or not. Q7 There are adequate road markings now e.g. slow at the approach to the village. Too many signs is confusing. Better to have a sign which flashes your speed to encourage people to slow down and occasional speed traps.

Q6 is unhelpful as there are numerous other combinations that may be more effective. Speed control at the main threshold roads of the village. Woodstock Rd in particular is problematic due to the extended clear visibility and openness. A 20mph here would be helpful in establishing a lower speed regime before traffic reaches other parts of the village. I agree that the lack of footways needs to be highlighted to drivers.

A school sign on Pond Hill by shop crossing as it's a blind bend and most children use the back gate to school. Also the speed camera van only comes before school run time and not after school drop off in morning where cars race down the Woodstock road

Farley Lane is much busier and speed of certain newcomers is too fast. But I would also like the speed of cyclists to be addresses having had more than one dangerous encounter with groups cycling fast through the village with disregard for blind bends and overtaking cars due to on street parking.

A sign saying 'Slow down Children crossing' at the corner coming down Fawler Road onto Laughton Hill is essential in my opinion. There are at least 4 families with young children in the first few metres of Laughton Hill all crossing the road to school in the mornings.

I believe it would benefit the village to have a one way system from Pond Hill up to where it meets the Woodstock Road as cars can pass through both ways along Greenfield Road and Longore

I do not feel it would be feasible to enforce a 20MPH limit on Woodstock Road, however I would suggest that a 20 MPH zone for Pond Hill begin at Prospect Close or the War Memorial.

People accelerate too quickly on leaving Stonesfield along Combe Road and decelerate too slowly on entering Stonesfield along Combe Road

Too many signs have a negative effect in my opinion

My main concern is the speed limit coming into village on Woodstock Road, some people doing as much as 70mph with people walking running and riding bikes along the road also this is so dangerous not to mention how much wild life is killed every year on that road would like to see that limit go down to 30mph and speed pumps be put in. I feel strongly about this.

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Responders who want 30mph changed

No pavements. No streetlights

Since living here I noticed the cars speed a lot for such a small village. I believe the speed limit should be 20, I only go 20 myself 30 zones are more for main roads not small village roads especially when some routes have no paths.

20mph limit!!!

There needs to be more than signage to deter speed such as speed humps as signs do not really make any difference to the sort of motorists that don't adjust their speed to safe limits

The addition of virtual footpaths to give pedestrians some safety on roads with no paths.

More education within the village about why driving over 20 mph is dangerous? In my experience, people do not think about the reasons for such safety advice. Pedestrians, pets, noise, cyclists, horses are all reasons to slow down. To educate without preaching is the answer.

Very much "for" increased signage warning of narrow roads, no pavement and vulnerable road users: children, elderly, cyclists, horse riders.

If the speed limit is reduced to 20mph, there would be no need for additional signage. Extra signage would further urbanise the village & is more likely to be ignored. My answer to Q2 is 'Don't know', but this was not an option.

Longore seems to be used as a rat run for through traffic and because of this people seem to race through. Other than speed limit signs, I fear that excessive signage becomes an eyesore

I visit regularly and notice the increased speeds on small rural roads.

Stonesfield village appears to be the poor relation compared to other nearby villages in the treatment it receives from the highways department. There is an absence of signage such as 'Drive carefully', Road Narrows or on-coming vehicles in middle of road, speed limit signs

Having recently moved into the village we are alarmed at the speed of which traffic enters the village. With so many dogs/dog walkers, horses, children, it's only a matter of time before there's an accident.

The trackers and people with trailers also drive too fast through the village

I'd be supportive of the mainroad remaining at 30mph when you enter Stonesfield from the Woodstock direction. All off roads, such as Churchfields, Boot Street etc should be reduced to 20.

Consider one-way system around Woodstock Road/Pond Hill/Greenfield Road

Signage to warn drivers coming from Fawler of hidden bridleway entrance.

We don't want more speed bumps or lights. A limited number of signs might help as would repainting warnings on roadways.

Chicane on the entrance to the village on Fawler lance speed restrictions to start higher up the hill., speed watch to be formed in the village

A pavement needs to be installed at the bottom of pond hill or make it one way. It's an accident waiting to happen with the children on bikes and scooters rushing down the road with cars driving up the road right next to the wall and over the white line.

It would be nice if something could be done about the motorbikes/trail bikes that are driven around the village, revving the engine to a really loud noise just to show off, especially in the evenings when small children are in bed trying to sleep, or when passing small children/pushchairs in the street!

Signs don't do anything people ignore road signs as they have no concern or care for others. I'm scared to let my girls out on bikes in case a stupid motorist or that bloody motorcyclist who guns through the village will run them down. I'm scared that even a tragedy won't make drivers slow down

I would like to see a similar sign to the one on the Woodstock road, advising the speed you are driving, placed on Laughton Hill, in both directions!

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Maybe road narrowing from Fawler direction into the village just so cars go 30 would be great

Traffic will get very much worse very quickly especially as the developments in Hanborough and Woodstock grow. I do not understand why our councillors have allowed them to happen. Do we really have to wait for someone to die or be seriously injured for any kind of action to be taken?

No pavement signs would be good and 20mph on the section with no path. Cars and busses do go along there at some speed!

Longore/Greenfield Road is a rat run and the school bus picks up here, reducing the speed limit through is just as applicable as the "main" roads.

On the list your missing 3 big roads - Woodstock road, greenfield road and Combe road.

A lot of motorist don't stop at white lines, just pull out.

Speed bumps might be necessary.

definitely 20

Additional signage should be sympathetically applied, using existing furniture - not simply adding lots of new signs at the awful and completely ineffective speed hump/chicane on Woodstock Road.

There are a few young people who use the village as a racetrack and do so on a regular basis. Signs and warnings may help through drivers

Residents (and non-residents) should remember to respect the fact that there are often children, pets, elderly people trying to live on the various village roads, if a pet or child ran out into the roads I doubt that none of the cars hurtling around could stop in time. As to Laughton Hill, in my opinion there should be a chicane, speed cushions (20mph signs) to indicate that the traffic is actually entering a residential area and that they should show consideration and slow down!

Lot of additional traffic and larger vehicles.

This is a great initiative that I am willing to get involved in to make the Village safer.

Excellent initiative. The amount and speed of traffic has really increased. Walking and cycling around the village can feel unsafe

The area around the The Cross/Pre-School, Primary School/High St/Church St can be very busy at times & cars too fast. Encourage more walking to school to reduce no of vehicles. install pedestrian white pavement lines throughout village where no pavement exists, and traffic right-of-way priorities on narrow road sections.

Place whole of Stonesfield at 20mph

We think that drivers do not observe the present speed limit so probably would not observe any new limit either

Already too much signage pollution. Blind corner near the shop particularly dangerous for children crossing the road 20mph would mean that at least 90% of case 30mph would be the maximum whereas the 30mph limit is no doubt interpreted as "it's OK to do 40mph"

Far too much signage already, especially at the new development on Woodstock Road

I believe flashing lights' are the best deterrent for cars that are going too fast.

Look at single lane traffic calming sections through the village. Restrict the size of goods vehicles allowed in the village, especially building supply vehicles. Use smaller buses

If a reduced speed limit were to be introduced on some roads only then I feel that Combe Road and Woodstock Road should be included but then why would it be OK to speed up on other roads. The existing 30mph limit would be OK if only everyone would respect it and stick to it.

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Removal of the left hand chicane allows cars to speed out of the village in a straight line, ignoring the detector. This is as we predicted when the new speed calming measures were proposed but no one listened. With the new development and more young families using the Woodstock Road this is going to be more of a problem. A physical deterrent, that cars have to avoid / slow down for is probably the only thing that will work.

Whatever is decided how is it going to be enforced?

20mph also Boot Street, Peaks Lane and especially outside the school

How will a new speed limit be effectively enforced?

People should not be able to park in dangerous pinch points on Pond Hill

Woodstock Road (from the war memorial to the end of 30mph limit) few people keep to 30mph. A lit up warning sign, before Greenfield Road, would help. Also Greenfield Road is particularly bad as it has turned into a cut through.

Pond Hill - a 'No footpath' sign warning sign is needed

I really worry about my children walking to school once turning the corner off The Ridings down Pond Hill until they reach the path before the shop

Signage would be at the beginning of village not in it. We are sceptical whether reducing the limit is effective. If motorists are travelling too fast, will reducing the limit to 20mph make any difference? What about speed humps?

Unlikely that more sign and lower speed limits would cure the problem as these people do not care. Section 59 penalties enforced by the police would cure resident loonies

I am in favour of reducing the speed limit through the village and would back the reduction of the speed limit. However if motorists ignore the present speed limit I don't think they will take any notice of the reduced limit unless it is enforced in some way.

We are concerned with regards to excessive speeds on Woodstock Road between war memorial and Charity Farm. Traffic calming measures on Woodstock Road, by entrance to Charity Farm development, virtually ignored. Community led speed monitoring exercise? I other areas police help with training / equipment etc

Possibly drivers take more notice of a few specific signs

Dog walkers frequently use Combe Road and where the pavement ends and the road is used more care whilst driving is even more important

Speed bumps are not the way to go to help slow traffic down, please do not use these.

Building more houses will inevitably lead to more traffic, more people, more cars - stop building in our small village - we're full!

Not sure about extra signs, there have been studies that have shown that extra signs often cause distractions and accidents.

Because of the narrow streets in the village with many parked cars and no pavements in many places and difficult situations with driving into and out of drives, we rely on people's courtesy and consideration for the safety of everyone including children and older people. In these circumstances we think that there is a special case for 20mph in the village.

The 'School' sign is usually hidden by overhanging branches and covered in dirt.

We are a village. We don't need extra signs if people use common sense. 30 is fine if observed although agree certain roads need 20mph

Car drivers seem to lack any road manners and anticipation of what might be around the next corner.

The pinch point at bottom of The Ridings and Laughton Hill should have a priority notice on it. Someone should have priority!

Boot Street is residential and pavement too high to open car doors onto it. We therefore have to get child / shopping out on roadside. Drivers are sometimes impatient / rude when held up by this.

As I live in a cup-de-sac the volume of traffic is very low

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A further issue is the volume of HCVs. Presumably Sat Nav takes them through the village. Our village roads are unsuitable for HGVs and they churn up the grass verges making them unsightly.

Woodstock Road and Combe Road are by far the most dangerous roads in the village.

This section of the road (Laughton Hill) is so busy and obstructed by cars that 20mph must be in place. New signs and road makings need to be put in place to stop cars obstructing the road to allow clear view of the highway.

Inconsiderate parking on roads to be discouraged. More parents should walk to and from school with their children and not drive.

I would be thrilled with a 20mph limit. I fear someone may otherwise be hurt or killed.

Double yellow lines both sides of The Ridings from The White Horse to Fawler Road.

In the last two years traffic through the village has seen a huge increase. More vehicles means less space for each individual vehicle and hence less attention to other exigencies than speed such as safely.

The most dangerous section on The Ridings is between Cockshoot Close and Boot Street as there is neither a bank or footpath to jump onto when cars driving fast as they speed up out of the village. Can anything be done about this?

'No pavement' & 'Road narrows' signs

Private cars are getting wider & wider. Bulky delivery vans everywhere. Electric cars are coming. How will they cope with our village?

This (signage) should have been done long ago. Field Close is the worst area in the village for speed because you have got the village hall, social club and playing fields

The white line drawn up the hill from Longore towards shop is very dangerous for pedestrians as drivers seem to take no notice.

No lorries over a certain size / tonnage. We brought this to the local council quite a few years ago and were told it "was not their issue but a matter we had to take up with highways / roads authorities, so thank you for this survey.

In particular in Peaks Lane and approach to school in High Street

With extra signs it will hopefully make people more aware. Possible one way system on certain roads within the village Large lorries are also a big problem in and out of the village

we would like to encourage motorist travelling around or through the village to be respectful of the people who live on the road they are speeding through

Greenfield Road is probably OK for 30mph. Woodstock Road ditto

Extra signs just mean that none of them are noticed. A blur of extras. If motorists did actually read / take note of too many their eyes are on the road for less. Distracting

Parking and blocking peoples drives is just as serious as speeding

There's currently no way of enforcing the 30 mph limit, but maybe more emphasis could be put on slowing drivers down as they approach the village boundaries. This could be a combination of additional warning signage as above and where appropriate, "countdown" speed limit signs and electronic speed indicating devices. Police enforcement would be good, but parking a speed camera van on the Woodstock Road where it can be clearly seen for many hundreds of metres (as happened a few weeks ago) seems destined to produce no evidence of speeding!

I feel for a busy village a 20mph speed limit is plenty, with horses, work vehicles, commuting and pedestrians not including the busses it would be so beneficial.

A voluntary crossing patrol would help children to cross the road at Pond Hill when coming out of school and crossing towards the shop.

If possible keep large lorries away from narrow country lanes unless they have to be there for building site purposes or rubbish collection

There is some thoughtless & possibly dangerous on street parking e.g. corner of Churchfields / Church Street