



Laughton Hill

Improving road safety in Stonesfield

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Improving road safety in Stonesfield Forward

This report was presented to Stonesfield Parish Council and approved at their 8th July meeting. It consolidates a number of local road safety initiatives to present the case for reducing speeding in Stonesfield and making the village safer. These initiatives form part of the overall high level 'Road Safety Strategy for Stonesfield.'

This road safety strategy is being delivered through a number of actions developed and implemented by the 'Stonesfield Action For Enhancing Road Safety' team. SAFER is a Parish Council Working Group consisting of Parish Councillors and other dedicated residents.

These actions include:-

- Residents Speed Survey
- Community Speed Watch
- Road signage replacement
- Improving road markings
- Static traffic surveys

Whilst these actions and initiatives help inform and improve the road safety environment in Stonesfield, the overwhelming step change in village safety will come from reducing the speed limit to 20mph. This report presents the data, argument and safeguarding benefits of reducing speed in Stonesfield.

It is recommended that Thames Valley Police and Oxford County Council endorse and support the introduction of a reduction in speed as requested by the Parish Council and residents.

This report recommends 20 mph limit on most roads in the village for the reasons given on page 4 (**see map in appendix 3**).

Introduction to Stonesfield

Stonesfield is a village with approximately 850 households. It is situated within the Cotswolds AONB just west of Blenheim. Its nearest towns are Charlbury (2 miles), Witney (5 miles) and Woodstock (5 miles).

There are three main approaches to Stonesfield (from Woodstock, Witney and Combe) plus a single-track road leading to the Charlbury Road (B4437). The S3 bus from Charlbury to Oxford runs through the village. (**Cover picture and Appendix 1**)

Stonesfield does not have streetlights so the current 30mph limit is reinforced by repeater signs on the main roads of the village.

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Background

In 2018 a number of residents were concerned about the rising traffic and excessive speed of vehicles travelling through Stonesfield, particularly because many roads have no pavements. (Appendix 2)

Their response has been to survey the opinions of other Stonesfield residents in October / November 2018. A short paper survey was delivered to every household in Stonesfield with a two-week window for completion. An online alternative was offered.

311 residents responded to the survey with **69.1% in favour of a reduction in speed limit to 20mph.**

A report was prepared for the Parish Council. This led to the forming of SAFER as a Parish Council working group looking at road safety in Stonesfield.

In March 2019 SAFER provided James, Wright of Oxfordshire County Council with a list and photographs of defective road signs and markings. SAFER arranged with Oxfordshire County Council for four sites to have Automatic Traffic Counters (ATC) in June 2019 and the results were published later that month. In July 2019 SAFER started to operate a Speedwatch group with approval of Thames Valley police.

James Wright in a 'village walk' with SAFER in December 2019, recommended that three further location should have ATC surveys before consideration could be given to any speed limit reduction. James also arranged for an additional "pedestrians in road" sign to be installed in Laughton Hill. In March 2020 SAFER provided James with an updated list of defective road signs and markings.

In May 2020 SAFER did a 'village walk' with Councillor Ian Hudspeth to look at some of the issues of road safety.

The three additional ATC surveys were carried out in June & July 2020.

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Next Steps

Stonesfield Parish Council would like to start the consultation for reduction of the speed limit to 20mph.

This report contains the desired areas for 20mph limit plus some background information to the surveys and local situation.

The extent of the proposed 20mph limit is shown on the attached map (**Appendix 3**) . The advantages of this scheme are that it

- Provides a contiguous 20mph limit avoiding repeat speed limit changes
- Retains the 30mph limit on approach roads into village allowing a transition zone from National Speed Limit to 20mph
- Covers all roads with hazards and / or no pavements within the 20mph area
- Avoids creating a 'rat run' through Longore / Greenfield which currently carries approx. 40% of through traffic
- Minimises the increase in signage, as requested by residents

At the same time the local hazards (page 5) discussed during the 'village walks' with James Wright and Councillor Ian Hudspeth should also be addressed. These include:

1. Laughton Hill / Boot Street – Narrow road width and poor visibility
2. Pond Hill (between Longore and Pumbro) – Narrow road width and poor visibility
3. Pond Hill (Church Street Junction) – Poor visibility on tight bend
4. Woodstock Road (village entrance) – Improving the traffic calming and signage / VAR location

Improving road safety in Stonesfield

Background

1. The major hazards in Stonesfield?

Approximately 70% of the through roads in Stonesfield have no pavements and there are sections which are not wide enough for two vehicles.

Many places on the major through roads have restricted width, sightlines or hidden entrances which create significant 'black spots'. (**Appendix 4**). These are:

A. Travelling east (from Fawler)

- Exit of Oxfordshire Way onto Laughton Hill
- Top of Laughton Hill
- Laughton Hill / Boot Street junction
- Pond Hill (below Pumbro)
- Pond Hill / Church Street junction
- The Twer onto Laughton Hill

B. Travelling west (toward Fawler)

- Pond Hill / Church Street junction
- Pond Hill (near Peaks Lane)
- Pond Hill / Ridings Junction
- Top of Laughton Hill
- The Twer onto Laughton Hill

Views of some Stonesfield roads (**Appendix 6**) show these hazards and also shows that many households in the village do not have off-road parking, further restricting the road width.

The survey also showed that speed on Woodstock Road and Combe Road was a great concern.

A number of lorries travel through Stonesfield using either the Pond Hill or Longore / Greenfield Road route. Additionally, Peaks Lane (one of the narrowest lanes in the village) is shown on some satnav systems as the quickest route through the village. Emergency vehicles have been seen trying to use this route.

2. Location of ATC surveys

There have been nine ATC surveys at eight different locations over the period October 2017 to June 2020. The locations are shown (**Appendix 5**) and were

- Woodstock Road 150+m from 30mph limit – 2017 & 2019
- Laughton Hill at Oxfordshire Way – 2018
- Laughton Hill 50+m from 30mph limit – 2019
- Combe Road 200+m from 30mph limit – 2019
- Longore / Greenfield Road – 2019
- The Ridings near Cockshoot Close – 2020
- The Ridings near Farley Close – 2020
- Pond Hill near Pumbro – 2020

Note: The data is provided separately.

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Background

3. Overview of June 2019 ATC survey results.

Approximately 14,000 vehicles pass through Stonesfield each week plus approximately 2,500 local vehicles exiting (and then re-entering) Stonesfield. Over 33,000 vehicles were recorded as either entering or leaving Stonesfield during the 7 days. There had been a 5% increase in traffic volume in the three years prior to the 2019 survey in Woodstock Road. Most through vehicles use Pond Hill rather than the Greenfield Road / Longore.

Peak traffic flows are 7 – 8 am and 3 – 6pm however there is significant flow from 7am to 7pm on all roads.

33.8% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph limit on the entry / exit roads to Stonesfield. It's worth remembering that these are being measured between 50m and 200m inside the 30mph limit. Also 2,153 vehicles (6.5%) were travelling at over 35mph, speeds sufficient to receive 3 penalty points on a driving licence, including over 300 vehicles that were recorded exceeding 40mph.

Longore has the lowest percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and no vehicle was recorded as exceeding 40mph.

4. Current signage

In the 2018 survey 59.8% of residents were also in favour of a limited increase in signage for particular road hazards.

Stonesfield currently has 30mph signs at the four main entrances to the village (**Appendix 1**), 30mph signs in Witney Lane, which is also marked 'unsuitable for motor vehicles', and twelve 30mph repeater signs

Additionally, there are

- ⇒ VAR, chicane and speedbump on eastern entrance to village (Woodstock Road)
- ⇒ 'Access only' and '6'6" width' signs at junctions of Peaks Lane / Pond Hill and Boot Street
- ⇒ 'Pedestrians' and 'No footpath for 100 yards' facing east on Pond Hill (no corresponding west facing sign)
- ⇒ 'School' facing east & west on High Street
- ⇒ 'Bends' sign facing east and west on Longore
- ⇒ Single 'chevron' on Laughton Hill at Boot Street junction facing north
- ⇒ 'Unsuitable for motor vehicles' and 'Pedestrians' sign on Witney Lane plus a new 'Pedestrians' sign on Laughton Hill facing incoming traffic (installed 2020)

5. Local traffic incidents

In the 2018 survey residents also gave numerous incidents when excessive speed had caused them, or their families, harm or concern (**Appendix 7**)

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Appendices

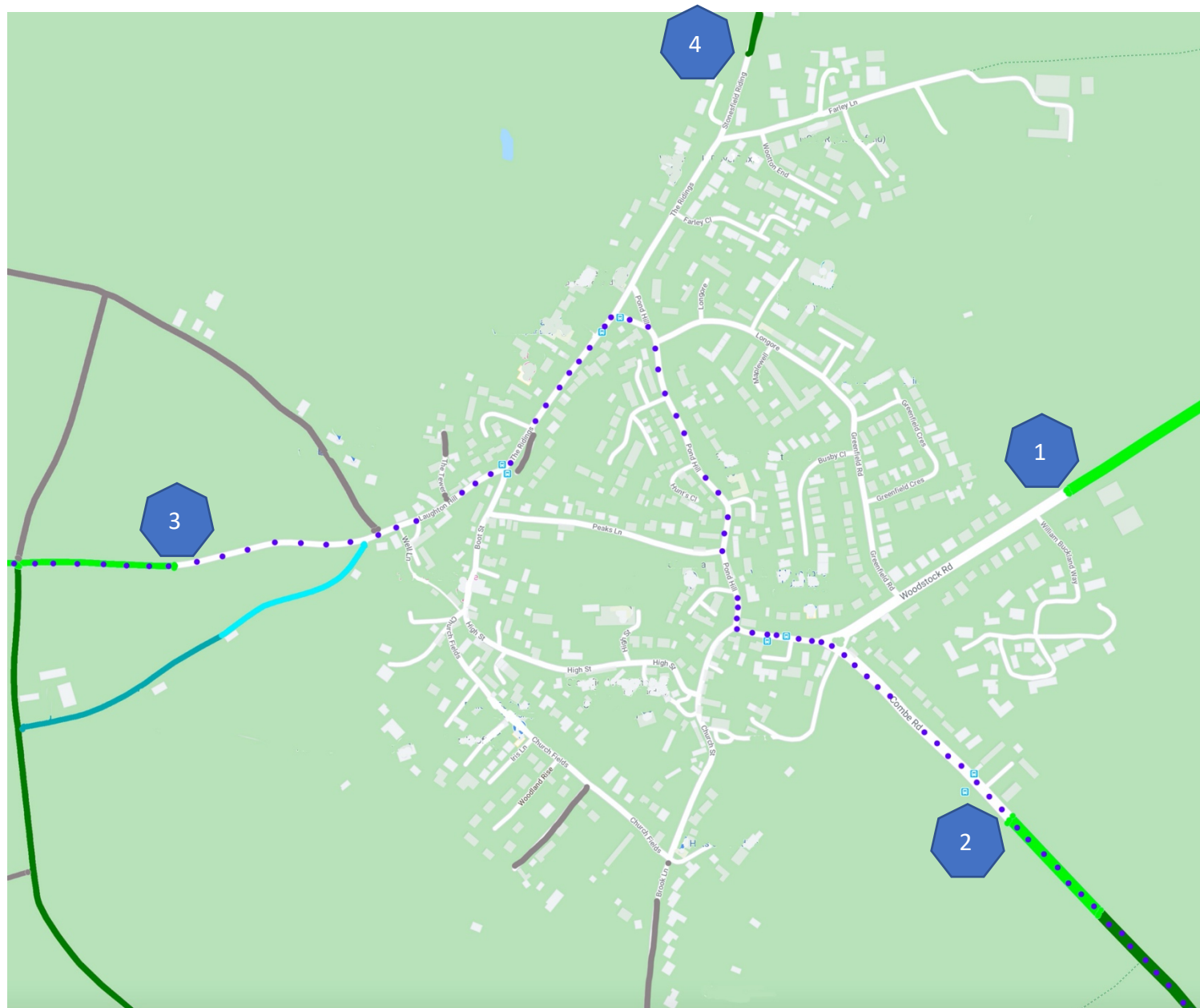
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Entering Stonesfield and bus route



National Speed Limit

Green = National Speed Limit

Dark Green = National Speed Limit & restricted width

Other

Grey = unmade tracks / footpaths.

Turquoise = Marked as unsuitable for motor vehicles (dark = NSL and light = 30mph)

Purple dotted = S3 Bus route

Note: Photographs on following pages show the bus in Stonesfield and also views at the locations (number) shown on the map

Bus route in Stonesfield



Laughton Hill, near Boot Street junction

Bus route in Stonesfield



Pond Hill



Pond Hill

Gateways to Stonesfield



Road from Woodstock



Road from Combe



Road from Witney



Road from B4437 (Charlbury)

Stonesfield through roads



Through roads

National Speed Limit

Green = National Speed Limit

Dark Green = National Speed Limit & restricted width

30mph Limit

Orange = No pavement

Red = very restricted width / vision

Brown = pavement one side only

Dark Blue = pavement both sides

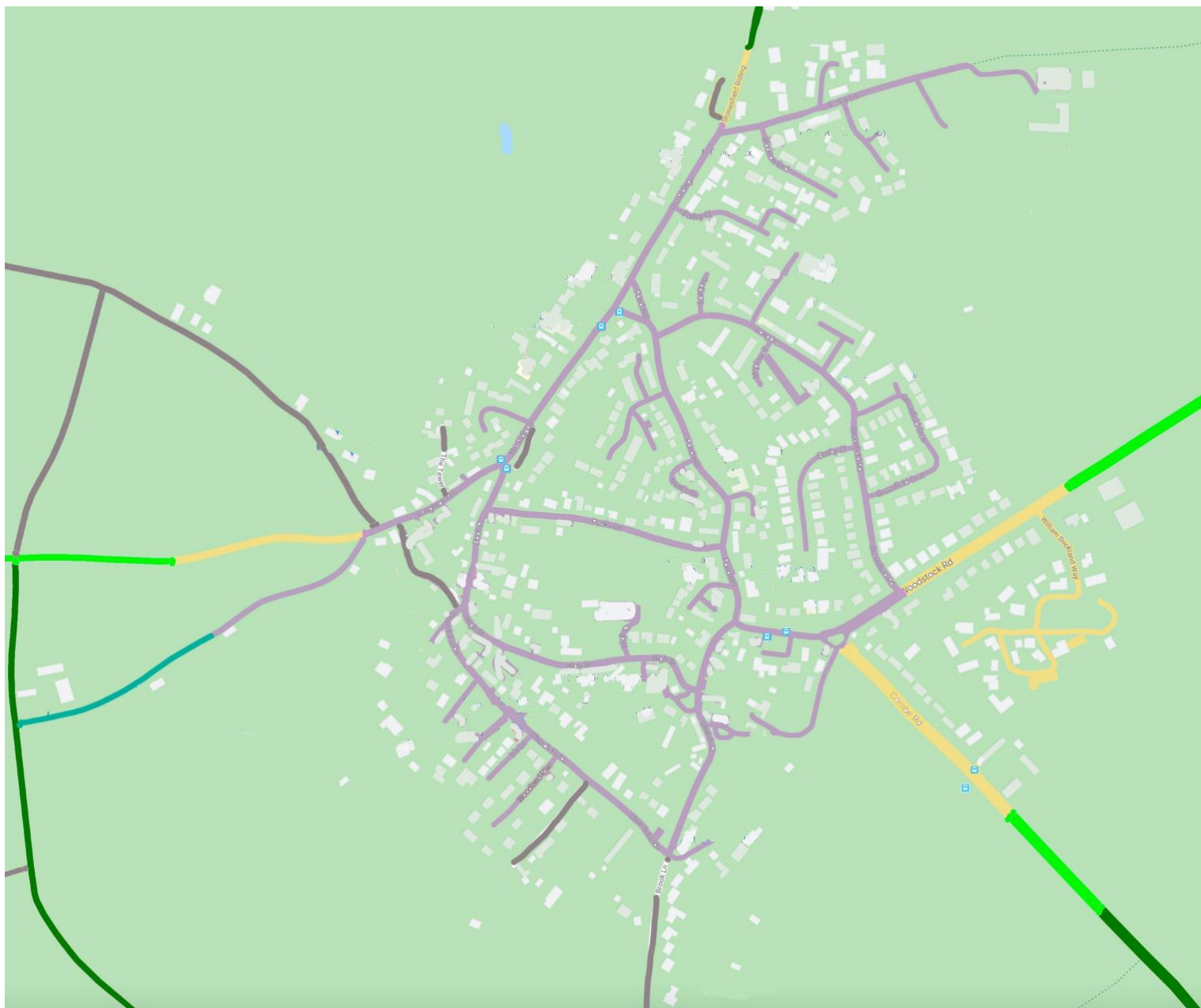
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Grey = unmade tracks / footpaths

Turquoise = Marked as unsuitable for motor vehicles (dark = NSL and light = 30mph)

Yellow = side roads

Proposed 20mph area



Purple = extent of new 20mph area
Yellow = 30mph area retained

Proposed 20mph area



● = New 20mph signs & post

● = New 20mph signs on existing 30mph posts

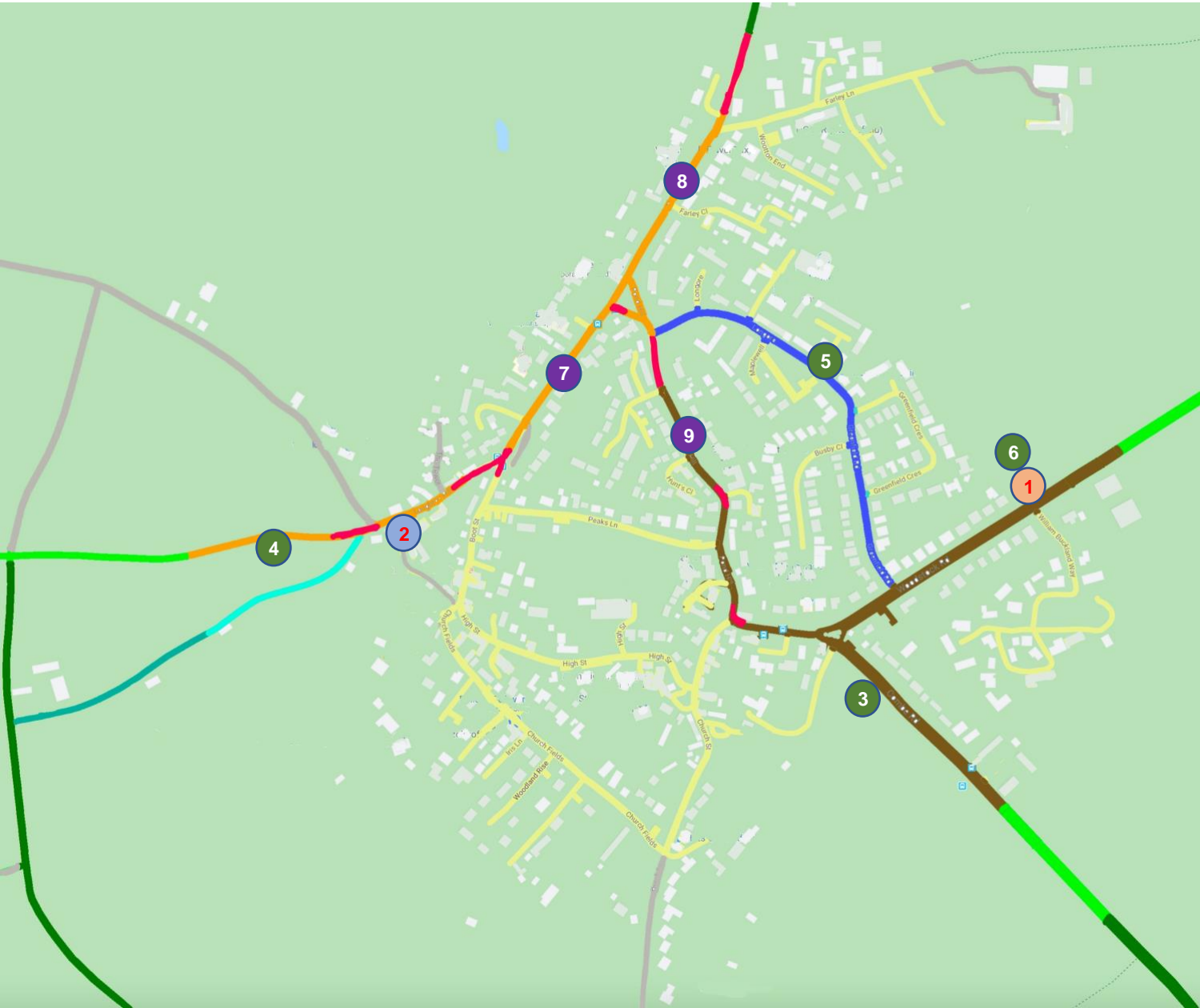
Potential hazards



- = Very restricted width
- = Very restricted vision
- = Priority width restriction

Note: Number relate to photographs in Appendix 6

Stonesfield ATC survey points



-  = 2017
-  = 2018
-  = 2019
-  = 2020

Note: numbers in circles refer to survey data provided by OCC (separate file)

Stonesfield through roads

Views

From bottom of Laughton Hill, looking towards Fawler



Restricted sight line from Oxfordshire Way



Restricted views of horses and pedestrians

Note: Numbers relate to Appendix 4

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Towards bottom of Laughton Hill, looking from Fawler



1

No indication that Oxfordshire Way enters from the left



1

Restricted sight line of Oxfordshire Way entering from left

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Up Laughton Hill



2

Very restricted width



3

Very restricted width. No indication that Boot Street appears from right

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Down Laughton Hill



Pedestrians / drivers from Boot Street can't see traffic coming up the hill



Very restricted width

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Up the Ridings towards Pond Hill



Restricted vision from Pond Hill when turning left into The Ridings

5

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Down The Ridings from Pond Hill



Stonesfield through roads

Views

Pond Hill (near Longore / Plumbro)



6

Very restricted width and vision

'No footpath sign' (going west) although 70% of the village roads have no footpaths



6

Very restricted width and vision

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Pond Hill (near Peaks Lane)



Very restricted width and vision

8



Very restricted width and vision (and cars can be parked round this corner)

7

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Pond Hill looking towards Woodstock Road



Restricted width and cars can be parked here

8



Very restricted width and vision

9

Stonesfield through roads

Views

Woodstock Road looking towards Pond Hill



Restricted vision as road turns into Pond Hill

9

Woodstock Road looking towards Woodstock



Stonesfield through roads

Views

Woodstock Road looking towards Woodstock



Width restriction does not deter speeds over 30mph, although NSL does not start for over 100m

Woodstock Road looking towards Stonesfield



Stonesfield through roads

Views

Longore looking east towards Greenfield Road



Greenfield Road looking west towards Longore



Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents

Responders who want 30mph retained

Coming to fast in to Stonesfield from Woodstock

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

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

Pond Hill 15:20hrs school time April two cars met, ignoring me and child walking in road

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

See results of 10 day radar survey

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

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

Responders who want 30mph changed

Can be danger with speed above should be with children by road side

Travelling too fast down Churchfields

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

At different times of the day unsafe speeds in Churchfields

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Responders who want 30mph changed

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!

(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.

near misses at Hanks corner

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.

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.

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

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

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)

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

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.

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 Fowley 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

Just generally speeding around the corners at Pond Hill

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents

Responders who want 30mph changed

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

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

Car drive into parked car outside our house, Longore 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.

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.

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.

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

Weekend coming down the hill too fast on blind corner

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!

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!

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.

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

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 to fast is a daily thing

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

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

Cars having to break 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

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.

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

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents

Responders who want 30mph changed

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.

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

cars overtaking me on Woodstock Rd at great speeds

Only this morning, a white VW Golf driving at excessive speed down Woodstock Road.

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.

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.

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.

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. Also incidents on the hill past Stonesfield garage, cars going too fast through narrow road Laughton Hill - recklessly driving youths – 2017

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

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

Woodstock Road by the speed bumps

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Stonesfield Speed Survey

Q5: Residents' reports on incidents

Responders who want 30mph changed

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Constant excessive speed along Longore, no care for pedestrians

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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.

Many times

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.

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

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

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.

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?

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 vehicles travelling up / down The Ridings. Peaks lane - danger to children at entrance / exit to school. Few times have experienced cars & vans driving too fast

Greenfield Road especially at the Z bend

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

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

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

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 Fowler Road

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

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

Coombe Road 8- 9.30 am

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Have witnessed many close calls when exiting The Tewel