

County Report for Parishes June 2018

The County Council has reviewed the **implementation of the 20mph zones** and a paper is going to Cllr Humby's Decision Day in early June. You can read it using the link below but broadly it says that because the results are inconclusive, there will be no further work on this.

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s19304/Report.pdf>

***Micheldever is our local example:** Measured mean traffic speeds before the 20 mph speed limit was implemented ranged between 22.1mph and 26.4mph, with an average of 24.8mph Measured mean traffic speeds after the 20 mph speed limit was implemented ranged between 21.45mph and **27.5mph**, with an average of 25.25mph The comparison of the range of traffic speeds before after the 20 mph limit was implemented shows that afterwards the minimum traffic speed decreased by 0.65mph and the maximum increased by 1.1mph. Overall there has been an increase in traffic speeds of approx. 0.45mph. Before traffic speeds were above 24.0mph and remain so after the 20 mph limit was implemented.*

The Decision Day proposes changes on another issue: **on Street Parking** which HCC wants to take back 'in house' rather than leaving it to separate districts. (Winchester was the first district to be enforced by a civilian parking warden scheme, rather than by Police- in 1996). This is far from welcomed by the Districts and the work is ongoing.

About two weeks' ago, HCC decided to cut free buses for children who travelled more than two miles to school until the term after they are 5 (compulsory school attendance only starts then) and to cut free buses for eight year olds who walk less than three miles each way. This is devastating for families who have been putting their children on the bus, or who have to walk 12 miles a day to get their children to school, eg: some rural pupils attending our local schools. Please advise any affected to contact me if they are concerned.(It will affect children going to Micheldever, Itchen abbas, South wonston,

We had a friend in Cllr Gibson who was the exec Member of the Countryside and Culture and Communities Service. Unfortunately he has had to stand down partly on health grounds: I hope this won't affect the work planned on The Millennium Walk in Alresford and other countryside projects in this division. I will be picking them up with the new Exec Member asap. If you have a specific project that needs funding, please apply to place that request on the Regulation 123 List. You can do so by emailing Simon Finch at WCC (sfinch@winchester.gov.uk) who is the keeper of the HCC/WCC list for Winchester.

During Walk To School week, I walked with children from Bishop's Sutton to Alresford and Worthy down to south Wonston. Both walks were interesting: Worthy Down has a new path to school, and Bishop's Sutton Path is dreadful! The bus at Worthy down has now been withdrawn; this is having a mixed reception from parents.

The County Council is putting forward plans for a new way of working with district councils-again to a mixed reception! Meanwhile, the Waste Disposal contract is out for tender: I hope to give you more about that next month.

Grass cutting at junctions: I think it is really poor that this doesn't get cut by June. Please email roads@hants.gov.uk with specific cases, or go online at hants.gov.uk "Report a problem".

You will have seen in the news that Surrey CC's Children Services was deemed as requiring improvement. HCC has been commissioned to improve their Early Help Hub work. This now takes the HCC team to several areas for concern in which they work: Torbay, Isle of Wight, Buckinghamshire, and now Surrey. I have been assured of their continuing support for Hampshire children.

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