

DITCHEAT PARISH PLAN – ACTION PLAN 1

Traffic

Priority: To address concerns raised in the survey about traffic

Target(s):

- To arrive at an accurate assessment of the speed and volume of traffic through the Parish
- To ensure the local community is clearly informed about the above
- To arrive at solutions for identified problems

Impact/Success Criteria:

- A clear documented statement of local traffic patterns
 - Local people fully informed of the above
 - Local bodies informed and involved as appropriate
 - Any identified measures by local bodies implemented or planned
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September 2015

The traffic survey carried out 23rd September 2015 was undertaken as part of Action Plan One arising from the Ditchheat Parish Plan. The survey was planned to compare with the first survey made in 2014, with the addition of a third observation point on the Wraxall Road.

The traffic was counted by 14 volunteers, at three counting points over a period of twelve hours, commencing at 06:00am. The count was arranged to identify type of vehicle and direction travelled.



The results are shown in [actionplan 1 2015.pdf](#)

July 2014

21 volunteers undertook a traffic survey on 23rd April at two counting points over a period of twelve hours, commencing at 06:00am. This enabled us to assess volumes and type of traffic that pass through the village.

The busiest times of day with around 140 vehicle movements an hour are as one would expect with journeys to work and school which commence at 07:00 and continue to 09:00. The reverse process peaks at 15:00 to 16:00. The volume generally, is about 80 movements per hour.

Smith's Lane had 84 Heavy Commercial movements, equates to 42 lorries visiting the Dairy & Farm. There were a further 28 large vehicle movements that passed through the village (includes buses), that did not access Smith's Lane. Therefore it can be concluded that on the day the survey was made, approximately 75% of the large commercial vehicles that came into the village visited Maryland Dairy.

The results are just one snap shot, we will carry out a further survey mid to end of September but we will require more volunteers in order to count at three points and include traffic along the Wraxall Road. Please contact Roger Yeoman if you are able to help?

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June 2014 Traffic Volume & Speed

What we've done so far

- We have not been able to obtain any speed monitoring facility from SCC, as roads must have a speed limit of less than 60mph for community speed watch.
- 21 volunteers carried out a traffic count for a period of 12 hours on 23rd April at two points in Ditchheat.(more detail in separate article)

What happens next

- We propose to carry out a second traffic count mid to end September. This will be at three points to include the volumes on the Wraxall Road. We need volunteers please!
 - We'll review and compare the results of two surveys and prepare a summary.
 - We'll seek help from SCC to place our findings in context and see what, if any, action can be taken.
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