

Shrewton PC Report for Amesbury Area Board.

The most pressing issue for Shrewton is the traffic that 'rat runs' through the village. During lockdown, traffic on village roads reduced to levels not seen for many years but the recent spring bank holiday brought about a 'return to normal'. Much of this traffic is simply avoiding the A303 bottleneck at Stonehenge; the roads that are particularly badly impacted are the B3083 London Road / High Street and the B3083 Salisbury Road towards Winterbourne Stoke. Traffic levels in these roads increased dramatically after the closure of the A344, many drivers seem totally oblivious to the lack of pavements and drive with no consideration whatsoever for pedestrians and other 'non-motorised' road users – even where there are pavements drivers have mounted these to get around obstructions such as other vehicles waiting for on-coming traffic.

Shrewton's Community Speedwatch team have resumed their activities which will not be welcomed by all; the roads through Shrewton have a 30mph speed limit but the Friday before the spring bank holiday some motorists were caught driving in excess of 45mph (one motorist was registered in excess of 55mph), despite the 30mph speed limit. Shrewton does have some speed indicator devices (but not enough to cover all roads at all times), these have a marked effect at their locations and their extended absence due to lockdown was noticed, however they are now being deployed again and more people to help maintain them have been recruited.

The events of 2020 caused just about all venues to close but, now that lockdown is easing, in Shrewton they are starting to re-open their doors. Shrewton Village Hall is under a new management committee which is making considerable efforts to improve the hall and grounds as a community facility and the groups that used to use it such as the dog club, Zumba, the cricket club and Chatterbox (the baby and toddler group) are already active or have bookings in place. A Community Garden has been planned and work to bring this to fruition has started and many people are looking forward to being able to use the outdoor exercise equipment again.