

Bremhill Parish Council Update Calne Area Board Meeting 12 November 2024

The main concerns of residents are road safety including the poor state of the roads and standing water on roads due to the heavy rain causing watercourses and ditches to overflow. At times this makes it difficult for residents to leave the parish safely. This is of particular concern in the case of an emergency. The areas affected by overflowing watercourses are at Maud's Heath Causeway, Ratford and Low Bridge while other areas are affected by significant amounts of standing water. A reduced speed limit (from 40 to 30mph) has been implemented in Foxham from Gate Farm to Brook Farm in West End. The signage is in place and new village gates will be installed shortly.

We have purchased two speed indicator devices with posts and ground sockets provided in conjunction with the LHFIG. The devices are now being used in Tytherton Lucas and East Tytherton. We are working with LHFIG to enable their use in Foxham/West End. Data in the first week of their use showed at peak times in morning and evening, about 130 vehicles per hour are travelling through East Tytherton with a defined flow towards Chippenham in the morning peak period and away from Chippenham in the evening. The highest speed was 59mph at 23:30, however 58mph was recorded at 07:30. In Tytherton Lucas the peak times appear to be more school time related around 15:30-16:00, with about 50 vehicles per hour. The highest speed in the 30mph zone was 48mph at 08:30. The data is reported to our monthly parish council meetings and published in our newsletter.

We were grateful to Highways for clearing gullies and to the Parish Steward for cutting the grips last winter and in the spring to help reduce surface water. This work needs to continue. Earlier in the year we reminded landowners of their responsibility to clear roadside ditches adjoining their land. We will continue to do so.

To inform residents of the boundary changes arising from the Community Governance Review, we joined forces with Calne Without Parish Council to deliver leaflets to the 50 or so properties transferring from Calne Without to Bremhill. Cllr Rees, Calne Without Parish Council, attended our September meeting to brief councillors and those members of the public present. Copies of our newsletter will start to be distributed to the incoming residents in April next year. The much smaller number of properties joining us from Langley Burrell and Christian Malford will receive leaflets in new year.

A defibrillator has been purchased for East Tytherton to be located at the Guide Centre. Work is in hand to purchase one for Tytherton Lucas to be installed at Lucas House by kind permission of the owners. So far, we have run three training sessions and will run two more with the primary aim of training the residents in East Tytherton and Tytherton Lucas.

We are grateful to PCSO Mark Cook for providing his Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update for including in our newsletter and for arranging to visit Foxham on 10th December. This will ensure all residents have access to his team.

For more information on activities in the parish our newsletter can be found on the parish website <https://bremhillparish.org/>

