

## Calne Without Parish Council - update to Calne Area Board Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We are pleased that Wiltshire Council has approved the reduction in speed limit to 40mph on the A4 through Studley Crossroads, and to 50mph in the direction of Calne, as far as Norley Lane. Although the changes aren't as extensive as we'd sought, this is a positive step forward and will be welcomed by residents using the Toucan crossing between Studley and Derry Hill.

Speeding on the A4 remains a concern to local residents, particularly at night and in the early hours of the morning. Residents of Old Derry Hill were woken in the early hours of 22<sup>nd</sup> June by a speeding vehicle hitting the safety barrier and bursting into flames. Thankfully, this time there were no serious casualties. We would like to thank the Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team for carrying out speed enforcement activity in this area and reiterate our view of the importance of night-time speed enforcement to discourage dangerous driving.

We continue to progress a series of projects through LHFIG and hope to be in a position to submit substantive bids this Autumn for the improvement of a dual-use path between the A4 and the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill, and for traffic calming improvements in Derry Hill and Studley.

We are currently making good progress with a major project to provide defibrillators to parts of the parish not currently covered, including Lower Compton, Calstone, Cherhill View, Mile Elm, Pewsham (Old Derry Hill) and Sandy Lane.

We have also developed options for the installation of play equipment, aimed at younger children, on an area of public open space in Derry Hill. We are currently seeking views of local residents on the proposals.

We are pleased that the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan has completed its consultation phases and has now progressed through to independent examination.

Over the past two years, the Parish Council's Climate and Environment Working Group has organised successful Energy Saving and Environment Days, which have been popular and well-attended. This year, an expanded event is being organised, in conjunction with the Derry Hill and Studley Community Committee, with a Sustainability and Wellness weekend being organised for 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October.

The Working Group has also submitted an application for grant funding for a small community orchard in Studley, and has helped Wiltshire Council's GAPS team identify landowners interested in applying for Trees for Climate Funding.

We have also recently approved the procurement of bicycle rack planters for key locations in the parish, to encourage active travel and enhance the area.

Finally, the Council is working with neighbouring town and parish councils to try to ensure a smooth transition to the new community governance arrangements next May.



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