

Partner Update

Update from Shrewton Parish Council for Amesbury Area Board

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HEADLINES

Firstly, a big 'Thank you' from Shrewton Parish Council and Shrewton Village Hall for the S106 monies provided for 'Adult Outside Activities' equipment. With this money a 'fitness trail' has been installed around the perimeter of Shrewton Rec. Here are pictures (from the supplier's website) showing some of this equipment.



KEY ISSUES

Or more exactly, key issue. It is acknowledged that traffic levels have increased everywhere, however Shrewton seems to have suffered more than other areas. Since the A344 was closed and with 'intelligent' navigation devices commonplace in vehicles traffic levels on the B3086 through the village have increased dramatically as drivers are blindly following the instructions given by these devices.

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As an example, a few months ago a camper van collided with a parked car, the camper van driver said he was trying to get from Yeovil to St. Alban's and was just following his sat-nav. This was not just a one-off; a national radio show host admitted during an interview with a local person that he cuts through Shrewton every time he visits the West Country and Shrewton residents often comment that people they meet elsewhere know where Shrewton is and that they pass through to avoid the A303 tailbacks.

To add to this, the army rebasing programme has brought more military personnel into the area. Although signage has been provided advising that Military Vehicles are not allowed this (along with the 3.5T HGV weight limit) is not always observed.



The Parish Council has approached the MoD about this issue but with limited success.

It should be remembered that much of the B3086 in Shrewton does not have footpaths thus forcing residents to 'play chicken' with this traffic and in places it is too narrow for two large vehicles to pass e.g. by St. Mary's Church and at the bottom of the London Road, which is too narrow to allow a central marking to be applied.

Although Shrewton does take an active role in CATG the Parish Council would like to see Wiltshire Council take a more pro-active role as the affected roads are under its control. It was disappointing that our 'substantive bid' application for traffic calming build-outs in the London Road was not successful and we await feedback on how this decision was reached.

We are aware this is also a huge issue for Chitterne as much of the traffic that passes through Shrewton continues along the B390, unfortunately Chitterne is under Warminster Area and it would appear there is no joint approach between Amesbury and Warminster.