



Calne Without Parish Council - update to Calne Area Board Meeting 12th November 2024

We are pleased that the new speed limits came into effect on the A4 last month, with a reduction to 40mph through Studley Crossroads, and a reduction to 50mph in the direction of Calne as far as Norley Lane. This will make a big difference to pedestrians and cyclists using the Toucan crossing connecting Studley with Derry Hill.

The connectivity between Studley and Derry Hill will be further improved by surfacing the existing shared use path connecting Studley (to the north of the A4) to the local facilities in Derry Hill, such as the school, village hall, shop and pub. The planning approval for the 53 homes in Studley Gardens was originally predicated on the developer providing such a connection. We are pleased that LHFIFG has agreed to put this scheme forward as a bid for Substantive Highways Schemes Funding in 2025/26.

In 2021, Calne Without Parish Council engaged a consultant to review a series of road safety issues within our parish. One of the outcomes of this Study was a set of proposals to provide further traffic calming measures on Church Road and Studley Lane in Derry Hill. This route is often used by traffic as a short-cut between the A4 and A342. The proposals are designed to use visual signals to accentuate features such as the shop, school and war memorial, which will alert drivers that they are passing through a village environment in order to moderate driving behaviour.

We are pleased that our proposals have been further developed by the Highways Team and that LHFIFG has also agreed to put this scheme forward as a bid for Substantive Highways Schemes Funding in 2025/26.

We have installed the first of a series of new defibrillators at Theobold's Green, Calstone. Further defibrillators are planned for Lower Compton, Cherhill View, Mile Elm, Pewsham (Old Derry Hill) and Sandy Lane.



In October, we considered the results of the public consultation that we undertook into proposals to install some play equipment on an area of public open space in Derry Hill. The consultation received 196 responses, of which 77% were in support of the plans. The scheme was unanimously approved by councillors at our October meeting and will be implemented in 2025.

Also in October, the Parish Council's Climate and Environment Working Group supported the Derry Hill and Studley Community Committee, in putting on a Sustainability and Wellness weekend. This weekend included an exhibition hall, taster sessions, presentations and panel discussion.

The Working Group has also been successful in obtaining a grant from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund to finance a small community orchard in public open space in Studley Gardens. We are currently procuring ten apple and three plum trees to be planted in December.

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

John Barnes
Chair, Calne Without Parish Council