

Parish Council Traffic Monitoring Report 2020-21
Annual Parish Meeting 15th April 2021

Two traffic monitoring units were purchased by the Parish Council in 2019.

Councillors had identified several roads within the Parish where residents had concerns about excessive vehicle speed and volume of traffic. Furthermore, with the various planned developments in the area, it was felt important to capture traffic volume statistics to support responses by Council to planning applications.

The monitoring units currently have to be mounted on lamp posts owned by Gloucestershire County Council and specifically approved by GCC Highways. This limits the stretches of road that can be monitored.

To date, traffic has been monitored on the A46 Shurdington Road, Kidnapper's Lane, Charlton Lane, Leckhampton Road, Old Bath Road, Woodlands Road, Farmfield Road, Church Road and Pilley Lane. For all of these locations except the A46, a 30 mph speed limit applies.

Speeding issues have been confirmed on Church Road for inbound traffic close to the junction with Farm Lane, and on Leckhampton Road heading out of Cheltenham near the Old Bath Road junction. The results have been shared with our local GCC Highways Manager. As a result, the Police Speed Enforcement Team were deployed at least twice in 2020 on Church Road (in October and December), when 23 offences were recorded and penalties issued for speeding, and on three occasions on Leckhampton Road inbound (in July, September and October), when 34 penalty notices were issued.

Volume data for traffic on Kidnapper's Lane and the A46 has been provided to GCC Highways Development Management Team to assist in their deliberations over planning decisions, particularly regarding the new High School and the Miller 350 homes application.

Full details of the results to date for all locations are attached (and are posted on the PC website). Results recorded in the last year are likely to have been affected by factors related to the recent "lock downs".

Going forward it is hoped that traffic data at more locations can be examined. This should be easier to arrange if the Parish Council can install additional posts on which to mount the units.

Cllrs. Emma Nelson and Stephen Cooke
9 April 2021