

THAKEHAM PARISH PLAN

5. Movement & Transport

The major concerns in the community relate to:

- Speeding vehicles
- Volume/size of lorries and HGV's on our rural roads

The locations where the biggest problems relating to traffic occur based on all the responses received are Jackets Hill, Storrington Road, Townhouse Corner (which provide the main through route, the B2139 and is particularly narrow in places) The Street (proximity of school and narrow road) and High Bar Lane (built up area).



A summary of the responses received is:-

- 35% of respondents believe that traffic volume is an issue and that speed limits should be reduced in several locations.
- Only 18% believe that speed limits are adequately enforced.
- The majority of respondents want to see speed limits changed along Storrington Road, Jackets Hill and High Bar Lane.
- 43 individuals volunteered to operate the Speed Indicating Device (SID) provided by the Police/Sussex Safety Camera Partnership.

The rural nature of the parish is supported by the fact that:-

- 82% of journeys made are by car.
- The next highest mode of transport is walking with 9%.
- Only 2 individuals wanted to car share.
- 13% of respondents regularly cycle.
- 76% of households have adequate off street parking.
- A significant number of households (46%) has 2 cars.

Public transport is not used in the parish because:-

- 50% of respondents believe it is inconvenient
- 31% believe it is too infrequent
- 15% believe it is too expensive.

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For young people, 67% of respondents said their main mode of transport is either a lift from their parents or a lift from their friends.

The biggest single worry for young people in our community, with 18% of respondents, is traffic/speeding cars!

The local countryside is well used with 70% of respondents walking, 23% cycling and 7% horse riding.

The majority of respondents believe the footpaths and riding facilities in the parish are adequate and well sign posted – the opposite is true for cyclists where the majority do not believe they are well catered for. 41% of respondents do not know where the local footpaths/bridleways are located.

26% of respondents said they were willing to help maintain the footpaths and bridleways in the parish.

| Action No. | Action | Timescale | Key Partners |
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| 5.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry on work with SID in areas of concern and provide feedback from findings to allow longer term initiative to be determined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request that Sussex Police enforce speed limits ○ Investigate safety improvements such as a school crossing location and a bus pull-in on the Storrington Road. • Assess and review predetermined routes for HGV's through the parish and liaise with local businesses • Assess feasibility of pedestrian and cycle routes to neighbouring villages | Short term | Thakeham Parish Council Sussex Police WSCC |
| 5.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with WSCC highways and police to educate and inform people of the dangers of speed in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate methods of traffic calming ○ Investigate implementing the Make The Commitment campaign to reduce speed | Short term | Thakeham Parish Council WSCC West Sussex Police |
| 5.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicise and encourage use of the walk routes in the parish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On parish website ○ Leaflets in notice boards around village and at Thakeham Halt (next to church) ○ In Parish Magazine ○ Support and develop the School Travel Plan (safe route to school) | Short term | Thakeham Parish Council |
| 5.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompany the Access Ranger on their annual walk of the parish rights of way • Continue to report defects to WSCC Rights of Way • Explore ways of improving bridleway connectivity in the parish • Investigate Green/Quiet Lane status for Crays Lane | Short term | Thakeham Parish Council WSCC |

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