

Perceptions of travel safety and support for potential interventions in the Wallops

An 80-item survey was developed to: determine the levels of safety concern, experience and support for potential interventions to improve safety and accessibility while travelling in and around the parishes of Nether Wallop and Over Wallop.

The survey, available both electronically and on paper, was advertised widely on social media (Nextdoor/Facebook), parish magazine and via email to residents signed up to 'the pump'. Of the 164 responses received both Over Wallop (53%) and Nether Wallop (47%) were well represented. Due to the non-targeted approach, the response rate could not be determined. However, the absolute numbers represent 5-10% of parishioners in each parish and likely a higher proportion of households. The sample was represented by a variety of road users. Full results of the survey are attached.

More than half of respondents reported having at least one near miss or accident. In total, 99 near misses and 15 accidents were reported in the area. A significant proportion occurred to vulnerable road users with the remainder occurring while driving. 53 of these incidents resulted in locals being very shaken, and 17 incidents involving and upsetting local children. In addition, 9 pets were reported to have been killed. Reducing these occurrences is essential to enable the desired modal shift to making the parishes happier, safer and more pleasant places to live.

Of those who responded to the survey, the vast majority are worried about speeding in their areas (86% in Over Wallop and 74% in Nether Wallop). The ways to address this are many and the recommendations of the working group are consistent with the responses from the survey and build on the understanding of the working group. The actions lie partially within the control of the parishes (eg. speedwatch groups) but most require engagement with HCC.

In conclusion, there is clear evidence that travel safety in the parishes is a significant problem affecting a high proportion of the parishioners responding to the survey. The attached list of recommendations based on support for specific interventions demonstrates that there is an opportunity to improve conditions for those travelling in the parishes. In light of the wider issues relating to inactivity and climate change it is therefore recommended that all locally supported avenues to improve travel safety are sought.

Safe Travel Working Group - Recommendations

Recommendations for PC to endorse for referral to HCC by Safe Travel Working Group.	Based on answers to Questions:
1. Signs for diverting traffic around the villages: i. From Stockbridge towards the Wallops along Old Stockbridge Road (not A30) ii. From both Stockbridge and Salisbury towards Grateley Station via Kentsboro along A343.	43, 44, 45
2. Enforcement of current speed limits. Install more speed cameras, which can issue speeding tickets.	49, 50
3. Reduce speed limits i. Move limit from Salisbury direction on Salisbury Hill, further from junction. ii. Reduce 40mph limit on A343 crossroads. iii. Reduce 30mph to 20mph in some village center areas	47, 48, 76
4. Investigate the reclassification of Station Road / Wallop Road to below a C class road.	60
5. Investigate if Wallop Road (the main road) between Croft Farm / Catherston Stud and Palestine can be closed except for access.	61
6. Children walking to school signs.	67.
7. New pelican crossing at the crossroads A343.	71.
8. Road markings to promote traffic calming	70. (Small proportion in favour)
9. Consider aesthetically pleasing traffic calming measures.	72. (to be in keeping with village style)
10. Investigate what areas would benefit from cars not parking on verges and what measures can be taken.	75.

Parish Councils to approve:	Based on answers to Questions:
11. Creation of a joint parish Speedwatch Group and to approve budget for spending. (£ 3-4k to be shared). Running of Speedwatch group to be delegated to Safe Travel Working Group.	51, 52
12. Nether Wallop Footpaths Team in to investigate if Footpath widening can be done in each area.	54.
13. Over Wallop Parish Council to include separate questions in their NDP Survey regarding pedestrianizing the area around the War Memorial.	42.
14. Publication of instructions for reporting potholes for repair so residents can report.	55.
15. Draft letter to be sent to householders that have been identified as having vegetation overhanging the highway.	62 (list of areas included.)

Information to be noted.	Based on answers to Questions:
1. There is some demand for footways and/or widening of footpaths along the main roads, but it is acknowledged that it isn't possible in many areas.	57, 58
2. There is some support for access only areas. (Grateley, Hosketts Lane and Salisbury Lane.)	59