

HOLFORD ROAD SAFETY WORKING PARTY

The Holford Road Safety Working Party is seeking approval from Holford Parish Council at the next Parish Council meeting on 11th January.

At present the working party consists of Councillor Mo Young, Councillor Stephen Campbell and parishioners Mike Copleston and Mike Wise.

The purpose of this working party will be to consider appropriate road safety measures for both the A39 in Holford and Holford's narrow lanes, with the objective of improving road safety for all users.

The proposed working party intends to research the road safety concerns of parishioners.

The working party will have delegated powers to communicate with appropriate organisations and individuals to enable it to make recommendations to Holford Parish Council.

The roads and lanes in Holford are used by cars, delivery vans, farm machinery, walkers (including dog walkers and parties of schoolchildren), cyclists, horse riders as well as elderly residents and young children.

The current speed limit of 30 mph is often ignored by vehicles on the A39. Two members of the proposed working party are already involved in a successful Community Speed Watch. The Holford Speedwatch has reported 65 speeding vehicles to Avon and Somerset Police.

The speed limit of 30mph on our narrow bending lanes is not realistic and encourages people to go too fast for the conditions. The working party is currently researching the 'Quiet Lanes' initiative which has been adopted by other County Councils including Suffolk. Kilve Parish Council also wish to introduce 'Quiet Lanes' in Kilve and have asked Holford's proposed working party to work alongside them.

If approved by the Council, the working party will make a plan to improve Holford's Road Safety and submit this to the Parish Council for approval at the council meeting on 14th March. Once agreed, the function of the working party will be to deliver the plan.

A progress update and future activities will be reported at each meeting of Holford Parish Council.