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## Traffic Calming in Lower Budleigh

'Lockdown' in East Budleigh, throughout March, April and May 2020, created a peaceful traffic free area.

Regrettably the 'New Normal' we are all adjusting to is highlighting an increasing threat from traffic to people, property and infrastructure in Lower Budleigh.

Vehicles seem to be travelling faster, and drivers are demonstrating a reluctance to Give Way where necessary.

The road area highlighted in yellow is, at centre point (Cromley Cottage/Leatt Cottage) just over 10' wide.

Visibility from Vernbank, to the left of the yellow box, down to EB Garage is limited.



### Risk Assessment

Assessing the level of risk posed by speeding traffic in this area, along with consideration of the likelihood of an incident occurring, makes it impossible to simply do nothing.

Pedestrians walking from Rolle Arms end of the village, perhaps to School with children, have no safe route.

Properties and ornate black railings are being damaged.

Houses will, at some point, be struck by a vehicle.

### What to Do?

There are a number of potential options including:

- speed limit reduction throughout the village to 20 MPH
- designated priority traffic direction through narrow road section

The East Devon Highways Department are best placed to assess which actions will best reduce risk and protect people and property whilst keeping traffic moving.

At this point I am simply asking Parish Councillors to give their support to enable this matter to be pursued.

In the meantime, it is important that residents in this area manage situations that arise to mitigate risk as best we can.

Even though double yellow lines are clearly evident some residents seem happy to allow illegal parking when contractor work takes place, narrowing access and preventing use of existing pavement.

I will encourage everyone to report continued parking of this nature.



Cllr Mike Walters

