

Traffic Matters – Report by Councillor Heather Houston

1. A number of concerns have been raised since the last PC meeting, compounding those raised in Lower Budleigh at the end of last year.
2. These include parking both on the corner of Brookfield with Lower Budleigh and as the road turns from Lower Budleigh to Middle Street. These both create visibility issues and risk of incidents should oncoming vehicles be travelling at speed. The former is due to a new resident having difficulty finding a car park space, and the latter due to the Contractors working at the Pound development.
3. Another issue is that of 'speeding' along Middle Street. It is most likely that the vehicles are going at 30mph, however the issue is as per Lower Budleigh and whether this is appropriate given the narrowing of the road, shared use of the road by pedestrian s cyclists and vehicles, and that of driver behaviour.
4. The issue of speeding along Budleigh Hill/Oak Hill has come up again with cars not slowing down between the faster stretches of the East Budleigh Road.
5. The above points are on the agenda for the EDDC Traffic Group meeting, to be held at lunchtime, today the 19th Jan, and so I will be able to update further on any outcome at tonight's PC meeting.
6. John Shaw has kindly assisted in the 4th point by contacting a member of the speed watch organisation. This exercise is currently on hold during the Pandemic, however approval would look to be sought from the committee to initiate a speed watch group for this main road when such activities resume. At this time, there is not expected to be a financial commitment by the PC, and a number of volunteers have already been identified.
7. It will also be sought as to whether we have the right to install signage in these areas to request drivers take heed, without necessarily looking to reduce the speed limit. We often see signs around small villages advising '20 is plenty', and perhaps we could follow suit. This will again be raised during the Traffic Group and the outcome discussed tonight.