

Little Horwood Parish Council

Update 20 mph, Speed Indicator Device and Footpath Walk

July 2026

We as a parish council have previously agreed that we support a 20 mph speed limit in our village, and there are other neighbouring villages who also support 20 mph in their village so this offers an opportunity to work with others in order to have greater impact- particularly given we know that Buckinghamshire council is opposed to having 20 mph speed limits.

We also agreed that we need empirical evidence to understand the speeding issues in Little Horwood and to achieve that, we purchased a new Speed Indicator Device (SID) which has been in place gathering data since the end of April. The SID is currently sited on the Winslow road as you come into the village.

Attached is a standard system report which shows us the traffic data since the SID has been in place.

It is still early days, the settings need more tweaking and the scope of reporting to be reviewed. Headline data shows that over the past 2 months we had

- 31497 vehicles coming into the village
- 41341 leaving the village
- 3% of incoming vehicles are over the speed limit
- 4% of vehicles on their way out of the village are over the speed limit
- Maximum speed recorded leaving the village 58mph
- Maximum speed recorded coming into the village 48mph

The traffic speed may have been impacted by the cars parked outside the Simpsons house due to their ongoing building work.

We also need to be getting data from Mursley road and many thanks to Chris Hooper for agreeing to organise this. I recognise that the unit is heavy and therefore difficult to move so over time we really need a second unit to avoid having to move one unit between the two locations – perhaps we can aim to purchase one in the next financial year.

I attended a **20 mph for safer streets** webinar on 22 May which referenced in the introductory comments that the government is committed to improving road safety.

We had speakers from

- Wales
- Oxfordshire
- Cornwall
- West Midlands

All had implemented 20mph and key messages were

- following a reduction of speed, a reduction of collisions and casualties has been noted
- evidence and data is key to decision making and ongoing monitoring of road safety
- the speed limit should be set to protect the road users most at risk- children, pedestrians and cyclists.

Following the second serious accident along Winslow Road, it seems to me that a review of the speed limit along that stretch of road is in order, aswell as a review of the weight limit . Hilary has kindly agreed to make enquiries as to what that may entail,

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- A midsummer date was trialled following lower numbers at the last Autumn walk
- Unfortunately, numbers were even lower this time and those that did attend commented that summer is very busy and perhaps reverting to Autumn would be better.
- There was also feedback that there is a lot of promotional activity going on for the fete around at this time of year and so it is harder to reach people to get messages out over the noise of the fete activity.
- Nevertheless, the routes walked highlighted some issues which are being followed up on.
- The online OS map seems to have a glitch where two more recent footpath changes are not properly reflected on the map and I have followed up with OS on this point.

Councillor Digne-Malcolm