

# Appleshaw & Redenham Parish Council

## Road Safety Group

### Status Report and update from meeting 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### Attendees:

Andrew Smith (Chairman)  
Barry Hodgson (PC Vice-Chairman)  
Jenny Hopkins (PC Chairman)  
Ashley Sudworth (Resident)  
Sue Smith (Resident and founder member of the group)

#### Introduction

Updates and discussions from The Road Safety Group initiatives are communicated at bi-monthly Parish Council Meetings; this brief update aims to continually inform villagers who may not be aware of current progress. There is a clear mandate to address pedestrian safety. The implications of the huge scale of new housing nearby on road safety in the villages are included.

#### Speed Indication Devices' (SIDs)

1. **Data:** It was agreed that Ashley would help us to download and analyse 3 months' worth of data from the two SIDs to inform the work of this group and also the A342 Working Group. The download will be towards the end of this week. Details of the required data will be sent to Ashley (JH to action).
2. **Situation of SIDs:** a Parish Council agenda item will be included on 14<sup>th</sup> January to confirm that 2 extra posts may be required at places to be confirmed so that our SIDs could be moved and which direction they will be facing. Barry and Andrew will meet and advise.

#### 20 MPH speed limit

1. The first three months' data for September to November 2025 will be analysed now, and then quarterly thereafter.
2. We will write a further update from the PC to inform the village of the progress and awaken them to the likely change.
3. Once the data is collected and ratified, Jenny will make the application for the signs.

#### Pedestrian route from the triangle at Appleshaw House to the A342

1. Possibly the most dangerous place for pedestrians and cyclists in the village. Notable pinch points are from Barncroft to the triangle, and south of Cleaver Cottage around the bend, and along the high banks up the hill to the A342.
2. A possible footpath plan might be formulated including possible 'permissive footpath' areas and a boardwalk over parts of the stream where the flow is minimal and no other route is possible. HCC views and expertise might be requested.

#### A 342-pan parish Working Group

The pan-Parish WG is working to submit a report to TVBC to highlight the existing problems with the entrances and exits used by the parishes on to the A342, which is not acknowledged by HCC as the major route it clearly is. Access to the A303 is also addressed because some slip roads and junctions are currently inadequate. The conclusion of the report is to provide possible solutions and/or workarounds. This report will be relevant whether there is a lot of new development feeding into the roads or not.

**White Gates at approaches to the village**

As previously reported, the Parish Council has considered the offer to fund 'entrance gates' to the villages, to help encourage traffic to slow down, from the 2022 Fete fund surplus. There is no evidence that these are required by the community and no details of how many sets of gates would be required. Additionally, there are no written details of the cost of supply and erection. The offer is therefore gratefully received, but rejected as above.

Andrew Smith  
Chair  
Road Safety Committee  
Reporting to Appleshaw & Redenham PC