

## **SPEEDING**

The layout of the villages means that drivers have to slow down to avoid parked cars etc. anyway. Sometimes less is more and drivers and pedestrians need to take some responsibility, a maybe develop some patience!

Mandatory 20mph speed limit in Back Hills.

There has definitely been a worsening of the problem of speeding through the village and a vast increase in the number of souped-up, loud-engined vehicles. In particular, the dangerous speeding through and across the junction at Hall Lane heading into Botesdale is vastly worse than it was before. It is not uncommon, even in the very early hours of the morning, to hear/see cars hurtling through at way, way over the speed limit. I think a 20mph speed limit is a great idea. PS - thank you for this opportunity to air our views and put them in writing. Much appreciated.

Speeding occurs down Back Hills towards the Market Place. Children walking to and from school in danger because there are no pavements at the bottom end.

Buy or hire a vehicle-activated speed sign (SID) which can be moved every week or two. Wheelie bin stickers definitely NO - unless we want bins left out in the street permanently - and they're not good lookers!

A warning of excess speed flashing sign would be helpful, cars drive very fast as they pass the church and Hinderclay Road going towards Botesdale. This happens particularly in the evening.

The activated sign is best idea, if speeding is an issue. The other speed related solutions don't sound particularly effective/seem necessary.

A 20mph speed limit between Garden House Lane and the turning to the Health Centre may be useful as visibility is at its worst between these two points.

Narrowing the road at the by-pass end of village to obviate speeding especially at Water Lane junction. Also road markings to reinforce notice of speed limit on entering/leaving the village.

The main problem we see as residents of Back Hills is the speed and inattention of some drivers on a difficult piece of road with so much parking related to the school and health centre and on-street parking.

There is always a perception in villages that speeding is a problem. The published data indicates that the number of speeding motorists is relatively low taken in the context of the number of journeys/amount of traffic. Before any changes are made, particularly in relation to a 20mph speed limit, I think the PC should publish data relating to, for example, the last 10 years to show how many accidents have occurred in the villages; how many of these were caused by speeding; how many resulted in death/injury/damage to property (other than the vehicles involved).

Installing vehicle activating signs is not necessary and a waste of money.

We need a 20mph between the Chinese and the hardware shop.

20mph speed limit in The Street where there are parked vehicles on both sides.

Vehicle activated signs: good idea! More road signs "should" be unnecessary; they detract from the look of the village. Although another road sign, 20mph limits do have their place, e.g. Co-op to Hilltop DIY. Have seen wheelie bin stickers work effectively elsewhere.

A 20mph speed limit through the village would be beneficial.

A 30 mph sign would help. Van drivers always drive too quickly, but have also seen villages drive fast. Yellow lines in front of garden house lane and co op junction might help. Something needs to be done!

I think that a 20mph speed limit should be set up for Back Hills, Botesdale. There is always danger and obstruction caused by people using the Health Centre and a 20mph speed limit would go some way to relieving the danger to pedestrians and traffic.

A 20mph limit wouldn't make much difference - but the speed signs currently in Hepworth (by the Lollipop Diner) would be worth the money.

20mph speed limit between 'Cut Above' hairdressers and The Drift. The 30mph speed limit sign on the road from Redgrave to Botesdale needs to be before the Back Hills junction, not after.

At the bury end of the village I think the 30mph limit should be extended the short distance to the junction with the A143 to discourage people speeding on entering and leaving the village.

The Council should put speed ramps on Parkview and traffic needs to be slower approaching shops.

Having experienced several near misses when a driver swerves to avoid something or someone and goes very close to the kerb or drives up onto the pavement, I think introducing a 20mph speed limit through the villages would be a good idea. It would mean that anything that was going to happen should happen slightly slower. Also, many of the drivers that use the village as a cut through would possibly use the by-pass to avoid the slow drive through.

Flashing speed signs don't have much effect. If drivers are not sticking to 30mph they will certainly not drop down to 20mph. We do not want wheelie bins left on the street all the time because they are displaying 30mph stickers. I think the profusion of parked cars along The Street does naturally slow down drivers.

We live on Rectory Hill – cars both leaving the village and the by-pass travel at excessive speeds, down the middle of the road, increasingly large vehicles clearly over the weight limit get stuck using the grass verge as a road. It is our responsibility to maintain the verge which looks like a muddy churned-up field. Can traffic calming, i.e. mini extended kerbs be considered to reduce size and speed? Most vehicles speed down the high street, also Ryders way is a problem with parked cars speeding numerous children live in Ryders Way and one day there will be an accident. Also emergency vehicles have difficulty due to inconsiderate parking.

As one of the last houses at the bury end of the village it is clear that vehicles start speeding up before the national speed limit signs.

Wheelie bin stickers and vehicle activated signs – smiley/sad faces. Messages need to be constantly reinforced; people these days are in such a rush and tend to be selfish. Like adverts on the tv, maximum impact is short, sharp and constantly reinforced.

The village speed limit needs to be 20mph with a couple of speed bumps.

Install flashing speed signs as found in Redgrave.

Speed recording should be fitted but not on a crossroad as before.

Speed limit should be 20mph throughout the village – residents speed pledge? Traffic calming required (chicane at western entrance to village). Additional signage needed. Provide everyone with stickers on wheelie bins.

Respect walkers and cyclists through the village and enforce at least a 30mph or even 25mph traffic speed throughout. Erect an average speed camera at each end of village – these have proven to work in other villages.

The introduction of some speed bumps or a similar type of traffic calming would be helpful. I think traffic through the village is far too high. I cannot believe the villagers use their cars so often, so assume we are still getting what should be by-pass traffic through the village, accessing the Diss to Thetford road via Redgrave and our village and the other direction.

When the road is resurfaced, more reminders of the speed limit be painted in the road. Flashing speed reminders from time to time, in the villages would be a reminder to drivers.

I don't think that speeding is the main problem. Most people drive within safe limits I think.

Speed limits are useless without enforcement.

One way "pinch points", speed cameras and fines. Vehicle activated signs as in Redgrave.

I think a 20mph would be excellent which might then give us an average 30mph. I am in favour of bin stickers. I particularly like "Please respect our speed limit 30". I don't think speed activated signs work.

We need activated speed signs – descending Crown Hill, Botesdale and on The Street, Rickinghall at The Chestnuts.

The use of vehicle activated signs would be welcome but only if mobile to enable them to be used around the village and not just The Street.

You consistently get people who speed along the street and probably speed everywhere else too. Speed bumps, policemen or snipers would stop them.

I think the use of wheelie-bin stickers would be a waste of money and ineffective.

Raise awareness of speed limits throughout village rather than entry/exit points; perhaps road markings rather than additional street furniture if appropriate.

What might help is Police visibility speed checks as they do in Wortham just up the road. We need checks top and bottom of Botesdale and Rickinghall nr church. That would slow them down. It works at Wortham, why not here!

Sometimes I am concerned about my son crossing the road when the school buses drop them off. Plus crossing the road at The Drift is a worry with the speed cars com around the corner. A major concern is also the speed at which cars/vans head up the hill by Hilltop Hardware. The road narrows and cars do not seem to take that into consideration.

My main concern is speeding vehicles as you exit Back Hills turning right on to the B1113 as vehicles are sometimes at the national speed limit not the 30mph. Suggestion would be to move the 30mph limit to between Redgrave Park and Back Hills. Visibility in summer can also be very limited due to hedges not being trimmed that often. I did on one occasion have to pull into the oncoming lane to get out of the way of an HGV travelling at speed.

I believe flashing "actual speed" signs would be most beneficial.