

Transport

The road network is made up of mainly B and C class roads with one A road. Car ownership is one of the highest in the County with an average of 1.63 cars per household compared to the County average of 1.36 cars per household. There are 6 bus services running daily in the community area operated by 4 different companies and covering 18 out of the 27 settlements. However, according to local surveys, 63% of the population say that they never travel by bus.

Headline *Issues*

Widespread road safety issues and need to keep open footpaths and bridleways



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Car parking	Car parking is causing congestion in Sherston village centre. People from outside the area are parking outside resident's houses for 8 to 9 hours a day. More effective parking control	Liaise with Highways and District Council to create methods to reduce congestion. Encourage residents and local businesses to use existing car parking facilities. Promote walking by residents to the village centre wherever possible	Reduce congestion by end of 2007
	Lack of car parking spaces in Malmesbury and the length of time that people are allowed to park. Review all car parking in Malmesbury. Congested parking in Glover's Court prevents emergency services	Consultants appointed by North Wiltshire District Council are reviewing the car parking strategy. A temporary extension to the long stay car park is to be implemented in 2005. Options for improved management of parking are being considered and an application will follow	Review options and implement preferred solution by mid 2005
	Parking is a big problem in Dauntsey	Identify the extent of the problem	No targets at present
	There is inadequate public car parking in Oaksey , especially when large events take place at the village hall or Church	Investigate possible off-street parking which could be used on occasions that cause large traffic volume	No targets at present

Young People Comment Consultation with young people highlighted the idea of a park and ride scheme, possibly located on the Filands site. Young people have consistently identified the need for public transport to Swindon and neighbouring towns to accommodate their social activities

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Car parking	Car parking causes severe congestion in Minety at the school dropping off and collection times. The school encourages pupils to walk to school	The school is lobbying for safety improvements to pedestrian routes to school	Ongoing
Public transport issues	In Dauntsey public transport is very limited. Access to Swindon is via 3 mile walk to neighbouring village	Investigate whether a public bus service could be reintroduced from Chippenham to Swindon via Kington Langley, Sutton Benger and Christian Malford and Lyneham as route now only via Calne. This would not only help this Parish but also the others above	Better bus services, particularly at commuter times
	Charlton benefits from a reliable bus service	Retain and perhaps expand this service as it is well-used by villagers	Retain existing public transport services
	Provision of bus services in Great Somerford especially for people who are less mobile. Improve services and make the bus a practical way to get to work	Investigate the need for services to Chippenham, Malmesbury and Swindon. Improve the connections between Startley and Great Somerford	By the end of 2005 agree, through local surveys and discussions, the village's reasonable expectations for bus services
	Minety has poor public transport links and so the car plays a key transport role. Support is essential for those groups who do not have access to a car eg the young, those without cars and the elderly	Car sharing schemes need to be explored	No targets at present

In the consultation on this plan it was commented that this section needs to be set in the wider context of climate change and the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as laid down in the international requirements of the Kyoto Protocol (February 2005). All mainstream political parties support the Kyoto Protocol and therefore it has been suggested by some in the local community that issues about lack of car parking in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages ought to be considered in the light of these new national and international statutory duties.

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<p>Public transport issues</p>	<p>Poor access to hospitals (Bath and Swindon) from Crudwell by public transport</p>	<p>Investigate the possibility of extending the Hospital Hoppa to North of M4</p>	<p>Investigate the need</p>
<p>Footpaths and bridleways</p> <p>The Passenger Transport Unit is glad to see the emphasis on retaining existing public transport as a necessary part of village life. Given the rural nature of the area and the high level of car ownership, the existing service levels are relatively good and we are unlikely to be able to justify significant improvements, such as the reintroduction of a Chippenham – Dauntsey – Swindon service. Our aim is to try and maintain existing services, but this is against a background of steadily rising costs. We have however, been successful in winning government funding for an experimental ‘taxilink’ (taxi- bus) service in the Malmesbury area, and we would welcome the help of the community area in identifying how best to make use of this opportunity – to stand a chance of being sustainable in the long term, we would need to identify times and places where there would be enough demand for a regular service.</p>	<p>Charlton is committed to retaining, maintaining and keeping open local footpaths and bridleways and plan to continue with this.</p> <p>Great Somerford wishes to improve and maintain the appearance and general infrastructure of the village</p> <p>Little Somerford wishes to improve footways at the main crossing points throughout the village and to maintain existing footways in a safe condition</p> <p>Minety has a large network of footpaths.</p> <p>In Dauntsey the need is stressed for more footpaths/pavements</p>	<p>The village would be interested in improved access for pedestrians in the village and this would include maintaining the existing pavements but also possibly extending them towards the perimeters of the village</p> <p>Improve footpaths at key points throughout the village especially on the route to the school to allow more children to walk to school safely. Footpaths are needed between the entrance to Broadfield Farm and the Dauntsey Roar, between the top of Winkins Lane and Frog Lane. Ensure that any new developments include safe, all-weather access to the school.</p> <p>To improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians by extending pavements</p> <p>The Parish Council is leading an initiative to increase awareness and usage of this network</p> <p>Investigate the need</p>	<p>Retention of footpaths and bridleways</p> <p>Use and improve the Parish lengthsman scheme by the end of 2005. Ensure ongoing maintenance of all open and public areas by the end of 2005</p> <p>Improve pavements from the centre of the village up The Hill and along The Street to Field View by the end of 2008. Improve the Parish lengthsman scheme by the end of 2005</p> <p>Maintain and improve the existing paths and bridleways</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>Accessibility</p>	<p>Accessibility in Brinkworth</p>	<p>Achievability and resourcing in liaison with 'Sustrans' and Safer Routes to Schools initiatives. Paths need not necessarily be hard surfaces. Encourage fuller use of existing facilities</p>	<p>To link the scattered parts of the village by extending pavements and/or cycle paths by at least 2 miles, specifically linking Callow Hill to the village centre by 2010.</p>
<p>Road safety issues</p> <p>The Licensing Authority of North Wiltshire District Council notes that the role of the local taxi services is frequently ignored when considering public transport issues. In North Wiltshire, taxis are the only form of public transport in villages and anywhere else after 6.00 pm. As the Taxi Licensing Authority, we not only control who can and cannot have a licence, but are actively involved in encouraging the wider provision of services throughout the district eg the provision for disabled passengers has been significantly improved. We can act as a conduit between users and providers to ensure that both benefit.</p>	<p>Rat run of HGVs on the B4042, C76 and C88 in Brinkworth</p> <p>Concern about road safety in Lea and Cleverton. Speeding traffic within the village. Dangerous crossing of B4042 at Lea Crescent. Indiscriminate parking particularly at school times. Difficulties encountered with parking problems at the primary school and pre-school at drop off and collection times. Service and school buses have difficulty turning and residents accessing their properties</p>	<p>Our objective is to secure the best road safety conditions for the village that relate to speed limits, surface quality, traffic calming and road signs, in conjunction with the County and District Councils and the Wiltshire Police enforcement team</p> <p>Seek the installation of a pavement from Lea Top into the village (C81) to improve pedestrian safety and also the refurbishment of existing pavements. Maintain pressure on the Highways Authority to reduce the traffic speed and improve visibility on the B4042 at the junction with C81 leading into the village. To have the speed limit (40 mph) extended well towards the Brinkworth side of this junction. Arrange for the Highways Authority to provide, with the agreement of the Parish Council and the School Authorities, the yellow 'school markings' adjacent to site entrance. Explore costs and agree date for completion. Explore possibilities of on site/off road car parking at primary school</p>	<p>To obtain a minimum of 4 dropped kerbs in various areas of the village. Work with Wiltshire Highways Partnership and other utilities to ensure the best highway environment for traffic and pedestrians and in co-operation with the Police</p> <p>To achieve a greater awareness of the dangerous speed conditions within this area and obtain a firm commitment from the Highways Authority to improve the situation at this junction within the next 2/3 years. Arrange works to be carried out once approval and agreement with all parties obtained by 2005/06. Progress scheme within legal, financial and planning constraints</p>

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Road safety issues	Concern about the amount of HGV traffic that travels through the village of Charlton ; the speed that this traffic travels at; the deterioration of the road surfacing both in and leading up to the village	Aim to set up a designated committee for road issues in 2005 which can further explore and quantify these issues and attempt to find solutions in conjunction with the relevant authorities	No targets at present
	Concern about road safety in Hullavington . 78% of respondents to a recent survey thought that traffic travels too fast in the village	60% of respondents thought that the enforcement of a 20mph speed limit within the village as the most popular traffic calming measure to be taken	No targets at present
	Road safety, maintenance of roads, grass verges and hedgerows, no pavements and poor transport for young people in Brokenborough . The B4014 is an accident blackspot which requires traffic calming and a speed limit	To have speed limits through the village and on main routes within the parish. Pavements needed eg connecting the Red Bull football ground to Malmesbury. To mark and maintain the footpaths and bridleways	No targets at present
	While recognising the village of Crudwell's location on a major trunk route, striving to enhance the safety and welfare of our inhabitants, particularly those of school age by providing and maintaining: Crossing facilities, speed limits and enforcement, visibility splays and accesses, traffic calming measures	To improve safety for pedestrians, horseriders and animals. Enhancement of pedestrian safety in the hamlets by provision of (as a minimum) pedestrian refuges alongside the through roads. Continued maintenance of rural footpaths	Enhance accessibility around the village by extending pavements around the residential areas, specifically in the school catchment area and along the A429. Improvement of safety by provision of footpaths (not necessarily paved) along Tetbury and Turner's Lanes

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<p>Road safety issues</p>	<p>For some there is great concern about the moves to remove what is considered to be very effective traffic calming measures in Malmesbury, inevitably at a cost to Council Tax payers and possibly at a cost to people's safety.</p> <p>In recent years Norton and Foxley have with support, reduced the number of lorries from Sherston coming through Norton and Foxley. This is important to maintain road safety for pedestrians and horse riders and to stop vibration of houses.</p> <p>Pavements and footpaths and road safety are issues in Luckington and Alderton</p>	<p>Encouraging more walking and cycling, providing safe and sustainable routes for all age ranges and abilities, including school children is thought by some to be more likely to help achieve a sustainable community in the long term. It is thought that the community planning partnership for Malmesbury and the villages could play a major role in this debate.</p> <p>Local residents can report lorries if seen (otherwise lorries and farm vehicles are generally polite road users)</p> <p>To ensure that there are pavements beside the main road wherever there are houses. To ensure that where footpaths are used to connect other parts of the villages they are properly maintained with sound surfaces. To secure the best road safety conditions for the village within the Parish boundaries that relate to speed limits, surface quality, traffic calming and road signs in conjunction with the County/District Councils and the Wiltshire Police enforcement team</p>	<p>The potential is being explored for creating a new path for walkers and cyclists along the route of the old Malmesbury branch railway line, linking the town with the Somerfords, and ultimately perhaps with Dauntsey. A working party is investigating the feasibility of such a project in partnership with landowners and others. If the necessary agreements and funding can be secured, this project would seek to provide a safe and attractive off-road route for walkers and cyclists.</p> <p>No targets at present</p> <p>No targets at present</p>



Manned railway crossing at Minety

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Road safety issues	Traffic congestion, HGVs, pollution, damage and road safety issues in Malmesbury and the need to address these issues	Malmesbury Town Council to review and consider options	Review planned for early 2005
	Wiltshire County Council has proposed a 30 mph limit throughout Minety	The Parish Council and Minety Primary School will continue to lobby for a reduction to 20 mph in the proximity of the school. A continuous footpath along one side of Silver Street is also required to avoid the need for crossing the road on the way to and from school	No targets at present
	Motorway noise is a problem for most residents in Dauntsey . Speeding through the village is a problem as identified by SID recent survey. Footpaths need to be increased to provide safe route from homes to school and village hall. HGVs travelling through the parish exceeding the speed limit and driving inappropriately to road type. These vehicles are travelling to an unauthorised yard in neighbouring village. Parking for village is on the road. As the school's popularity increases, more cars are bringing children from out of catchment area causing chaos at 9.00 am & 3.00 pm	Continue pressure to improve sound deadening. Need more enforcement. Petition for increased Police presence. Provide more safe footpaths. Publicise problem with HGVs and seek support from lorry operators. Work with School Travel Plan to encourage bus usage and car sharing. Investigate car parking possibilities	Re-surfacing of the M4 with improved compound. Maintain reduced speed. Link all of the Green and St James by footpath. Reduce traffic. Provide new parking area
	Sherston : concern about speeding through village on B4040 particularly in Easton Town. Monitoring of speeds sought from Highways to determine extent of problem	Following monitoring to consider with Highways measures to reduce speeds	Measures in place by 2006

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Road safety issues	<p>In St Paul Malmesbury Without local residents are concerned about the number of vehicles, particularly HGVs and also the state of the Filands stretch to the Dyson's junction. Speeding, noise and volume of traffic are a problem in many areas. However, this is particularly a problem along the A429 where the road passes through small villages and settlements that are so narrow that the problems are magnified considerably. This not only detracts enormously from the quality of life of those affected, but also has severe safety implications for everyone.</p>	<p>A comprehensive survey should be carried out by the County Council as a matter of urgency, not only to count the number of vehicles using the roads, but also to look at the total impact of the traffic on the quality of life issues, including safety, noise nuisance and economic issues. The diversion of through trunk traffic to the motorways should be looked at together with the introduction of traffic calming measures. It should then recommend and publish ways of solving the problems discovered and act accordingly.</p>	<p>No targets at present</p>
	<p>Speeding in Sopworth</p>	<p>There are some minor instances of excessive speeding but the majority of the villagers are against the implementation of a speed limit if, as a consequence, it results in the imposition of street lighting</p>	<p>No targets at present</p>
	<p>Great Somerford is looking to improve safe access to the Somerfords Walter Powell School</p>	<p>Complete and gain approval of a travel plan to help provide the resources needed to ensure safer travel to school. Install 'school' warning signs at the village cross-roads and along Dautsey Road</p>	<p>Provide safer parking adjacent to the school entrance. Provide a covered shelter for parents collecting their children at the end of the day to reduce the need for car transport in wet weather</p>

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Road safety issues	The speed limit in Little Somerford is 40 mph. This results in unsafe speeds through the village because of drivers exceeding this limit	To work with the County/District Councils and the Wiltshire Police enforcement team to secure the best road safety conditions for the village relating to speed limits and surface quality. Speed limit in Little Somerford should be 30 mph and on the Malmesbury, Brinkworth, Sutton Benger road it should be 50 mph	No targets at present	
	The existing traffic calming chicane system through The Street in Oaksey was designed to deter and slow vehicles. This was partially successful but over the past few years an increase in the quantity and speed of vehicles has been observed. In addition, the temporary chicanes are ugly and engender a plethora of road signs.	A need has been identified to look at alternative ways of slowing and deterring traffic and improving the street scene, especially as it is within our conservation area		Investigate village traffic calming schemes elsewhere with a view to preparing a plan for improvement
	Hankerton wishes to encourage safe driving through the village	Encourage safe driving		No targets at present

Young People Comment

Consultation with young people indicates concern about HGVs driving through towns and villages, including some support for the idea for the High Street in Malmesbury to be closed to traffic excepting delivery vehicles

In April each year, the County Council's Highways Department publishes a programme for each community area of highways schemes showing those which have been completed in the past year and those which are proposed for the coming year; this includes road maintenance, traffic schemes, rights of way, transport, an analysis of calls to Clarence and contact details for the service. The document is called Community Area Information – Highways and can be found at the following web address <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mainindex/transport/highways/communityarea.htm> You will then find the document under the toggle Highways – Community Area 1 Malmesbury. Alternatively, you could telephone Wiltshire County Council on 01225 713000. Copies are also provided for the Town and Parish Councils and local County Councillors.