

Sharnbrook Parish Council Newsletter

March 2022



The Great Sharnbrook Litter Pick!

We will be holding the Great Sharnbrook Litter Pick
on Saturday 2nd April!

Come along to the Parish Office at the back of the Scout
Hut between 10am and 1pm to collect your equipment
and help keep Sharnbrook tidy!



Traffic Safety in Sharnbrook

Over the last three years, you will have seen a couple of speed indicator devices being used around the village to highlight and record speeds. This has enabled the Parish Council to collate a significant amount of data in terms of traffic behaviour within the village. By analysing this data, we have seen some very high speeds being recorded and this not only causes us concern but has also been raised by a number of residents with the Parish Council. We are therefore very keen to address this and are looking to put in place measures that will see speed reductions within Sharnbrook.

You may recall some eight years ago the Parish was offered a set of average speed cameras with no contribution required by the Borough Council and their plan was for these to be installed on Mill Road to try and reduce the speeds seen here. There was a significant number of people who objected to this and signed a petition which was presented to the Borough Council who, since 2014, have held the opinion that Sharnbrook are not looking for such speed measures to be placed within the village. We as a Parish Council are very keen to change this opinion.

Since 2014, Mill Road has significantly changed in terms of its dynamic with new housing at various points. We therefore feel this matter needs to be readdressed. Furthermore, we will see an increase in traffic along all routes due to not only the development taking place on Yelow Lane but also the fact we have the proposed development between Templars way and Mill Road.

The data we have received and indeed published through social media has shown that this is a village wide issue and therefore we are looking for a village wide solution. Examples are as follows **(CONTINUED OVERLEAF)**

BUNTING GALORE!



In order to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have decided to fill the High Street with Bunting! If you want to help create the bunting, please contact either Helen Glanville (07988638054 - WhatsApp, Text or Phone).

We also need lots of fabric, in red, or blue (we have lots of white), either plain or patterned, or bright colours to make the village look festive! So if you have some spare bits tucked away in your cupboards, look them out and drop them off to 33 Mill Road (If no one is around, just pop into the garage).

Nearer the time, we'll be wanting people to help put the bunting up and take it down, so if sewing isn't your thing, this is another way you can help. If you are planning to decorate your own property on the High Street, let us know, so we can spread our own as far as possible!

30th anniversary

On Saturday 9th July the Village Hall committee will be holding a fun and inclusive event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Village Hall and reflect on its role in Village life. There will be celebration cake and refreshments, an art show, singing, dancing, karate and other displays. In the evening there will be a 90's themed disco. Put the date in your diary now!

If you have any photographs of your past events you would like to share, or perhaps photos of life in Sharnbrook over the last 30 years we would love to include them in a photographic show which will run on the day, and they could win you a prize! Please get in touch about getting your photos featured, by contacting the committee at spcamay@btinternet.com.

High Street	Templars Way	Odell Road	Mill Road	Park Lane
(2nd Oct to 31st Oct 51,363 vehicles)	(9th Nov to 22nd Dec 84,525 vehicles)	(18th July to 13th Aug 82,841 vehicles)	(11th Oct to 31st Oct 84,874 vehicles)	(26th Aug to 30th Sep 80,210 vehicles)
29% of traffic exceeded the speed limit.	36% of traffic exceeded the speed limit.	30% of the traffic exceeded the speed limit.	36% of the traffic exceeded the speed limit.	30% of the traffic exceeded the speed limit.
15% of drivers are going over 23mph	15% of drivers are going over 34mph	15% of drivers are going over 33mph	15% of drivers are going over 33mph	15% of drivers are going over 33mph
66mph was the highest recorded speed at 10.28pm	82mph was the highest recorded speed at 3.10am	79mph was the highest recorded speed at 3.35am	92mph was the highest recorded speed at 7.02pm	77mph was the highest recorded speed at 11.00pm
45mph was also recorded at 12.24pm	68mph was also recorded at 11.08am	63mph was also recorded at 4.53pm	69mph was also recorded at 9.18am	70mph was also recorded at 2.43pm

Traffic Safety in Sharnbrook (Continued)

However, we do need your support with this. Through various contacts we have had with the Borough Council over the years, if there is a future allocation of speed measures such as average speed cameras within their budget, Sharnbrook is not currently a priority due to opinions stated many years ago.

The Parish Council will be shortly distributing a questionnaire both paper-based and online to understand concerns people have within the village in terms of traffic safety, opinions on what sort of solutions would be acceptable as well as receiving support for such measures which could result in a contribution being made from the Parish Council for such measures to be installed. Such a contribution may see a future increase in the Council Tax for the Parish Council depending on how much we are asked to pay and indeed the overall costs for the solution required.

We also need to also manage expectations. Such systems are not cheap. As an example, to have two average speed cameras installed would be a total cost of circa £80,000. Therefore, this is very reliant upon the Borough Council having the resources to make these available or if not, exactly how much Sharnbrook could contribute to make such a solution work. But the average speed cameras are just one solution which is why we will be reaching out to everybody to understand all the concerns within the village and indeed how we can address as many as possible within both our budget and the Borough Councils.

Get in touch!

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except August, 7.45pm in the Methodist Church. All meetings are open to the public.

You can also either phone 01234 782827, or 07988 638054, or WhatsApp or Text.

Sign up to daily emails and keep in touch with what is happening locally. The website is www.Sharnbrook-pc.gov.uk, just follow the instructions to sign up. You can also find us also on Facebook and Instagram (@sharnbrookpc).

Bulky Waste

As yet there is no date for a Bulky Waste Collection. If Bedford Borough Council decide that they are able to arrange this for 2022, we will notify you via social media and the noticeboard, and also The Review. Keep your eyes peeled for updates.