

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillors are hereby summoned and Members of the Public invited to attend
the meeting of the Parish Council
on Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

(The disclosure must include the nature of the interest (i.e. pecuniary or other). If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter)

3. Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 26th July 2021 and 13th September 2021 (circulated to councillors)

To determine whether the Minutes are an accurate record.

4. Chair's formal announcements on any matters not the subject of discussion or debate

5. Police Report

To consider the report received

6. Finance

a) To receive and approve statements of account

b) To note and authorise cheques

c) To indicate projects/items that councillors wish to see incorporated in the 2021/22 budget

7. Co-option of A Councillor

To consider an application received for co-option

8. Neglected Communal Oil Tank

To consider concerns relating to the above and determine what further action (if any) the council can take.

9. Millennium Wood

To receive a verbal update and to note proposed expenditure which is within repair and maintenance budget

10. Play Area

To receive a verbal update and to note proposed expenditure which is within repair and maintenance budget

11. Benches and Miscellaneous Assets

To receive a verbal update and to note proposed expenditure which is within repair and maintenance budget

12. Salt Spreader

To consider further following Minute 2103.08

13. Prince's Countryside Fund

To be updated as to the submission of a grant application to provide funding for the improvement of the parish garden specifically the grassed area adjacent to the play area to include planting and seating.

14. Renewal of Permit for the Community Shop

To renew the annual permit

15. Queen's Jubilee

To consider potential actions to mark the occasion

16. Secure Email Addresses

To consider a resolution to make further enquiries of YLCA as report attached which follows Minute 2107.11

17. Raising the Parish Council's Profile

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2107.12

18. Ultrafast Broadband

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2107.14

19. Resilience Plan

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2107.19

20. Parish Portal

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2107.20

21. Community Speedwatch

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2009.19 and to resolve whether or not to press for (as in briefing attached) a default (most roads) 20mph Speed Limit

22. First Aid Training

To receive a verbal update following Minute 2103.10

23. Planning applications

23.1. To consider the observations to be made on behalf of the Council in relation to planning application number 21/01839/FUL (OS Field 3752)

23.2. To consider further the position in relation to landscaping pursuant to application numbers 17/01123/FUL and 19/01789/FUL (Manor House Farm) and outstanding requirement for planning consent following Minute 2107.08

23.3. To be advised of the outcome of applications which the Council has previously considered namely: 21/00729/FUL Cornhill Farm;

24. Public Participation

25. Date and time of the next meeting

8th November 2021 at 7.30pm is proposed

26. Any other business (urgent or not requiring debate or decision)

Primarily to inform the clerk of items for inclusion on the next agenda

Mrs J Kilsby
Clerk to the Parish Council

21st September 2021

Supporting Information

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO 6786 K. Laws has informed the Parish Council that the anti social behaviour orders (ASBOs) referred to within the report were not in the village itself and that the incident of criminal damage was to a car. ASBOs in previous months have all been related to infringement of Coronavirus Regulations.

She attended the first Village Pop Up Café since lockdown together with the Fire Brigade's Community Safety Officer and will continue to attend such when she can



Hambleton Command: Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish :	East Cowton
Report Completed By :	PCSO 6786 Kim Laws
Data Reporting Period :	5 th July to 6 th September 2021

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	3	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	1	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	0	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD		

North Yorkshire Police Updates

More than 40 suspected drink and drug drivers arrested last week

A motorist who blew almost four times the drink drive limit is among more than 40 suspected drink and drug drivers arrested in just a week.

The man in his 40s was arrested in the York area and will appear at the city's magistrates' court in the coming weeks.

A total of 42 drivers have been arrested during a week-long North Yorkshire Police campaign to highlight drink and drug driving offences and catch culprits.

The campaign began Monday 23rd August and has used education and enforcement in a bid to tackle the issue across the county.

Traffic Constable Richard Harrison, who led the campaign, said the arrests – which average six per day – were a “surprisingly high number”.

“However these results are bitter sweet,” he said.

“While they show the people of North Yorkshire that we continue to deal with offenders robustly in our fight to make our roads safer, the numbers also show that a high number of drivers still think it is acceptable to get behind the wheel while under the influence of either drink or drugs.”

A number of motorists arrested during the campaign tested positive for both drink and drugs, including cocaine and cannabis.

The penalty for both offences is similar – a criminal record, automatic driving ban and a large fine on conviction. When drivers are allowed back on the road, their insurance costs are likely to increase considerably.

TC Harrison added that officers are out on patrol 24/7 every day of the year looking for the tell-tale signs of drivers who are under the influence.

They also use information provided by the public to catch offenders, which could prevent collisions and save lives.

“Although the campaign has ended, we’d encourage the public to contact us if they have any information about somebody who they suspect is drink or drug driving,” he said.

Anyone with information about someone who drives after drinking or taking drugs is urged to call North Yorkshire Police on 101 today, and select option 1 to speak to the Force Control Room. If it’s happening now, dial 999.

38341 is the total number of 999 and 101 calls that North Yorkshire Police handled in August



In August 2021, North Yorkshire Police

handled **38341** calls across their control room and front counters in their police stations. (Includes FCR and front counter – all customer calls)

But did you know that you can now use the force's website to contact them as an alternative to calling 101?

From reporting non-emergency crimes, road traffic incidents, fraud or anti-social behaviour – just visit their website, click the ['report it'](#) tab and follow the options to save you calling 101.

Other things you can now use their website for instead of calling 101 include getting in touch about civil disputes or to access to their 'thanks and complaints' process.

Of course, in an emergency you should still always call 999.

It's been a very busy couple of months in terms of 999 and 101 calls – not only here in North Yorkshire, but right across the country due to changes in the COVID restrictions and a summer of sport.

But the tide seems to have turned and the force is now seeing the number of calls reducing and waiting times much shorter

Here's a breakdown of what the figures for 999 and 101 calls during August:

- **9572** is how many 999 calls we received, **this is the highest volume than in any previous August.**
- **45** per cent of 999 calls were answered within **5** seconds, **50** per cent were answered within **10** seconds, and 50 per cent went above this time.
- Each 999 call lasted on average **5** minutes and **33** seconds with one of the longest lasting **13** minutes.
- **14395** was the number of 101 calls that we received with each 101 call lasting on average **9** minutes and **15** seconds.
- There was also a further **4211** calls where the caller had requested a call back to save them hanging on the phone – on average the caller received a call back **14** minutes later.

- Our busiest week during August was **1st August to 7th August at 8971 calls**
- August also saw high numbers of calls from other emergency services and partner agencies with **1787** calls made to our control room to request our attendance at incidents.
- We also made over **14103** outbound calls to other agencies to support the management of the **17572** incidents that we dealt with.

Commenting on the new online way to contact the force North Yorkshire Police's Superintendent of Customer Contact, Jason Dickson said:

"Many people don't realise that behind every 999 and 101 call in North Yorkshire, is a dedicated team of people answering those calls and now online reports through our website, 24 hours a day. So, regardless if you call 101 or use our website to contact us, your report will be dealt with in the same way.

"Going online not only saves you having to wait in the 101 queue, which we know can sometimes be very busy, it also helps to keep our phones lines free for emergencies.

"The last thing we want is for our communities to have to wait in long queues to speak to us about non-emergency crimes and to provide information, so if you have access to the internet and if you need to contact us on 101, please consider using our website to see if your report, information or question can be dealt with much quicker – just visit www.northyorkshire.police.uk."

6 FINANCE

6a Accounting Statement at 7 September 2021

		Community Account	Premium Account
		£ 6,868.13	£ 2,988.18
<u>add</u>			
Income			
Interest on Premium Account			£ 0.14
Parish Precept - Instalment 1	£ 3,352.00		
Parish Precept - Instalment 2	£ -		
VAT reclaim	£ -	£ 3,352.00	
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		£ 10,220.13	£ 2,988.32
<u>less</u>			
Transferred to Premium Account			
Transferred to Community Account			
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		£ 10,220.13	£ 2,988.32
<u>less</u>			
Actual Expenditure			
1. Gross Wages	£ 579.20		
2. Contractors	£ 1,183.20		
3. Services	£ -		
4. Sundries	£ 10.20		
5. Insurance	£ 257.60		
6. Repairs/Maintenance	£ 62.32		

7. Rental	£	-		
8. Subscriptions/Training	£	258.00		
9. Asset Purchases				
			£	2,350.52
			£	7,869.61

Bank Reconciliation at 7 September 2021

Current Account balance as statement £ 7,909.61

add

Payments not yet cleared: £ - £ -

deduct

Cheques not yet presented for payment £ 40.00 £ 40.00

Reconciled balance - Current Account £ 7,869.61

add -Premium Account balance £ 2,988.32

£ 10,857.93

6b List of Cheques to be Noted/Authorised

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
2.8.21	CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting May	£ 244.80	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
7.8.21	Community Shop reimburse J Kilsby - stamps	£ 10.20	Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)
30.07.21	Information Commissioner -data protection fee	£ 40.00	Local Government Act 1972, s111(1)
August	J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages	£ 115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
1.9.21	CE & CM Walker Ltd - Grasscutting May	£ 244.80	Highways Act 1980, s96 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
September	J.Kilsby- Clerk's Wages	£ 115.84	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)

NB cheques have already been signed and despatched with Clerk/RFO using authority from Minute 2104.06 to write cheques for signature by 2 councillors

7 CO-OPTION

An expression of interest has been received. The applicant meets the necessary statutory criteria and a statement of background information has been circulated.

8. Communal Oil Tank

A plan has been obtained. Observations undertaken on the ground are inconclusive. Relevant deeds have been inspected. Information has been obtained from various householders. It is believed that a plan in the Parish Council's possession suggests that the area of land on which the oil tank was placed is registered land and a land registry search could be undertaken to obtain confirmation of the registered proprietor if councillors think it appropriate to try to ascertain the position from the current owner. To this end it would need

to be satisfied that the expense (£25 approx) should be incurred under s137 Local Government Act 1972.

9,10,11 Repairs/Maintenance Budget £1395 less £62 spent to date, less £658 +£312 +£58 below – balance £5

9. Millennium Wood

Budget £600 (of total £1395 on maintenance and repairs -£62 spent to date and £300 retained for defibrillator batteries)

Estimated cost of post and rail fence with stock wire: £657.89 – overspend offset by underspend below

10 Play Area

Budget £375 for repairs (of total £1395 on maintenance and repairs -£62 spent to date)

Estimated cost of £312.17 for stainless steel feet, bolts, timber and paint but may be additional costs following safety inspection scheduled for September

Budget £60 for maintenance (of total £1395 on maintenance and repairs -£62 spent to date)

Estimated cost of £61.17 for teak oil for benches and setting posts for noticeboard

11 Benches and Miscellaneous Assets

Budget £60 for repairs/maintenance (of total £1395 on maintenance and repairs -£62 spent to date)

Estimated cost of £58.28

12 Salt Spreader

Councillors requested that this item be relisted as an agenda item at this meeting.

Estimates presented to meeting on 8th February 2021 ranged from £142.80 to £206.11

Difficulties concerning insurance cover, and how to benefit the whole community were previously discussed as was the North Yorkshire (NY) community group scheme which avoided the insurance risk but required commitment.

There was no specific provision in the budget for this item but there is a reserve of £980 for the purchase, replacement, repair of other assets. Advice was obtained from YLCA which referred the Council to NALC's Advice Note on the topic as well as to the NY scheme and suggested liaising with insurers too.

13 Prince's Countryside Fund

Project Village Survival

Fund provides opportunity to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 over one year, for projects that are addressing rural community resilience and ensuring their village's future viability and "thrivability".

Successful projects are expected to do one or more of the following:

- Protect or boost community assets and enterprises.
- Reinvigorate service provision.
- Strengthen the sense of community, therefore tackling isolation in the countryside.
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Link to website for more details. <https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-communities/>

Application to be submitted based on option 3 : Strengthen sense of community

Seeking funds to improve the grassed area of parish garden adjacent the play area. Create an attractive communal meeting place, a safe place for all and to encourage greater social interaction,

particularly for those who are isolated or lonely. Include wheelchair accessible picnic table on stable groundcovering. Raised planters (easily accessed) self watering, with insect friendly planting scheme.

Include in costings :-

Picnic table

Raised planters

Ground covering (to excavate and provide barrier ,at/suitable surfacing under table to avoid strimmer) damage (barrier mat and surfacing)

Compost and plants

Double waste bin(general litter & recycling)

Signage

Application had to be submitted by 16th September 2021 and include evidence that the project is needed (surveys, testimonials, research), how many volunteers are included and at least two references

14 Renewal of Permit for Community Shop

The Parish Council has licensed Cowtons Community Enterprise Limited to occupy a very small portion of the Parish Garden/Play Area (along the Eastern boundary). The licence is renewable annually. There is no charge and it is subject to the boundary being fully reinstated on vacation. The licence was granted in the following terms and 2 months' notice is required to terminate it:

Pursuant to the Parish Council Meetings on 13th November and 11th December 2017, Councillors have acceded to your request and the Company is at liberty to remove the fence boundary and use a strip of land no more than 600 mm wide for the purpose of locating a cabin for a community shop for a period of 12 months commencing 1st December 2017 and expiring on 30th November 2018, and thereafter renewable from year to year or for such other period(s) as may be agreed.

Permission is subject to the cabin being used solely for the purpose of a community shop, the Company (not the Parish Council) being responsible for obtaining any necessary consents and the boundary and land being fully reinstated at the end of the permit.

Councillors also confirmed that the Council would give the Company not less than 2 calendar months' notice in the event that it is unwilling to renew the permit hereby granted at the end of either the current or any future permit period.

It is proposed that Councillors agree to the renewal of the licence .

15 Queen's Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. Visit the Woodland Trust website for more information

Councils are also being encouraged to light a beacon Councillors should visit the website <https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/>

Councillors have previously suggested discussing this in the context of the Big Lunch

16 Secure Email Addresses

Introduction

GDPR imposes a legal obligation on Parish Councils to protect personal information. Parish Councils must ensure that information is transmitted safely and securely. Whilst most information sent by the Clerk is already in the public domain e.g., Agendas, minutes and reports, correspondence with Councillors involving discussions about PC matters, or requests for views and input etc., should be treated as private and confidential. There is also the risk that personal information may be

inadvertently attached to email correspondence e.g., circulation of the resilience plan from Clerk to Councillor in September 2019, resulting in a GDPR breach.

This report will consider the appropriateness of establishing a secure Gov.uk email for East Cowton Parish Council (ECPC).

Issues with using personal email

Information transmitted by email risks being intercepted or subject to viruses and other threats e.g., malware, spyware. The use of personal email addresses on personal devices is linked to GDPR. If copies of data (such as email attachments) are stored on many different devices it is difficult for the ECPC to keep track of the information, resulting in an increased risk that it will become out-of-date or inaccurate over time, and retained for longer than necessary. The ECPC, as data controller, is responsible for ensuring that information sent to Councillors is deleted within the requisite period of time in accordance with its own retention policy. This becomes an issue when a Councillor leaves, as all information sent to a Councillor by the PC needs to be deleted.

Current advice

PC advice is that Councillors should not be using personal email addresses for the receipt of PC correspondence. Each Councillor should use a dedicated parish council E mail address, with the data kept on the parish council web servers, rather than on a number of different locations, which may not be secure. Should a Councillor leave, then the email address can simply be deleted. Should an information request be made, then the information can be easily accessed from the server, rather than an intrusive trawl of a Councillors personal email resulting in potential breaches of confidentiality by doing so.

NALC advice in [‘The importance of secure email systems and GOV.UK domains for local councils’](#) (21st April 2021) is that local councils (Town and Parish) of all sizes should ideally obtain an appropriate GOV.UK domain name for their council, and equally importantly, a secure and centrally-managed email system to sit behind it. The reasons are:

1. It demonstrates the council's official local government status to help build trust, credibility and visibly demonstrate authenticity.
2. The importance of having a secure, centrally managed email system with built-in security.
3. Ability to:
 - I. add, edit, and remove users as appropriate
 - II. suspend user access in an emergency
 - III. search all data contained within the system for effective compliance with Data Subject Access Requests and Freedom of Information Requests.

What are the options?

1. Free email address for each Councillor

Google, yahoo, etc., provide free email addresses. However, they use public servers which can be easily accessed by third parties, e.g., advertisers, hackers.

Each email address will need secure password protection and the device used to send and receive PC information will require protection from malware, spyware, and viruses, which readily attach to emails for ease of spreading.

The number of devices that need protecting will depend on the number of Councillors and the number of devices they use to access emails e.g., PC, Laptop, Smartphone. Councillors may have their own anti-virus software for their own devices, but the ECPC will need to ensure that the level of protection is uniform.

2. Obtain a Gov.uk domain name

Parish Councils are eligible to apply for a Gov.uk domain name. The email is hosted by the domain. Emails are kept on a secure server and the PC has control over all email accounts and can request the removal of an account and deletion of messages if a Councillor or clerk leaves the council.

However, there is a cost. ECPC will need to appoint a registrar to register and manage the domain. A list of approved registrars is available on the Gov.uk, which is quite lengthy. A trawl of local PCs using the .gov.uk domain shows a variety of web hosts being used to varying degrees. It is not clear whether the web hosts also applied for the .gov.uk domain.

As suggested by the NALC, the YLCA should be able to offer advice and support in this area and it is recommended that advice is obtained from them in the first instance. An attempt has been made to access guidance from the YLCA website, but the writer does not have the required access permissions.

What is the cost?

1. Free email requiring device protection
2. Domain name and email

The baseline cost for a new domain name from the current registry provider is usually £80 + VAT for the first 2 years. The renewal fee every 2 years after that is £40 + VAT.

The provider is also likely to charge a markup depending on the level of service they provide e.g., website and email hosting. It has not been possible to obtain an exact price for this. It depends on the provider and what they are providing, and for anything other than website development plus email hosting, it is price on application. It is understood from various sites that YLCA may have access to appropriate discounted web hosting, but it is not clear whether this includes applying for the gov.uk domain.

Conclusion

The current practice of ECPC disseminating council information to Councillors' personal email addresses poses various data protection and security issues. Urgent consideration needs to be given to providing centrally controlled, dedicated email addresses for Councillors to use for PC business. There are essentially two options, each bearing an additional cost, which is a relevant factor given the size of the PC. However, it is clear that further investigation of the YLCA is needed to establish the gov.uk domain as a viable alternative, and whether obtaining the domain is independent of web hosting to obtain the secure email.

Recommendation

Investigate further with YLCA:

- a) the viability of a gov.uk domain for a small PC
- b) registrars to apply on behalf of ECPC for a gov.uk domain
- c) whether an application for a gov.uk domain is independent of web hosting in order to obtain the secure email.

Councillor Amanda Smith

20 September 2021

21 Community Speed Watch

PCSO K.Laws has chased the Community Speed Watch Team on behalf of the Parish Council.

In the meantime the Parish Council has been forwarded the attached briefing:



Please Pass a Default (most roads) 20mph Speed Limit Parish Motion

Sept 2021 – Briefing for North Yorkshire Parish Councillors

1. Introduction

This briefing asks Parish Councillors to please put on your Parish Council agenda, and vote through, a motion supporting normalising 20mph in settlements. It has been prepared by Anna Semlyen, 20's Plenty for Us National Campaign Manager with the 20s Plenty for North Yorkshire campaign group.

20's Plenty for North Yorkshire began in September 2021, comprising many village groups. All are branches of 20s Plenty for Us, the National Campaign for 20mph limits. We meet regularly on zoom.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.30pm using this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5861366730>

Do please join these by checking our facebook 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2012586572255626>) seeing our twitter @20sPlentyNYorks

and email 20sPlentyforNorthYorkshire@gmail.com

Please consider joining 20s Plenty – email anna.s@20splenty.org or phone 07572120439 for a free joining pack with free stickers https://www.20splenty.org/stickers_and_campaign_materials

2. Summary

- 20 mph limits prioritise quality of life, helping create places where human activity – including walking, cycling and talking - takes precedence over traffic movement.
- **We ask Parish Councils across North Yorkshire to pass motions of support for Countywide default 20mph limits as County policy. And to write to the North**

Yorkshire leader and us once the motion is passed, to publicise it and build pressure.

- *“This parish/town council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish councils will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account”*
- Show the 7 min video <https://vimeo.com/605870288> on why 20mph is better than 30mph.
- 20 mph limits are affordable and have significant road safety, societal, environmental, economic and climate benefits. Benefits do not depend on being regular Police enforcement – any reduction in average speed will reduce traffic danger, particularly to people walking and cycling. 20mph is accepted as normal by authorities representing 25 million people in the UK and are globally seen as best practice where people mix with motor traffic. They do not affect journey times significantly in smaller settlements.
- Philip Allott, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, tweeted that he will “support and implement 20mph in urban locations, where local authorities are prepared to support it”.
- 20 mph limits are **popular** – Government surveys find 71% in favour in residential streets.
- **Compliance** with 20 mph limits that do not have to rely on Police enforcement. Soon all new cars will automatically observe speed limits. In car speed limiters come into new models in April 2021
- The **cost** of a village wide 20 mph limit has two main components: design and consultation phase and implementation of signs. Costs depend on if it is possible to use existing signposts. Implementing a village-wide 20 mph limit is £5-10 per head mostly the £5k for the legal Traffic Regulation Order, which can be shared across many settlements if done together
- **Funding sources** include the County, Govt Grants, pressure to change the national limit, house builder developer contributions to village / town improvement funds – CIL and section 106.
- Scheme design involves detailing how many signs are placed where. Painted on the road roundels are also an option. Also designing a consultation with residents on the proposed scheme and engagement on why 20mph is beneficial with both paper and digital response methods. Plus, a social marketing policy developed on explaining the benefits to drivers to increase compliance.

3. 'What's the difference between 20 mph zones and 20 limits?

20mph zones using physical calming very effectively reduce traffic speeds and collisions at localised locations but are excessively expensive. North Yorkshire County Council policy favours 20 mph zones which are self-enforcing, normally by installing traffic calming. Many highway authorities elsewhere in the UK are now establishing extensive 20 mph limits and zones without any additional physical calming. Humps are not required for 20mph limits to be effective and are not usually good value for money. Signs and public engagement are seven times better value for money.

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How Wide-Area 20mph plus engagement is 7 x more Cost Effective than Speed Bumps

- Small, isolated 20mph zones with bumps endorses going 10mph faster elsewhere**
- 20mph with physical calming such as speed bumps cost about £40-60k per km**
- 20mph (including community engagement) costs about £1.1k per km**
- In May 2022, all new car models will have Speed Limiters fitted, so bumps will become increasingly obsolete**
- 20mph sees a 3dB(A) cut in noise - equivalent to halving sound heard**
- Bumps INCREASE Air and Noise Pollution - due to acceleration and braking**
- Bumps are very time-consuming to install**
- WE WOULD PREFER TO GIVE 12,500 people in a community, signed 20mph plus education and community feedback RATHER THAN 250 people a 20mph road with bumps - for the same cost**
- NICE* recommends no bumps and 'smooth' driving in its air quality advice**
- Making 20mph normal is 7 x better value for money than 20mph with bumps**

For more information visit: www.20splenty.org

Design by Suso Nicholls (20's Plenty for Us)

20mph limits are now being introduced in villages, towns and cities throughout the UK – including more than half of the 40 largest local authorities. They involve installing road signs and markings to inform road users of the change in the maximum legal driving speed. They can be enforced by the police, like any other speed limit, but although enforcement increases the effectiveness of the 20 mph limits, it is not essential to achieve worthwhile benefits.

20 mph limits prioritise quality of life, helping to create places where human activity – including walking, cycling and talking - takes precedence over traffic movement.

20 mph limits are supported by Government. Department for Transport (DfT) Circular 1/13¹ 'Setting Local Speed Limits' states that '*Traffic authorities are asked to...consider the introduction of more 20 mph limits and zones, over time, in urban areas and built-up village streets that are primarily residential, to ensure greater safety for pedestrians and cyclists...*'

The importance of encouraging more people to make short journeys on foot and cycle has become even more apparent during the Covid-19 pandemic. In November 2020 DfT published new statutory guidance to local authorities on their duties under the Traffic Management Act 2004². This states that local authorities should '*swiftly*' take measures to encourage active travel and notes that they include: '*Reducing speed limits: 20mph speed limits are being more widely adopted as an appropriate speed limit for residential roads, and many through streets in built-up areas.*'

20 mph limits are supported by many other bodies including the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Association of Directors of Public Health, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Alzheimer's Society, UK Health Forum, and Public Health Wales.

In July 2020 the Welsh Government voted to introduce legislation to make 20 mph the default speed limit for all urban areas in Wales, with 30 mph limits becoming the exception, and with a target date of April 2023 for the law change. The Task Force which advised the Welsh Government was chaired by Phil Jones.³ Scotland agreed it as policy in Aug 2021.

The UN Global push for road danger reduction in 2021 for the Global road safety week in May 17-23rd 2021 focused on 20mph/30kmh as the developing standard. Spain and the Netherlands have agreed it.

4. Benefits

The evidence (reviewed below) shows that the benefits of introducing a 20mph limit to villages and towns in North Yorkshire would include:

- **SAFER STREETS FOR ALL, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY**
Significantly less risk of serious injury especially for vulnerable road users; less intimidation from motor vehicles for all road users and especially those walking and cycling.
- **PROMOTING ACTIVE HEALTH FOR RESIDENTS**
Reinforcing healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking and cycling

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities/traffic-management-act-2004-network-management-in-response-to-covid-19>

³ <https://gov.wales/20mph-task-force-group-report>

- **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Reduced vehicle emissions and noise due to lower speeds and traffic volumes

- **BETTER COMMUNITY LIFE AND A POSITIVE IMAGE FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE VILLAGES AND TOWNS**

20mph enables lifestyle changes, renewed community life, sociability and the positive atmosphere we all want where we live. Villages and towns within the county will become more attractive, liveable and sustainable places, in keeping with their growing eco-friendly ethos.

- **STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

20mph aids local business as people want to shop and live in 20mph places.

- **POSITIONING NORTH YORKSHIRE AS A LEADER**

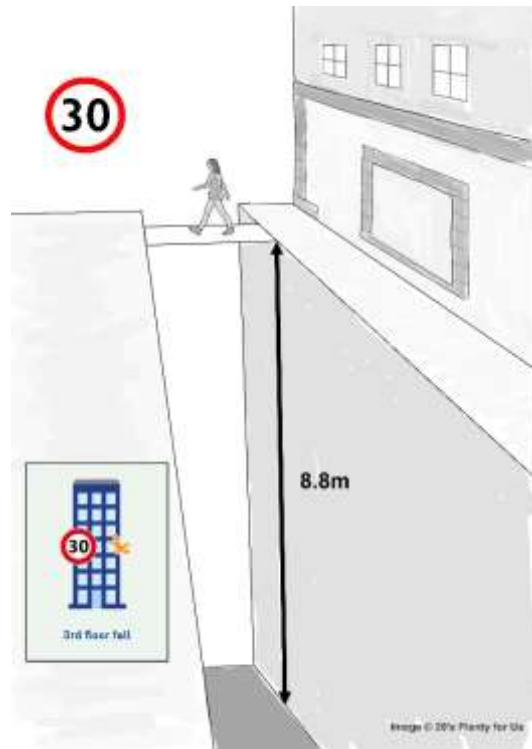
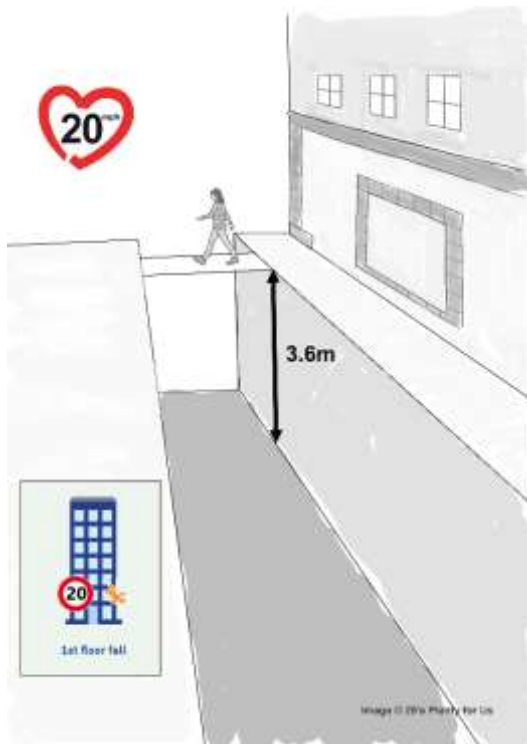
The trend towards 20mph is well-established in the UK and other countries. 20mph would place North Yorkshire more firmly on the map and encourage other positive investments for our towns and villages.



- Quieter streets too. 20mph cuts noise by 3 decibels, heard as half as noisy.

5. Road Safety

People struck by a motor vehicle are at least 5 times less likely to die if hit at 20mph than 30mph. This increases to 10 times if the pedestrian is over 60 years old. 30mph is like a 3rd floor building fall, 20mph a first floor. 20mph is 3.6m and 30mph is a 8.8m fall – too dangerous!



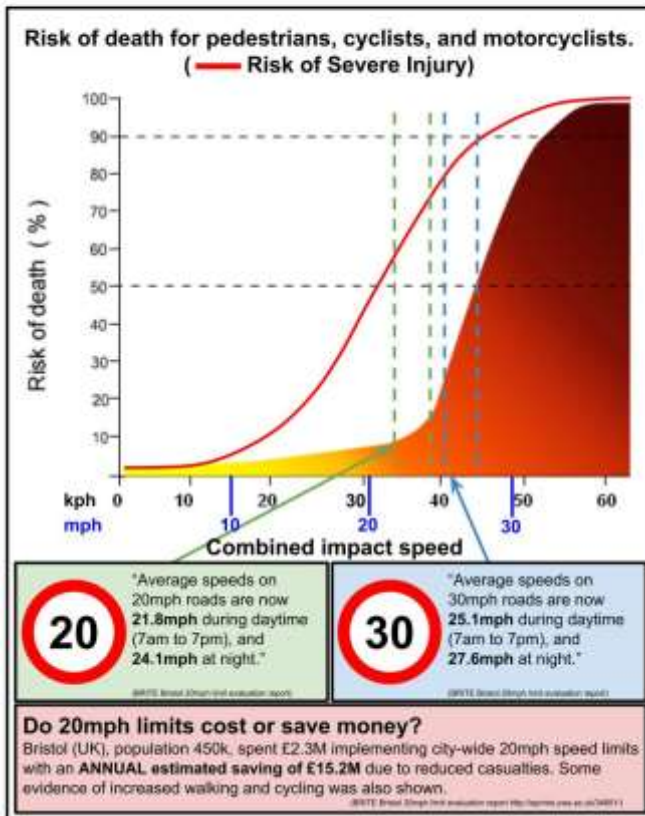
The effect of speed

	Average for all ages	Over 60 year olds
At 40 mph	• 31% are killed	• 98% are killed
At 30 mph	• 7% are killed	• 50% are killed
At 20 mph	• 1% are killed	• 5% are killed

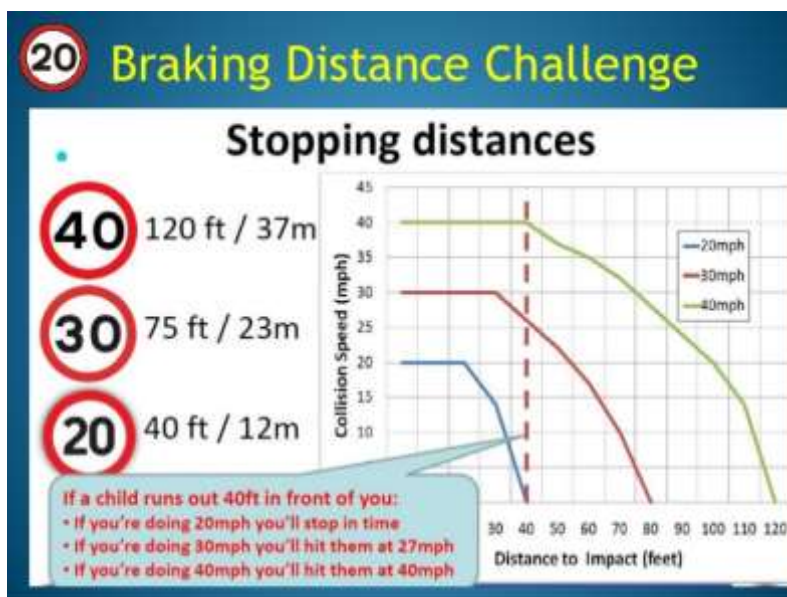
Data from Road Safety Web Publication No. 16 *Relationship between Speed and Risk of Fatal Injury: Pedestrians and Car Occupants* - Department for Transport (September 2010)

A child is **3 times** more likely to die if hit by a car on a 30mph road than on a 20mph road.

We need a 20mph national speed limit in urban areas, with 30mph being the exception.



In the distance a 20mph car can stop, a 30mph car will still be moving at 24mph.



Stopping Distances in Normal Conditions for the Average Car

20mph 6m 6m 12m (40ft) 3 cars

Thinking Distance

30mph 9m 14m 23m (75ft) 6 cars

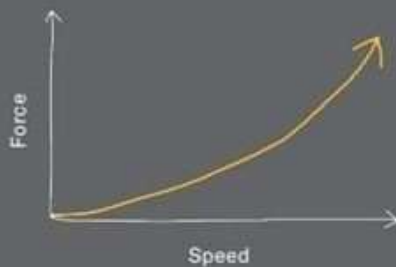
Braking Distance

40mph 12m 24m 36m (118ft) 9 cars

How Speed Kills

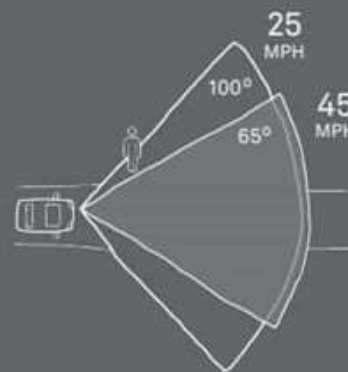
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Crashes at higher speeds are more **forceful** and thus more likely to be fatal



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Drivers traveling at higher speeds have a **narrower field of vision**



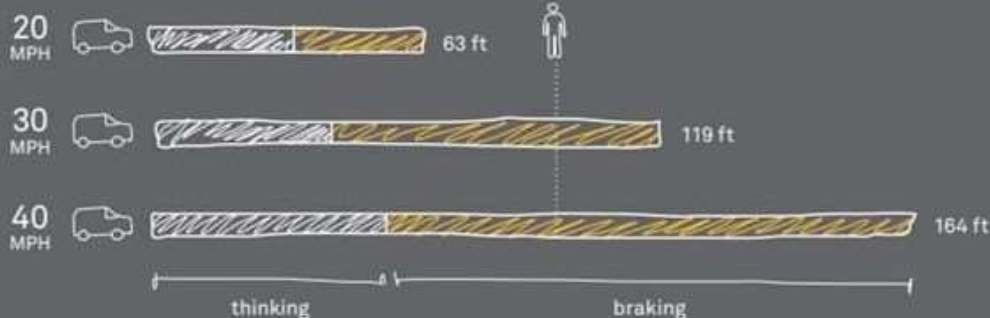
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Drivers traveling at higher speeds **travel further** before they can react



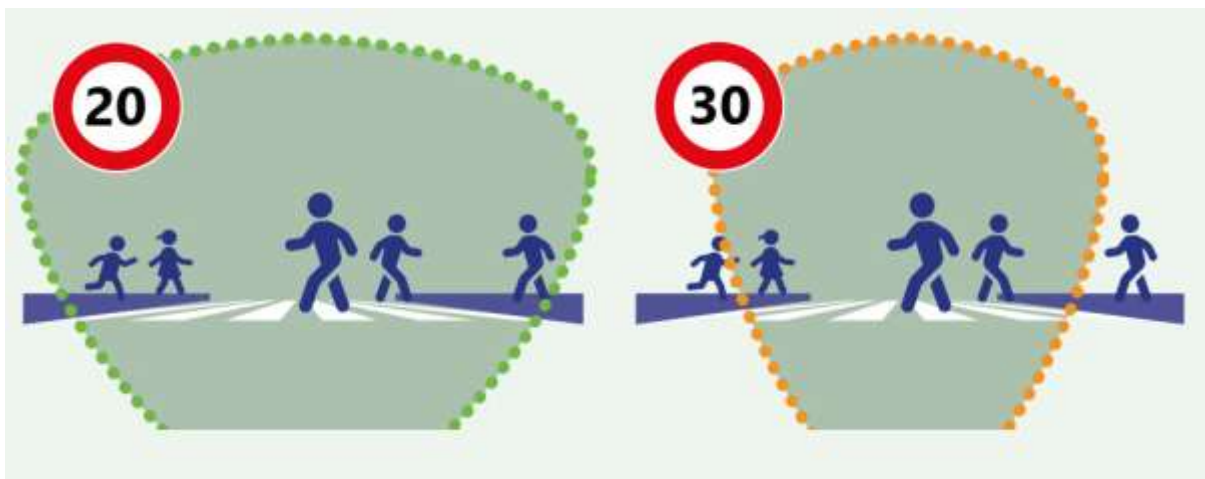
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Vehicles traveling at higher speeds have **longer braking distances**



It is important to recognise that any reduction in vehicle speed reduces the risk of injury and death. Research quoted by DfT in Circular 1/13 (see above) found that on urban roads with low average traffic speeds any 1 mph reduction in average speed can reduce the collision frequency by around 6%.⁴

Road safety is therefore improved even when full compliance with the 20 mph limit, whether through traffic calming or enforcement, is not achieved. Studies (see Bristol case study, below) have confirmed that relatively small changes in average speed result in significant casualty savings; and that speed reductions are greatest on the fastest roads where the risk of casualties is the highest.



Visually, the driver sees more peripherally at 20mph than 30mph.

Over time, as 20 mph limits become more established, it is expected that average speeds will reduce further, aided by changing attitudes and technologies such as Intelligent Speed Assistance (see Enforcement, below).

6. Public Opinion

Repeated studies have shown that 20 mph limits are popular. The most recent National Travel Attitudes Study carried out by DfT⁵ found that 71% of people are in favour of 20 mph speed limits in

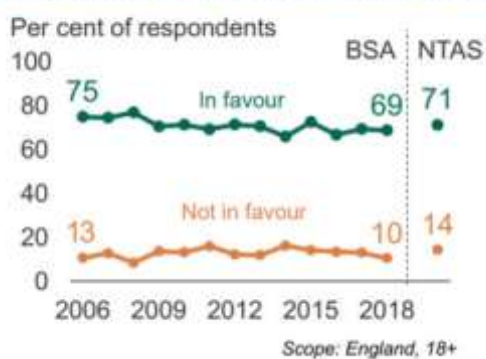
⁴ Taylor, M. C., Lynam, D. A. and Baruya, A. (2000), TRL Report 421 – The Effects of Drivers' Speed on the Frequency of Road Accidents. Crowthorne: TRL

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810908/national-travel-attitudes-study-2019-wave-1.pdf

residential streets (which describes the majority of streets in North Yorkshire villages). Once schemes are installed support for the 20mph limit typically increases.

Speed limits of 20mph in residential streets

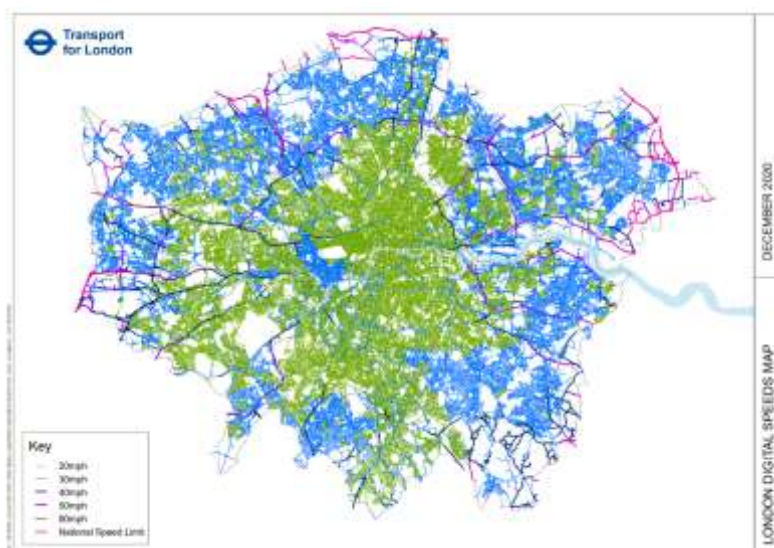


7. Case Studies

20 mph limits have been introduced to large parts of cities, to towns and to villages. Some examples are given below:

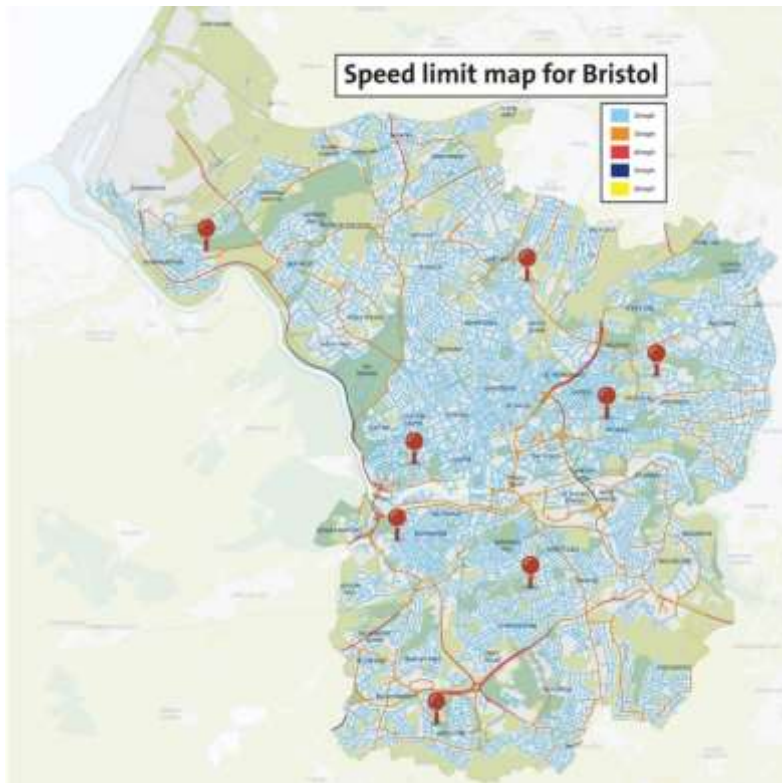
London

Most parts of London now have a 20 mph limit (green on the map below)



Bristol

Similarly, much of Bristol is 20 mph (blue on the map below)

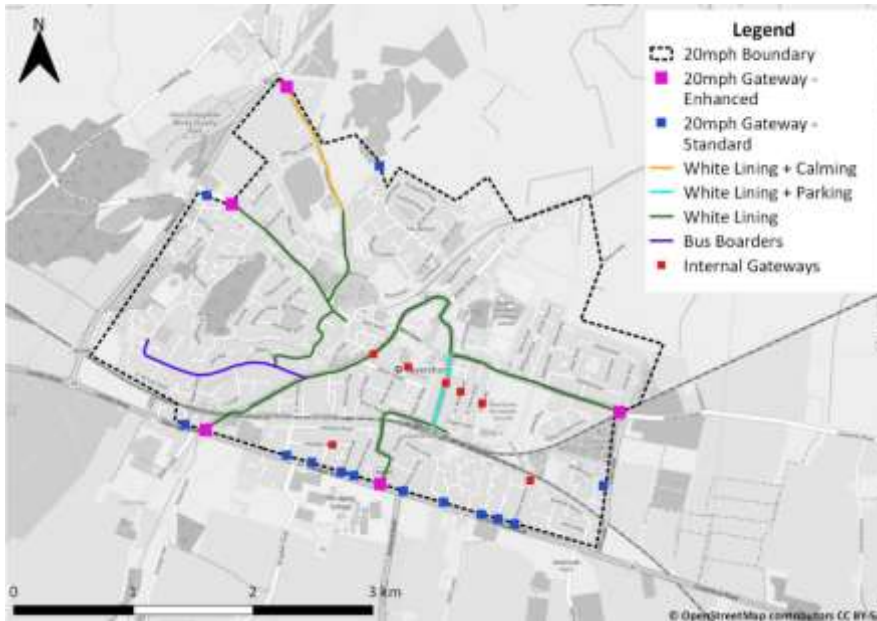


The Bristol 20 mph project has been the subject of extensive academic study.⁶ This found that speeds across the city had reduced by an average of 2.7mph and that over 160 casualties per year had been avoided, including 5 fatalities.

Faversham

Faversham is an historic market town of 20,000 people in Kent. 20's Plenty for Faversham instigated the introduction of a town-wide 20 mph limit, which went live in June 2020.

⁶ <https://www.bristol20mph.co.uk/find-out-more/research-and-monitoring/>



Faversham 20 mph limit area

Kent County Council was initially opposed to a town-wide limit but was persuaded by the strength of local support and the technical case made.⁷ It was successfully demonstrated that a 20 mph limit covering the whole town would be cheaper (because no changes in speed limit would need to be signed) and more effective, since drivers would find it easier to comprehend.

Low-cost techniques to reduce traffic speeds have been accepted by the highway authority, such as attractive gateways to the settlement announcing the change in speed limit, the removal of road centrelines (which has been shown to lower average speeds by up to 4 mph) and ‘Community Corners’, resident-led measures such as planters at key locations⁸.

There is no reason such techniques could not be used in towns and villages throughout North Yorkshire.

8. Enforcement

- 20 mph limits are like any other speed limit and are enforceable by the Police. Policies regarding speed limit enforcement do vary between police authorities – some, such as the Metropolitan Police in London, actively enforce all 20 mph limits.

⁷ <https://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Technical-Note-19-03-19.pdf>

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<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d0a03b295f37b00018da721/t/5d2342e8eb83b800013132f8/1562591982860/Community-Corners-TRL.pdf>

- Philip Allott, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, tweeted that he will “support and implement 20mph in urban locations, where local authorities are prepared to support it”.

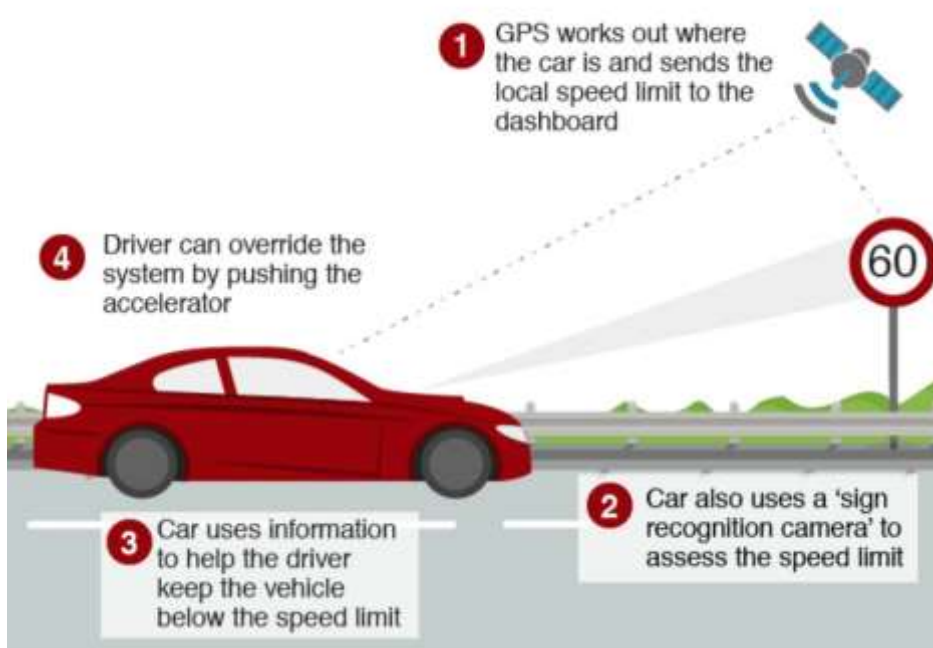
Even without regular enforcement, research shows 20 mph limits reduce speeds, collisions and casualties. Furthermore, driver education through community engagement can help drivers to voluntarily comply with 20mph. The Parish Council could encourage local residents to put stickers in their bumpers showing that they choose to drive at 20 mph.

Such compliant drivers become pacer vehicles which enforce 20mph on the traffic behind them. Community Speedwatch also has a part to play – whereby drivers exceeding the speed limit are sent warning letters. Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) could be used and be reprogrammed with the new speed limit.

In the near future Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) will progressively reduce the need for active enforcement, however. From May 2022 all new model cars sold in the EU and the UK will have ISA fitted as standard. This will prevent the car exceeding the limit unless the driver consciously pushes past a point of resistance on the accelerator. From May 2024 the requirement for ISA will apply to all new cars sold.

Although drivers can override the limiter, research shows that most choose not to, and in fact welcome the reassurance that they are not breaking the law inadvertently. The car will also record if the speed limit has been exceeded in the event of a collision, which may affect the driver’s liability.

How does speed limiting work?



Intelligent Speed Assistance

9. Costs

20 mph limits tend to be much cheaper than 20 mph zones, except possibly where zones are extended with signage. Most of the costs are for the provision of the signs themselves.

Detailed costs are difficult to estimate at this stage, as they will depend on the extent of the scheme and how many new signposts are required. As an example, If the 20mph limit covers the current extent of a typical North Yorkshire village 30 mph limit it will only be necessary to place full size (600mm diameter) 'terminal' signs at the entrances to the village using the existing signposts. In addition many councils still place small (300mm diameter) 'repeater' signs or surface 'roundel' markings at regular intervals through the village – DfT guidance is that these are spaced no more than 200m apart (although this is not mandatory). It should be possible to mount most of these signs on existing street lighting columns or signposts, thus minimising costs.

Recent 20 mph limit schemes have been delivered for around £3 in cities and £5-6 per head in villages. Funding for speed limit changes normally comes from the Highway Authority. In some cases it could come from developer funds through section 106 monies and community infrastructure levy (CIL)

Note that carriageway painted roundels could be used instead of repeater signs.

Although such signs are not mandatory, the local authority still has a duty to ensure that drivers are aware of the limit and any enforcement could be challenged on the basis of inadequate signage. It would then be up to the local authority to defend its position. Police may be reluctant to enforce limits where local authority discretion to reduce signage has been used.

Note that within a 20mph limit (or zone) the requirement for lighting on many hazard warning signs is removed. This can make a reduction in ongoing highway maintenance costs.

Highway maintenance costs also reduce from less wear on potholes due to speed related damage.

10. Next Steps

This briefing has described how and why to pass a Parish motion for a 20mph limit as normal in your parish and for North Yorkshire towns and villages. Speed limits are set by North Yorkshire County

Council as Highway Authority, who are responsible for making the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders and erecting the signs.

Being able to demonstrate local support will be critical to securing the County's agreement to taking forward 20mph limits. A parish council vote for 20mph limits to support the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire would help progress the campaign.

Photos and videos of support from Parish Councillors once the motion is passed to share on social media, would support traction amongst other Parish Councils in the county to come on board. For instance, holding a 20mph poster with the village sign. We attach a poster.

Thank you

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23 Planning Applications

23.1. Councillors should refer to Hambleton District Council's Planning Website for full details of the application referred to on the agenda. The time for responding has been extended to 30th September

23.2 The Planning Enforcement Officer has confirmed that there was no subsequent correspondence regarding landscaping and that the Planning Department is unaware of any outstanding application for retrospective consent.

23.3 Councillors should refer to Hambleton District Council's Planning Website for full details of the application referred to on the agenda

24 Public Participation

County Councillor Wilkinson has reported the following:

Parish Council Notes 13.9.2021

Final phases of Scarborough's Wi-Fi rollout hailed a success. Scarborough's town centre and shopping area has joined the seafront in offering free, reliable Wi-Fi for students, residents and visitors as the digital roll out continues across many of our market towns. Working in partnership with NYCC wholly owned company, NYNET, the scheme is supporting the recovery and growth for communities and businesses. Aiming to draw people back into our towns following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Celebrating two months of YorBus – the on demand bus service. YorBus has celebrated two full months of serving Masham, Bedale, Ripon and surrounding rural areas. Since launching on July 1st, there has been 1,278 downloads of the app, with an average ride rating of 4.8 stars out of 5. In July, a total of 500 passengers were welcomed on-board, rising steadily to over 900 passengers in August. August 31st was the busiest day to date, transporting 78 passengers in a single day.

(The demand responsive travel bus service aims to connect these parts of North Yorkshire, providing residents with an opportunity to access flexible transport that can be booked as and when it's required www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus The service runs from 6.55am to 6pm on weekdays and 9am to 6pm on Saturdays. There is a flat fare for using the service; £1.20 for adults and 65p for children between the ages of 5-17. Customers can choose to pay with card or cash on the bus. Children under 5 can travel for free and concessionary bus passes can be used on the service, subject to existing Terms and Conditions. YorBus is fully accessible, with low floor access and a ramp access for users of wheelchairs, pushchairs and those with mobility difficulties.

For more information about the YorBus service please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus-connecting-north-yorkshire)

NYHighways make £2.2m investment to prepare for winter. NYHighways welcome 18 new, hi-spec gritters to the fleet. The £2.2m investment confirms the County Council's commitment to maintaining its winter maintenance under NYHighways and ensures our vast rural road network will keep moving through the worst of the winter weather. Read more here: www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/investment-in-winter-gritters-to-cover-yorkshires-biggest-county-amid-warnings-over-instances-of-severe-weather-3354606

North Yorkshire resettles Afghan families. North Yorkshire is offering safe homes to Afghan workers (qualifying under the government's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), who have supported the UK in Afghanistan. So far, the councils in North Yorkshire have resettled eight families (42 people). We are currently in discussions with district council colleagues to resettle an additional 20-25 people, to bring us up to a 'fair share' of the anticipated national total of 6300 people arriving in the UK under the ARAP scheme. The people we are welcoming to North Yorkshire have shown great courage in supporting British troops and other personnel in the face of high personal risk.

Together for our Planet. Weather events around the world this summer have reminded us of the urgency of acting against climate change. We have a commitment to reach net carbon neutral by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2040. The Together for our Planet campaign is building momentum for positive action on climate change across the UK, ahead of the COP26 Summit being held here in the autumn. The government is showcasing how individuals are making a difference in their daily lives and going #OneStepGreener. NYCC's Beyond Carbon plan was agreed by the Executive earlier in the summer [Beyond Carbon | North Yorkshire County Council](#) For more information and to find out how you can get involved. <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/together-our-planet>

Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan consultation. Have your say on policing, fire and rescue and victims' services across North Yorkshire and York. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Philip Allott is asking you to share your views on how to keep communities safe. Visit www.tellphilip.co.uk to give your feedback.

Schools return for autumn term. As schools prepare to welcome students back to the classroom, we would like to thank Head teachers, teachers and support staff for all their hard work in getting us to this point. The vast majority of schools in North Yorkshire reopen to pupils on Tuesday.

Anyone under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with the virus, but will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

It remains vitally important that we continue with the key messages:

Get your first and second dose of the vaccine.

Continue to think about the vulnerability of loved ones.

Outdoors is always safer than indoors.

Keep getting tested regularly, even without symptoms.

Continue to follow social distancing where possible, when out with friends and family, including work places, pubs, restaurants etc.

Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air.

A public consultation starts 10th September about a long term partnership to deliver a targeted emotional wellbeing service for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire County Council currently commissions the emotional wellbeing service as part of The Healthy Child Programme, which is a child and family health promotion programme. Some of the healthy child services are for all children, and some are targeted to those in need, such as substance misuse and the emotional wellbeing service.

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NYCCG) also commissions a school-based emotional wellbeing service for children and young people in North Yorkshire.

The council are consulting over whether to enter an agreement with the CCG which would see them working in partnership over a longer period of five years, as opposed to tendering the contract every two to three years.

The Ofsted inspectorate is currently looking into how England's social care system has provided services and care for children and young people since the outbreak of Covid-19. During a recent focused visit of North Yorkshire County Council's children's services and in particular the help and protection it provides for vulnerable children, inspectors praised "highly confident senior leaders and managers" who have "ensured that children's services have continued to develop positively since the last inspection". The County Council's Children and Young People's Service is currently rated as outstanding and has been appointed a Partner in Practice with the Department for Education.

The inspection in North Yorkshire looked at "front door" arrangements, where families come into contact with children's services, including assessments and plans for child protection and children in need, referrals to services, support and other agencies. Inspectors looked at how the threshold for services and accommodation of children is applied, as well as decision-making and contact with families and children.

In its report, Ofsted said that despite the expected increase in the number of children being referred to local authorities due to the pandemic, vulnerable children in North Yorkshire were protected and supported.

North Yorkshire libraries extend free computer access. North Yorkshire’s library members are being encouraged to take advantage of longer computer sessions free of charge. From Monday 6th September, customers will be able to use the computers for up to an hour a day, and anyone who needs additional time can pay a small fee or choose from a range of subscriptions to have a longer session. This will give people the opportunity to browse the Internet, check emails, complete online learning and use free resources available to library members including Ancestry and Find My Past.

There are over 300 computers available in North Yorkshire libraries, all with webcams, touchscreens, printing capabilities and a wide range of software. Anyone filling in complex forms, such as job applications, will still be able to request additional time free of charge. Some libraries are now re-introducing computer support sessions; please ask at your local library for more details. Please check library opening days and times at www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

North Yorkshire communities urged to plant a tree for the Jubilee. North Yorkshire is joining communities from across the UK in a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The North Yorkshire Lieutenancy is backing the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative, which encourages people to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”, thereby providing a legacy for future generations to enjoy whilst helping to tackle climate change.

Individuals, schools, parishes, community groups, villages, towns, cities and businesses will be encouraged to plant trees from this October, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

Support is available to anyone who would like to take part, from help and advice about tree planting to tangible support such as over three million free saplings being made available to schools and community groups. For more information please visit the QGC website at www.queensgreencanopy.org Communities can also order a commemorative plaque to mark this tribute to Her Majesty. Anybody who is interested in doing so should email clerkllny@camphill.co.uk

LGR. As you know, the government decision will see the current seven district or borough councils and the county council become a new single unitary organisation, delivering all our current public services – and this new structure will launch on April 1, 2023.

Cllr. Annabel Wilkinson. Swale Division. North Yorkshire

Young People’s Champion

Members of the Public have expressed concern at ambiguities in the Housing Needs Survey circulated by Hambleton District Council (HDC) and the Clerk has relayed these back to the responsible officer at HDC

25. Next Meeting

The second Monday in November is proposed after the PC decided to reduce the number of its current meetings (Minute 2105.12) to alternate months so far as possible.