

Kingsley Parish Council
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Lengthsman Scheme

Kingsley Parish Council (KPC) participates in the Lengthsman Scheme provided by Hampshire County Council and organized/coordinated by the Clerk of Grayshott PC. The scheme allows the PC to perform routine maintenance to hedges and verges adjoining pavements through the village. Although the budget is not large, most of the pavements have been cleared in the last year. The two most recent jobs were completed on the following stretches of pavement: -

1. North side of B3004 from Kingsley Centre to the Allotments.
2. Southside of B3004 from All Saints Churchyard, past Churchfields to the entrance of the Old Park Ironworks.

There is still the need to complete a section of the footpath close to the sandpit. However a more pressing issue is the 30mph signs close to the Tennis Centre entrance as these have become overgrown and difficult to see when approaching from the Alton direction. This job has been given top priority and the contractor will be cutting the shrubs back in the near future.

B3004 Road Safety

In the month of May the Speedwatch team, coordinated by Miranda Orbell, had access to the "Smiling SID" speed indicator equipment. Hampshire Constabulary sanctions the scheme and the team is allowed to record the details of vehicles that are well above the 30mph limit. These details are passed to the Police with repeat offenders (here or in other locations) getting a call or visit from the police to discuss their speeding.

"Smiling SID" was deployed several times at different points in the village to check traffic speed. In one mid-morning, hour-long session 25 vehicles were measured above 35mph with the fastest vehicle measured at 44 mph. A week later and at the same time of day only 4 vehicles were recorded above 35mph.

This is a very important activity to help maintain the 30 mph limit in the village. "Smiling SID" comes to the village 4 times a year for a month and the number of deployments during each month does depend on the availability of volunteers. The more volunteers, the more deployments become possible. Miranda Orbell does a great job coordinating the Kingsley Speedwatch Team, but it does need more volunteers. So if you can spare an hour and want to help, just send an email indicating such to councillor.lowe@kingsleyparishcouncil.org and you will be included next time (August).

In recent weeks, the author has been contacted by a couple of villagers recounting traffic safety or speed issues they have witnessed. Cllr Clayton and the author do need more of these stories to build up a portfolio of "incidents" that can be presented to HCC in an attempt to get them to spend some money on traffic safety measures in the village. If you have seen or experienced an incident and know the approximate time and location (vehicle details would also be useful), please send an email with the details to councillor.lowe@kingsleyparishcouncil.org. This information will be added to existing accounts (anonymously) and will be presented to HCC in the near future.

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