

Agenda Item 5.3

Quarterly Report – Travel and Road Safety September 2025

Here are the main issues of concern as far as traffic and highways are concerned.

1. The Boniface trail

I have recently emailed Stuart Jarvis from County (who gave the presentation to the parish earlier this year) asking for an update and this is his response...

“We are still carrying out the assessment of the two options to come up with a preferred route to take to Cabinet later this year. This work is progressing well.”

2. Winscott Barton farm entrance.

Following the meeting I had in April with Steve Tucker (ST from County highways), the landowner and Nick Gillon (NG from the road wardens) there have been two expressions of concern about the dangerous state of the road from parishioners. I encouraged both to report the issue via the county pothole reporting website in addition to myself and NG and this is the response we have all received

“Further to your report made on 01/08/2025 09:33:00 an investigation was completed on the 12/08/2025 09:41:11. Following the investigation, further work at this location have been identified and added to a future programme of planned works.”

There has been a patch repair to the tarmac at one of the entrances, but not to the main area of concern at the other entrance. I have written to ST (1st August) to highlight the fact that the condition of the road continues to deteriorate and now poses a significant risk to road users, particularly cyclists. I have received no response.

3. Smallbrook sewage leak

I wrote to the environment agency recently to seek feedback on developments and this was the response...

“We have identified a source which is not deliberate but the unexpected consequences of alterations by a third party.

We are working with the owner, who is looking at various solutions to rectify the issue, and have set timescales and requirements for compliance.

Hope that this is sufficient for you at this time.”

4. Flashing speed light on the Newton House bridge

I have already presented potential costs (£4-5K) and the county have made it clear that they will not replace. Should the PC buy one? The road wardens may be able to install, the power source appears to be active.

5. Safety concerns relating to A377 at Smallbrook and Tytheing Close, lack of school signage (see previous quarterly reports).

The chair and I met with Steve Keable on 30th May to discuss these areas of concern, he, in turn was planning a meeting to discuss these issues with county highways. I have written to him to ask for feedback about that meeting. Hopefully he will be able to update the PC in person at the September meeting.

If no action is forthcoming (which seems likely) should we install our own signs like this?



6. Schedule of priorities for the road wardens

See separate document.

John Dean 28th August 2025