



How Caple Sollershope and Yatton group

Parish Council

A Spring Update

of the B4224 Working group meetings .

A small group from the Parish Council and residents within the Parish formed a working group in July 2019 .

The over-arching aim of the group is to better understand the problems on the road and to organise pressure to secure improvements to the condition and safety of the B4224 through the Parish Council.

In brief the group have met on three occasions in the last twelve months discussing ways forward and actions to be taken.

Traffic safety officers carried out a second speed check over the course of a week. The result of this showed that 85% of vehicles were travelling within the 50mph limit which according to the traffic management team did not warrant a reduced speed limit. The number of vehicles recorded using the B4224 had increased greatly to 4151 vehicles per week. This increase and the size of the vehicles again is causing concerns for the Parish Council.

Another meeting the group had was attended by the accident prevention officer from H.C. Simon Hobbs. Simon understood the concerns and advised the group regarding measures that could be taken to help encourage the need for reducing speed and awareness on the B4224. Some measures suggested were the re-painting of the white lines , keeping grass verges and hedges cut and tidy to alert vehicles that this is a residential area be it very rural.

Members and residents alike are aware that the hall of residence in How Caple is now housing about twenty plus students again this is a cause for concerns with the amount and speed of the traffic for students crossing or using the road.

The general condition of the road surface is a concern with numerous pot holes causing problems. These are to be reported to Hereford Council via their web site, but the working group also report any defects they encounter.

Please also feel you can report any incidents or road defects on this stretch of road to the clerk .

As a group the main aim is to have a safer B4224 for all road users and residents.

