

ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the people of Odiham & North Warnborough

Chair's Message, Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane

It's good to talk or so they say, but it can be even better to listen. As a Parish Council we strive to make decisions that will benefit the community as best we can. We are fortunate to have a spread of ages and stages among the Councillors which helps to make sure that discussions and decisions are based on a range of perspectives.

We also welcome input on any item that is under consideration at our meetings where any resident can speak on an item on the agenda on which they have a view. For those who cannot attend in person, it is also possible to email the Clerk and views expressed are shared with Councillors. However, there is a risk that thinking is skewed by the minority who do offer views in this way. So when a big decision is pending, we try to canvas as many views as we can.

In this newsletter you will find a call for views on traffic calming and the proposal to potentially introduce a 20mph zone in the heart of Odiham. We need to hear from you what you think about this proposal, or how the plan might be improved. Please do take a few minutes to let us know what you think. We will be listening.

If anything in this newsletter has come as a revelation to you, you might want to think about joining the list for the email news updates. You can always unsubscribe if it does not prove of interest to you. We are aware that a printed newsletter three times a year cannot always give timely news, and not everyone uses Facebook. So if you want to stay in the know – please subscribe to the newsletter.

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Tribute to the late David Sanger

Odiham Parish Council pays tribute to former councillor, the late David Sanger, who served as a councillor from March 2022.

The Council and community have benefitted enormously from David's expertise and thoughtful chairing of the Amenity Areas Committee. David was always happy to lend a helping hand.

Our sincere condolences go to David's family, friends and all those who were privileged to know him.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

November

Finance Committee - Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm at The Bridewell

My home made better - Tuesday 11th November, 6.30pm at The Old School, London Road

Full Council and Amenity Areas Committee - Tuesday 18th November, 7.30pm at The Bridewell

December

Last Council meeting of the year - Tuesday 16th December, 7.30pm at The Bridewell

Office closure - 24th December to 5th January (clerk@odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk will be monitored)

January

Finance Committee and full Council, including setting the annual budget and precept -

Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm, at The Vine Church

February

Full Council and Amenity Areas Committee - Tuesday 17th February, 7.30pm, location tbc

March

Council meeting - Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm at The Bridewell

Discretionary Community Grants

Odiham Parish Council awarded a total of £1,360 to three organisations at the July Full Council meeting:

£500 to Hook and Odiham Lions to help fund the prostate screening,

£500 to Fleet Phoenix to help fund their open door project.

£360 to Zero Hunger to purchase 6 tables and a gazebo.



The next closing date for applications is 31st December. Please visit

<https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/council-services/cg> for further details.



2026 Community Awards



Look out for details of the 2026 Community Awards, early in the New Year. These bi-annual awards are an opportunity to shine the spotlight on our local community superheros.

Please start to think about the people in your community or organisation who deserve such a recognition.

Details of the nomination process will be published on the Council's website and on social media.

Councillor positions

Odiham Parish Council will benefit from one additional councillor in May 2027, following Hart District Council's district wide Community Governance Review of all towns and parishes within the area.

A Community Governance Review is the process for seeking local opinion on local governance arrangements and can lead to changes eg number of councillors, Council name and ward changes.

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/community-governance-review>

Odiham Parish Council responded to the consultation requesting two additional councillor positions to support the Council's work and to acknowledge changes that Local Government Re-organisation in Hampshire will bring. The final decision made by Hart District Council was to create one extra position. The effective date for revised electoral arrangements is May 2027.

There is currently one vacant position. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please follow the Council's website and noticeboards for notices of vacancies or contact the Parish Office

The Bridewell

It's been almost six years since we first heard news that Odiham Library was on the list for closure and over three years since Odiham Parish Council took ownership of the building. Following extensive research, the decision to take on the building strongly focused on the potential of increasing building usage to maximise income and we have undertaken significant initiatives to do so since assuming ownership.

The main Library Room, once a quiet corner of the building locked up for most of the week, is now a vibrant hub of activity with events and gatherings most days. The room is a perfect space for meetings and groups and can be booked for just £26 per 3 hour session.

<https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-bridewell-community-hub/community-hire>

Our foremost achievement has been the creation of a co-working facility on the first floor with five hot desks and a small meeting room. For just £10 a day, hot deskers can enjoy their own dedicated workspace with a full size, stand/sit desk, office chair, privacy screen and dedicated tea/coffee making area. The recent addition of a new ILOQ system allows users to come and go at their convenience. The co-working space includes a small meeting room with display screen, available for just £24 per 2 hour session.

<https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-bridewell-community-hub/bookings>

Welcome to our new tenant

We're pleased to welcome RMD Adventure Learning CIC to The Bridewell, who have moved into the former MP's office space.



CIC's are community interest companies designed to benefit the community. Councillors felt that a CIC organisation alongside RMD Adventure Learning's specific aims "to support, encourage and inspire children, young people and families to believe in the power of change" were perfectly suited for The Bridewell Community Hub.

Director Ed Ives-Wara said "We are thrilled to have moved into The Bridewell. As a local resident, having the opportunity to base our CIC in the heart of Odiham is fantastic – it allows us to build stronger connections and create even more opportunities for children, young people, and their families.

At RMD Adventure Learning CIC, we deliver a wide range of activities including youth clubs, day trips, residential experiences, mentoring with counselling skills, training, and consultancy across Hampshire, Berkshire, and Surrey. Our mission is to empower children and young people to reach their full potential, and we are excited to be announcing our local projects very soon."

The logo for The Bridewell Community Hub is circular with a green border. Inside, there's a white building with a red roof, and the text 'ODIHAM COMMUNITY HUB' at the top and 'The Bridewell' at the bottom.

Are you in need of an alternative work from home environment?

The Bridewell Community Hub offers Hot desks for £10 per day with discount for regular block bookings!

We also have a small meeting room for £24 for 2 hours.

All prices include FREE Wi-Fi and refreshments

To book or for more information please scan the QR Code

A QR code with a green circular logo in the center, located at the bottom right of the flyer. Below the QR code is the word 'Bookings'.

Asset disposal

The Council has reached a decision to dispose of a Council owned property, Chapel Cottage, which is located in Odiham Cemetery.

The decision follows extensive research and forms part of ongoing efforts to manage local assets efficiently. The agreement in principle was made by the full Council in September on the basis that disposal removes liability and risk of rising costs.

However, the decision is more than just a property sale, it's an opportunity for positive change through re-investing the income to help offset the Parish Precept and through investing in current projects and new initiatives which have a wider benefit for the community.

Our research continues and we expect the cottage will be marketed for sale next year.

Planning & Development, Cllr Pam Verdon

Call for Sites and Warehouses

This Call is part of the process of updating the Hart Local Plan which HAS to be updated to meet significantly increased (ie doubled) government targets for development within Hart. This is the early stages of updating.

Anyone has the right to submit a site (they don't even have to own it).

The Hart Planning Team will review the long list of sites submitted for 3 main characteristics: suitability, availability and deliverability. This will be an objective desk-based process, by the Hart planning team based on the features, location and characteristics of each site. Objection comments are not part of that process, hence there is little benefit from writing – at this stage. The result will be a shorter list of potential development sites called the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). The first draft of that will be published around March 2026 and will be reviewed by Cllrs. At that point material and factual errors should be challenged. The resulting list will be used to define a development scheme for the Local Plan, which will be subject to full public consultation around Jan-Feb 2027.

At that stage, the relative benefits and harms of all the proposed sites can be challenged, which could include the underlying “need” for a site. The timetable for the development of the plan is below:

Table 1: Indicative timetable for the new Hart Local Plan 2045

Key Step	Time Period
Preparatory evidence gathering and scoping	August 2025 - February 2026
Notification of the start of the Local Plan process	February 2026
Scoping and early participation	February 2026 - June 2026
Gateway 1 (advisory)	June 2026
Plan vision and strategy development	June 2026 - December 2026
First consultation	January 2027 - February 2027
Evidence gathering and drafting the plan	March 2027 - June 2027
Gateway 2 (advisory)	June 2027 - July 2027
Engagement, proposing changes and submission of the plan	July 2027 - March 2028
Second consultation	October 2027 - November 2027
Gateway 3 (stop/go)	January 2028 - February 2028
Examination	March 2028 - September 2028
Finalisation and adoption	October 2028

More details can be found on the Hart Council website:

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan>

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-09/Local-Development-Scheme-September-2025.pdf>

Meetings

Planning committee meetings are held every 3 weeks by Zoom and residents are welcome to join these. Since the beginning of April, 36 planning applications and 12 tree applications have been considered by councillors.

Call For Sites feeds into this

First Public Consultation

Second Public Consultation

From: Local Development Scheme, September 2025

Local Government Re-organisation for the Hampshire Solent area

Hampshire councils face a major re-organisation by April 2028, transitioning from a two-tier system to new unitary authorities. Parish Councils are excluded from this re-organisation. Over the past few months, councils across the region embarked on a collaborative journey to develop proposals for new unitary authorities which culminated with four different proposals being submitted to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to meet the 26th September deadline:

Four unitary authorities were proposed by Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council - Mid-North Hampshire, West, South-East and Isle of Wight.

Five unitary authorities were proposed by 10 of the remaining Councils - all proposing North Hampshire, Mid-Hampshire, South-West Hampshire and South-East Hampshire, with three different combinations of councils within each unitary. Hart District Council supported the following option, referred to as 1A/3:

- North Hampshire: Basingstoke & Deane, Hart, Rushmoor.
- Mid Hampshire: Most of East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester.
- South West Hampshire: Eastleigh, Southampton, Totton and Eling, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden, and Fawley sections of New Forest, and Valley Park, Nursling and Rownhams, and Chilworth sections of Test Valley.
- South East Hampshire: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle sections of East Hampshire, and Newlands section of Winchester.
- Isle of Wight

Timeline

- November 2025 - Government expected to hold public consultation.
- March 2026 - Government expected to announce future structure. before pre-election period.
- Summer/Autumn 2026 - New legislation prepared and laid.
- May 2027 - Unitary elections expected.
- May 2028 - New unitary authorities to begin operating.



100 years of flight at RAF Odiham, report from RAF Odiham



This year, we celebrated a century of flight at RAF Odiham with a series of unforgettable events honoring 100 years of aviation history. We brought the skies alive with thrilling aircraft, engaged with the local community through a range of different events, and hosted a number of receptions and awards events ourselves.

The annual Families Day which took place in August was bigger and better this year. Both vintage and modern aircraft performed breathtaking displays and historical aircraft on static display provided close-up experiences of the aircraft that have shaped our aviation past. The event created memorable moments for all ages and we hope local people managed to enjoy some of the displays.

RAF Odiham Station Commander, Group Captain Moorhead was proud to open the local exhibition "Celebrating 100 years of Aviation from RAF Odiham" at The Parish Room Heritage Centre in The Bury, showcasing artifacts and personal stories that captured some of RAF Odiham's history. Due to popular demand, the exhibition will run until Christmas.

A series of short documentaries have been shared on our Social Media with some amazing stories of veterans who had served at RAF Odiham including Mr I Whittle sharing stories of the Jet engine and aircraft he had flown, the story of the Belvedere and a remembrance ceremony held at RAF Odiham for all that were tragically lost in the accident. Many images and history shared for all to see.

School children from the local community created badges and a flag to celebrate this occasion, the flags were flown on the High Street.

We were especially honoured to be awarded the Freedom of the Parish by Odiham Parish Council. It was a truly memorable day for everyone involved and a defining moment in local history.

Throughout the year, our celebrations have captivated a blend of history, honour and community spirit, brought together with the help of the local community.

War Memorial, Cllr Steve Bell

Odiham War Memorial was constructed in 1919/20 on land gifted to the Parish by Sir Gerald Mildmay, then Lord of the Manor, and funded by public subscription. Since then, the War Memorial has served as the community beacon of Remembrance, of those from Odiham and North Warnborough and surrounding areas, who gave their lives in service of the nation, or in protecting the community.

Sadly, as time has a wont to do, a toll has been taken on the fabric and condition of the Memorial; a Grade II listed structure. As many are aware, maintaining such structures is complex and expensive, due to the unique materials and skills required to undertake such maintenance work (and in securing planning permission!). But, as the custodians of this singular War Memorial, and to ensure the continued homage to those that sacrificed everything, it is our responsibility to do so. Thus the Council set up a working group to research restoring the memorial to ensure it remains a place for reflection and tribute for future generations.

We are therefore delighted to report that OPC funding has recently enabled the expert MSF Historical to undertake significant upgrading and repairing of the Memorial, which are scheduled for completion by Remembrance Sunday. Do take a look – the difference is incredible. Our thanks to the Hart District Council Conservation Officers for their support.



Remembrance Sunday 9th November War Memorial, Gospel Green, Odiham High Street

Parade leaves All Saints at 10am.

Wreath layers should congregate by the War Memorial by 9.55am.

Ex-Service men and women are invited to fall in at the front of the War Memorial by 9.55am.

The act of Remembrance starts at 10.10am.

2 minutes' silence and flypast 10.30am.

Following the service at the War Memorial there will be the traditional interdenominational church service at All Saints at 10.50am.

All are welcome.



Support the Poppy Appeal

This Poppy Appeal, help us to support those in need.

We provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. Last year alone, we responded to 128,268 requests for support. That's 351 per day!

Help us to help them. You could be coordinating the Poppy Appeal in your area, organising a collection, taking part, or simply making a donation – there's a way for everyone to help.

To find out more and register your interest as a Poppy Appeal volunteer:

Go online
rbl.org.uk/pavol

Phone
0345 8451945

Email
poppyappealvolunteering@britishlegion.org.uk

Volunteer for the Poppy Appeal

Our volunteers come with different backgrounds – no military connections needed! How can you help?



Scan here for more information



The Poppy - a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future

Thank you to all local knitters and crocheters who responded to our campaign for knitted poppies with special thanks to Jo Roberts and In Stitches for co-ordinating the project.



Update on local highways

Parking in The Bury

We're pleased to report that the new parking bay line markings in The Bury are installed.

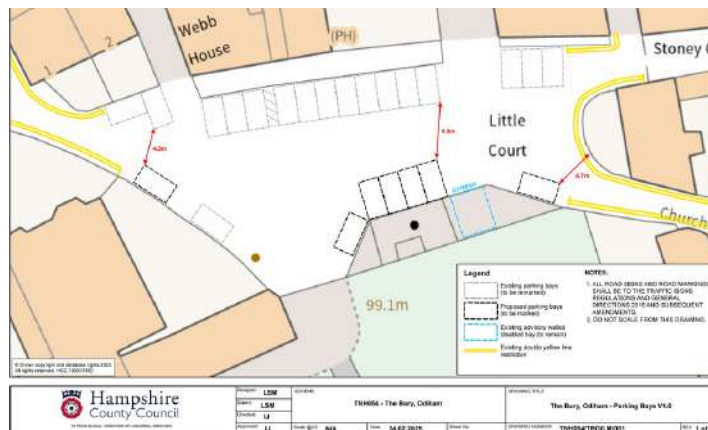
The new layout, drawn up between the Parish Council and Hampshire County Council, was thoughtfully designed to improve accessibility and ease congestion in the area without removing parking from the area entirely. We have already received several positive reports that congestion in the area has declined.

Please switch off your engines

You may not be aware that leaving your engine running while stationary (known as engine idling) is illegal in the UK under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations.

Unfortunately, the parking habits in The Bury can cause a real nuisance to The Bury residents and users of the community buildings, due to the bowl effect of the layout and lack of well insulated doors and windows in these older properties.

Not only does this cause unnecessary air pollution, drivers can be issued with a fixed penalty notice.



RAF Odiham/B3349 junction

A recent traffic regulation order (TRO) from Hampshire Council Council consulted on proposals to extend the 30mph limit on the Alton Road past the new Crownfields development. Quick off the mark, we worked with RAF Odiham to draw up a response and the following joint statement was submitted:

Although both the council and RAF Odiham welcome an extension of the 30mph limit further to the south along the B3349 from where it currently ends, the commitment to change it would offer an opportunity to significantly increase the intent and effectiveness of the proposal further were the 30mph limit extended further, until 200m south of the RAF Odiham Junction (B3349 with Churchill Avenue/The Firs). This junction has long been a hazard, with numerous accidents and near misses (recorded and unrecorded data) having occurred within the last decade. Further, over 100 school children living at RAF Odiham cross the B3349 from Churchill Avenue to the Firs daily during term time in order to get to Robert Mays School.

Were a 30mph limit extended to the south of this junction it would fulfil the following purposes of a Traffic Regulation Order:

- i) Avoiding danger to a persons of traffic; as described above.
- ii) Facilitating the passage of traffic; by offering additional opportunity for traffic to enter the B3349 from Churchill Avenue and the Firs, particularly during rush hour.
- iii) Improvement in air quality; by a reduction in speed changes in the area, decreasing emissions.

As such, OPC and RAF Odiham would support the further extension of the 30mph zone as described above.

In addition, and separate to this, were the 30mph zone to also encompass the southernmost 200m of The Firs from where it forms a junction with the B3349 this would offer additional weight to points 1 and 2 above; currently the entirety of The Firs is at the national speed limit (ie 60mph) and the southern-most 100m doesn't have a footway and therefore the road is traversed daily by the aforementioned school children. Therefore extending the 30mph limit along the southernmost 200m of The Firs would manifestly increase the safety of children walking along this road.

Furthermore, planning application 20/03185/FUL, for a Solar Photovoltaic Farm with an output capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy, suggests the site should expect an additional 2482 two-way HGV vehicle movements plus contractors to take place throughout construction, which is likely to route along this section of B3349.24/02473/AMCON was the application to vary this condition, with a transport statement document attached detailing routes the vehicles are likely to take along the B3349 and results of a traffic and speed survey undertaken by their contractors, showing average and 85th percentile speeds being above the current 40mph limit in both directions.

Ultimately the safety of both pedestrians and road users can be appreciably improved were these changes to be implemented. OPC and RAF Odiham are therefore amenable to working with Hampshire County Council to provide more detail and discussion of this proposal in order to assist in expediting any resolution to this matter.

Q: Who are you and where do you live?

Hi, I am John McNab (or 'Mac'). I have lived in North Warnborough with my partner and daughter for the past 18 years. We love it here - the parish of Odiham and its surrounds can be beautiful and we consider ourselves fortunate to live in such a lovely village set amongst the Hampshire countryside.



Q: Can you tell us a bit about your background and what inspired you to start volunteering with the "Shrub Club"?

In more recent years I, like many people, have seen a gradual deterioration in the environment. Even at a local level, I cannot help but notice that our roadsides, verges and green spaces have increasingly become strewn with litter and rubbish. With cuts to local government services they have increasingly also become unkempt, strangled with weeds, overgrown and choked with litter. I have also noticed over the years that we have gradually lost more and more of the greenery that attracted us to the area in the first place.

Despite these issues, I have also noticed, particularly during the time of the Covid pandemic, just how much people value, and need, green spaces and a pleasant environment in which to live and work. People also need a healthy environment to simply to breathe, relax and escape the rigours of modern day life. I know I do !

I have come to realise that a mantra I use at work applies equally well - a problem you walk past is a problem you accept. Obviously, I am not going to solve climate change, world hunger or change the world (least not on my own) but I can at least do my bit, try and help make things that little bit better than they were before, and make a difference to my local community and the environment - the place where I live. After all, every little helps !!

Q: How has volunteering impacted your perspective on environmental and community issues?

For me, home is not just the bricks and mortar of the building in which I live, home is also the place in which it sits - hopefully, this too is a place where we can live in relative safety and comfort, a place where we can socialise and enjoy time with family and friends, a place where we can nurture our children and live our lives well. This shows that environmental and community issues are intrinsically linked and if we are to live well, we must think more broadly as to the place we call our home. We also need to undertake some regular maintenance to keep it in the condition we would like.

Q: Do you have a favourite location in the parish that you feel especially connected to?

One of the benefits of living in the Odiham and North Warnborough area is that we are by and large surrounded by beautiful countryside which makes it difficult to pick out any one location as an out and out favourite. For this reason, I have two. The first is a kissing gate in the Deer Park, accessible off the canal bridge just beyond Newlyn Farm. A short walk over the public footpath over the hilltop from the canal brings you to the kissing gate. The gate and its immediate surrounds is nothing of particular note, and can be quite muddy, especially in winter. However, the view of Odiham from here is one I will always remember it by. It is one that shows Odiham in all its glory - right for its setting - and nestled on the hillside with the church poking above the tree tops. A sweeping vista framing it as a quintessential English village.

My second favorite spot also takes in the Church - or more specifically the church tower and its spires - nestled amongst the trees of the village. It is the view you get from the corner of the farmers field (the chalk pit field) when walking diagonally across the dirt path back towards Odiham from the RAF base. While you do not see much of the village due to the lay of the land, it again hints at that quintessential idyll that lies beyond.

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your volunteering work?

For me, the rewards of volunteering are many and varied. Prime amongst these is that feeling of satisfaction of a job well done - when you have cleaned up a place, made it usable and made that difference; both in terms of enhancing the environment and having made it useable or better for people across the community. Yes - you can get hot and sweaty and get covered in dirt when doing it. You might even come across things that you would not rather see or have to deal with. However, by and large, it is good fun, good exercise and a good workout, with plenty of fresh air to boot. It also gets me out of the house (for which my other half is often thankful), meeting new people and making new friends on the team.

Also, as someone who collects them during the Autumn months, I get to scatter an acorn or conker or two in the area(s) in which we work. While I know that not all of them will take, I hope one or two will grow and provide a future habitat for wildlife and leave a living legacy of green for the next generation to enjoy. Just don't tell my Shrub Club colleagues as this might result in even more work for them to do.

Q: What advice would you give some who is interested in volunteering but unsure where to start?

Stand up, get moving, get active. Turn up and be counted. Just give it a go. Do your bit and help make the difference to your local community. After all, the place in which we live does not necessarily make the community but the community can make the place. The more people that help and come together - however small a contribution they can make - the easier and better it is for all.

How amazing would it be if a small band of the willing became an army. Together, we could achieve almost anything.

JOIN ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

ODIHAM HIGH STREET
5-6PM
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

MUSIC
SINGING
SHOPPING
SANTA

LIGHTS SWITCH ON 5.30PM

SANTA AND HIS SLEIGH COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOOK AND ODIHAM

This year the Odiham Christmas Extravaganza takes place on Sunday 30th November and promises to be a fantastic event once again.

We anticipate that the majority of stallholders who were disappointed last year (as were we all) when we had to cancel are keen to take part so we look forward to a High Street full of Christmas spirit – crafts, gifts, food, drink, a whole plethora of things to catch your attention. And of course Basingstoke Community Radio is supporting us as well as other musical entertainment and there will be some funfair rides and hopefully Santa will come along too.

Our amazing High Street retailers always put on an exceptional show of support, with lots of things available to get the Christmas vibe going, so do make sure you keep the date in mind:

Sunday 30th November, 1pm to 6pm

Odiham Parish Council is hosting a **FREE** information evening on how we can make our homes more energy efficient.

This information evening is courtesy of Energy Alton.

LOCATION: The Old School, London Road
DATE: Tuesday 11th November
TIME: 6.30PM

Refreshments will be provided

To book please email:
deputyclerk@odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk

EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL WORKS IN THE BURY AND KING STREET AREAS

Durkin & Sons would like to invite all residents to a friendly coffee morning at The Bridewell Community Hub on Wednesday 10th December, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We'll be discussing important upcoming electrical works in the area – a great chance to find out what we're doing, why these essential improvements are needed, and how they may temporarily affect you and your neighbours. While we understand that any disruption can be inconvenient, these works are vital to ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of the local electrical network. We look forward to meeting everyone, answering your questions, and sharing a cup of coffee together.

If you have any queries ahead of the event, please contact our Streetworks Manager, Katrina, on 07460 578918.

Consultation for local traffic calming

Odiham Parish Council has joined forces with local residents and organisations to look into concerns of speeding traffic through the Parish and to research the options available for traffic calming measures.

We initially set up a working group to research one specific location, in response to a direct campaign from residents, but over time the area of research has expanded as further requests have come to light.

We are now seeking your views!

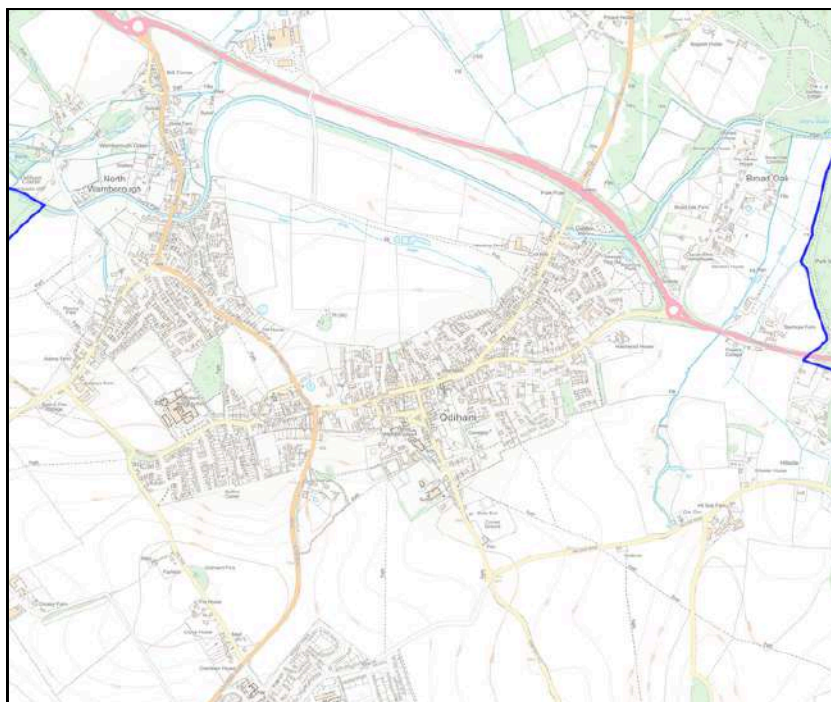
Hampshire County Council supports parish led traffic calming schemes, including implementation and enforcement of 20mph speed limits, and we are following their process and guidance for building the evidence required to support a scheme. However, their guidance warns that traffic calming measures are only effective in some locations and warns that drivers are likely to ignore a 20mph limit if imposed too frequently.

Other traffic calming measures can be just as effective. But we are mindful that any scheme is likely to require local funding so it's important to focus time and spending in the right location(s).

Please complete the questions below and return to the Parish Office in The Bridewell by 30th November.

Alternatively, the form can be completed online at:

<https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/live-consultations>



1. Do you believe there is an issue with speeding vehicles through the Parish of Odiham; Odiham, North Warnborough and RAF Odiham? Please tick.

Yes – move to question 2

No – move to question 5

Unsure

2. If you believe there is an issue with speeding, to what level does this concern you and/or affect your enjoyment of the area in which you live or work? Please tick.

Not at all

Slightly

Somewhat

A lot

Unsure

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3. If you believe there is an issue with speeding, which areas do you think are most affected? Tick all that apply. Our research has focussed on locations A-H but you may want to add others in the space provided?

A Cemetery Hill/King Street

B West Street, around Robert Mays School

C High Street, between Alton Rd mini-roundabout and traffic lights

D High Street, between traffic lights and war memorial

E High Street/Farnham Road, from war memorial to the Farnham Road roundabout

F Dunley's Hill, from mini-roundabout to Hook Road mini-roundabout

G Hook Road running through North Warnborough

H Alton Road/Churchill Avenue (RAF Odiham - Alton Road to Station Entrance)

Other

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4. If you have answered question 3 showing a particular area or areas of concern, is this at a specific time of day only? Please state the location and time of day below.

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5. If our research concludes one or more areas are suitable for traffic calming, would you be prepared to support the scheme financially? Please tick.

Yes, through increases in the precept paid to Odiham Parish Council

Yes, through personal contribution

I would support local fundraising, eg from the organisations in some of the identified areas

No

6. Speedwatch is still promoted as being an effective traffic calming solution and can be combined with other traffic calming schemes, but the success of a Speedwatch scheme relies on volunteer support. Can you spare an hour or two a month to volunteer as a Speedwatch volunteer? Please tick.

Yes, one hour a month

Yes, more than one hour a month

Yes, but only sessions in my local area

No

Do you wish to make any further comments or suggestions?

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Please leave your name and email address if you would like to be involved or contacted on this matter

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