Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council (September 2020 Cllr. AHS)

Stay Safe

Hope all are well in our villages! The most worrying development in current times is that the daily reported cases of coronavirus continues to rise again so it's most important we continue to observe our Social Distancing behaviour, stay updated with the latest COVID-19 guidance and help everyone stay safe.

Village Traffic

Several near miss incidents with horses have been reported of late which seems to correlate in general with the alarming increase in speeding traffic particularly noticed in Seisdon on Fox Road and Ebstree Road.

A thank you to our Community Speed Watch team, who have now been allowed out again, re-commenced operations last week with a frightening statistical report that over 24% of vehicles were travelling through the village at unacceptable speeds. Many of these transgressions will be followed up through letters from Staffordshire Police.

And our CSW teams intend to increase their activity substantially over the next few weeks !

The Parish Council have also obtained '30 m.p.h.' Wheelie Bin Stickers (courtesy of Staffordshire Police) and these will be distributed to our 'main' road residents shortly. Let's create an avenue of zero tolerance - on Friday 'bin days' at least!

More capital intensive ideas are also being investigated such as Rumble Strips and other physical road restricting measures. Additional signage is also being discussed with our County Council.

Parish Licence

Parish Councillors are due to meet with County Council / Highways representatives this month to discuss the issue of a Parish Licence which will then provide our Parish Council with extended powers to operate on limited Highway matters.

Under discussion will be the multiple permitted positions of our SID signs, verge maintenance and additional drain maintenance authority.

We would also be looking to finalise agreement for the tree planting locations in both Seisdon and Trysull. These trees will be a gracious gift to the parish from our friends in the Women's Institute in celebration of their upcoming 90th Anniversary.

Litter Picking and Tidy Village

Our grateful thanks too to our volunteer pickers who spent several hours cleaning up Crockington Lane, collecting no less than eight black bags of rubbish! Again more outings in and around the villages are being organised.

If you feel inspired to help please contact Jacquie on 07846 507495 or Julie on 07769 308557.

Activities are risked assessed and all the necessary equipment and Hi viz are provided. Just bring yourself!

The bridge on Ebstree has again been cleaned of debris and leaves and the plant holders in and around Seisdon have again been refreshed with autumnal blooms. The bus shelter in Trysull has been re-painted and the planters there will soon get the same attention.

Flooding and Drainage

Our Parish Council has had long standing issues with our County Council on the unacceptable state of our Gullies and Drains. Recent flooding issues have again brought this chronic problem to the fore and through persistent pressure of the Parish Council, County have recently raised work's orders to clean out our road drains. Their flood management team have also been involved in mapping surface water flows and have asked for our co-operation to work with various land owners in mitigating future flood risks. Very welcome progress indeed.

So a thank you to our colleagues at County for acknowledging our acute problem and for accelerating their drain cleaning programme in our specific favour. A thank you too to our District and County Councillor who has also helped bring our persistence to bear.

Moving forward we must build on this advancement. Through the Licence programme mentioned above it will be the Parish Council's intention to augment the County's (biennial and triennial) drain maintenance programme with ongoing, more focused and timely, preventative maintenance measures through the use of specialist contractors.

Also a thank you to those who have provided many 'man and machine' hours clearing the Smestow of considerable amount of debris that was all but damming this waterway on the approach to Trysull

Everyone may contribute to this effort in a small way by ensuring, for example, that any hedge cuttings etc do not remain in the road only to be later washed into our drains.

Become involved

Your Parish Councillors become involved because they care about our community. We know you do to! Help us become aware of any specific concerns you may have and share your ideas and thoughts with us too. We would love to hear from you. All of your Councillors' contact details are available on our web site and you are always most welcome to join us at our monthly Parish Council meetings.

STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE

(Cllr. A Hingley-Smith)