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Churt Parish Council Newsletter January 2024

20mph Zones

Churt Parish Council has been asked if we would like to introduce 20mph speed limits in the village. Waverley Borough Council is conducting a survey across the Borough to inform the wider roll out of 20mph signed areas.

The primary reason for introducing areas of slower speed is safety, and the resulting reduction in traffic related injuries and deaths. A car travelling 20mph can stop in 40 feet; that increases to over 80 feet when travelling at 30mph. Secondary benefits include improved local air quality and reduced noise.

Waverley is considering two approaches:

- 20mph signed areas, which cover a larger, continuous area. Costly, disruptive, traffic calming measures are limited to locations that remain problematic.
- 20mph zones, which are generally limited to smaller areas (typically a street) accompanied by traffic calming measures

As a Parish Council we support the introduction of slower speeds through the village, in particular to protect our most vulnerable road users who are the young children attending the village school and nursery. We would like to know what you think before we respond to Waverley formally. Please help by answering our survey online at <https://forms.office.com/e/MONXnr38Tb> or collect a paper survey from the Spar by Saturday 10th February and return it through the letterbox at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground.

Surrey's Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Surrey County Council is responsible for around 2164 miles (3482 km) of public rights of way which include footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways.

Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) setting out how public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. Surrey's current Rights of Way Improvement Plan is under review and they have launched a public consultation so that your views can help them to make sure that the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan meets the needs of everyone in Surrey.

Your feedback will help Surrey County Council to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which will be produced in 2024.

The survey is available at the website address below - until 10 March 2024.

www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/rowip-public

Surrey Police Feedback

We welcomed Inspector Rob Brian from Surrey Police to our January Parish meeting, who spoke to us about the work that his team do across Waverley. He emphasised that the reporting of any crime is very important, often being the missing piece of a jigsaw. He also shared that the police are asking residents to help reduce the number of burglary offences in Surrey by submitting any video footage (such as CCTV, dashcam and smart doorbell footage) and photographs which show suspicious behavior. You can do that at this web address:

www.surrey.police.uk/police-forces/surrey-police/areas/campaigns/suspicious-activity-portal/

Lisa Martin, Chair

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.