

Achievements of the transport group so far

What are the issues?

Transport related issues routinely came to the Parish Council with such frequency that it was decided a dedicated committee of residents and parish councillors should be formed. Their remit has included;

Roads – specifically relating to

Dangerous crossings

Speed

Noise/nuisance

Safety

Public transport

Parking/Access

Pavements

Avebury High Street

Speeding

Footpaths and byways

The group was challenged to come up with solutions, where possible, to the multiple issues raised by parishioners in these fields. As the Parish was due to update its transport strategy, the group decided that re-writing this document was an opportunity to co-ordinate the disparate requests that we received into a co-ordinated response strategy that attempted to standardise and harmonise our efforts.

What have we done so far?

- Opinions and concerns were sought Parish-wide via meetings and requests for input between 2011 and 2013. Over 100 individuals either provided input or attended meetings. This is by far the greatest level of interest the Parish has ever received on any issue so far
- All information was collected and collated and formed the basis of the Avebury Parish Traffic Plan which was published in June 2013 and is currently available on the Parish Website
- This document provided significant guidance for the Avebury World Heritage Site Transport Strategy prepared for Wiltshire Council by consultants Atkins. This document forms a template by which any transport related changes in the WHS should adhere. In other words our “issues” raised at our inaugural meetings are now embedded in the solutions that the Highways department implements with regards to maintenance or development
- Examples of some of the achievements so far and next targets are listed overleaf

Achievements

- Extended the 30mph limit north on the A 4361 from the Henge to incorporate Rawlins Park and 100metres North.
- Reduced congestion and safety concerns relating to traffic parking and turning on Avebury High St by purchase and installation of planters to narrow the road.
- Succeeded in getting Marlborough Area Board funding towards the cost of the design work to modify the A4 at West Kennett and Beckhampton (MAB = £9300, PC = £4600 and residents = £4600)
- Ran a cyclothon, organised by Moya Brannan, over three days last summer and raised over £550 for the Parish transport group
- Tim Lewis conducted a footpaths study which forms the basis for improvements in signage and repairs (see Footpaths and Byways exhibition)

Next targets

- Complete plans for modification of A4 and West Kennett and Beckhampton to reduce speeds, improve crossing points and install footpaths where currently they do not exist
- Improve parking in Trusloe
- Improve footpath signage and standards