

Wouldham

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<https://www.crashmap.co.uk/> Road Safety Information

March 2021

Information provided by: PCSO 59862 James Robinson Community Safety Unit

Crime Series or Crimes of Note

21 March – Report of knock on door on Nelsons road in the early hours of the morning. Homeowner has later noticed damage to her side gate.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

5 March – Suspicious event. Report of males in a van driving slowly on Rectory close looking suspicious.

5 March – Report of abandoned vehicle with damage on Hill road. Vehicle reported to council to collect.

7 March – Report of theft of gold chain from a premises on the high street while a boiler was being installed.

9-10 March – Report of criminal damage on Murdock grove where 2 tyres have been let down on a car.


16 March – Male seen smoking cannabis in his car on Worrall drive



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19 March – Suspicious event Worrall drive. Female on school grounds taking pictures of the field while school children leaving. Female confronted by staff and believed to be taking landscape pictures, escorted off the premises by staff.

21 March – Suspicious event. Report of 2 males in a van driving slowly down Rectory close looking at car wheels and in gardens.

Items of good work:

16 March – Male seen smoking cannabis in his car on Worrall drive, vehicle stopped and male arrested for drug driving.

27 March – Vehicle stopped on Knowle road and vehicle searched, cannabis seized and a cannabis warning given.

Crime Prevention Information:

- As spring approaches the number of shed break-ins can increase. Items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be kept insecurely in sheds and these can all be easy pickings for thieves to target.
- The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime.
- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- Make sure the door is always securely locked.
- Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents' policy.
- Please make all reports of ASB via 101, the online reporting form or 999 in an



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REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 6th April 2021

**By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for
Burham and Wouldham Ward
Councillors Dave Davis and Roger Dalton**

A229 / M2 / M29 JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

1. We have received notification of more public consultations on the two motorway junctions on the A229. The letter with the details is attached with this report.
2. The full consultation will be considered at a future Planning and Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING RATES

3. Whilst much of what Urbaser, our waste contractor, does is well below standards, TMBC is working to correct that. It is frustrating when our Council put a great deal into the Due Diligence process and subsequent management of the contract to avoid this happening. We must watch and wait but it is essential that residents keep reporting missed bins and that parishes report failure to empty litter bins and dog fouling bins.
4. Not all is bad though 56.1% of residents waste is now recycled making TMBC the top recycling borough / district in Kent
5. TMBC is the 7th district in the UK for recycling improvement, from latest DEFRA figures
6. Our recycling collections have increased collections to those before COVID and are:
 - a. +78% plastic, cans etc.
 - b. +47% Residual waste.
 - c. +37% Paper, card.
 - d. +70% Garden waste.

PETERS VILLAGE FLOODED SWALE

7. The flood in the swale in Peters Village has subsided to the point where the inlet and outlet into the swale from the SSI and the inlet and outlet for the culvert under the recreation ground are high and dry with the water level well below those drains.
8. We are still working on solutions to the pathway infrastructure that are affected by this flooding.



Scheme Update

A229 Blue Bell Hill Improvement Scheme

Prepared by Victoria Soames

15 March 2021

1.0 Introduction

There has been a significant amount of work going on since the last update. This update will outline that work and also provide some details on next steps.

2.0 Optioneering

Our consultants, Aecom ran a number of optioneering workshops, inviting key stakeholders. Unfortunately, given the Covid-19 situation, we were not able to do these face to face, but carried out the sessions using MS Teams. The sessions produced a long list of over 100 different potential interventions for the A229 covering a broad range of solutions, not just typical roadworks.

Through a detailed and carefully managed sifting process, by which the suitability of each intervention was assessed, the ideas were condensed into 3 options.

3.0 Consultation

KCC carried out a public consultation in Autumn 2020 on the 3 options produced through the optioneering process. The results of the consultation show there is significant support for the scheme, but we will need to be consider all points and details carefully. Aecom have been reviewing all the consultation responses and the report is now available.

All the details and information provided for the consultation, including the report, can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/a229bluebellhill

4.0 Feasibility Design

Whilst the consultation was underway, the Aecom team were undertaking feasibility work and gathering further data to inform the design. A number of strategies and plans have been produced to guide the next stages of the design work.

As a result of the feasibility design work, it was determined that Option 3 from the consultation, whilst providing a number of benefits, was going to require a significant level of alterations to the M20 which would not meet the required design standards.

Combined with several other issues and impacts that option 3 would have to the local area, it was decided not to pursue option 3 any further.

5.0 Business Case

The Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) was completed and submitted to the Department for Transport for Large Local Major funding before Christmas 2020, meeting their required deadline.

The submission of the SOBC is just another step towards the approval of funding for the scheme. We still have 2 further business case levels to submit before central government funding is approved and the scheme can start on site.

The SOBC is comprised of the business case itself and a large number of supporting reports and documents. This is being reviewed by the DfT at the moment and we are providing responses to queries that they are raising on the work that has been done.

It is hoped that the SOBC will be sufficient to allow the DfT to support the further development of the scheme and the production of the next level of business case. The costs for this will be extensive so the scheme is reliant on DfT support at this stage of development.

KCC will be able to share a copy of the SOBC once the all the queries have been dealt with.

6.0 Next Steps

We are currently undertaking an independent review of the work to date to ensure we are in a good position to move forward, following confirmation from the DfT.

A key activity following on from that is to establish a preferred option. We will be inviting key stakeholders to a workshop later in the year to assess the options against the scheme objectives and to determine which should be taken forward. We will then need to go through a number of governance processes to get the preferred option confirmed.

We will provide further updates once we have had confirmation from DfT regarding funding of the next stage.

Key Milestones

Publication of the Consultation Report	Spring 2021
Preferred option announcement	Summer 2021
Next business case stage submission	Summer 2022

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN/ACTION PLAN

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1 Parish Council			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2 KCC contact and regular updates provided to PC			
PRIORITY	LOCATION	PROBLEM AND POTENTIAL SOLUTION	ACTION	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	KCC COMMENTS
1. Change of priority. School Lane/Oldfield Drive	Junction of School Lane and Oldfield Drive	With the addition of a new bus service going up School Lane, this would make the direction up School lane unambiguous. Currently instructions to drivers are “Go up School Lane and turn right” but with the priority against School Lane they are finding themselves in Oldfield Drive where there is no turning space and they have to reverse out (this has occurred twice in 2021). It would prevent School lane from being cut in half.				
2. Sign and warning road markings on the first platform on Village Road (Northbound)	Outside the address of 1 Village Road	To drivers who do not know the road, there is no warning that a platform is on this road. This leads to vehicles slamming into the platform creating a noise nuisance and causing damage to the road. This platform has				

		had to be repaired 3 times since it was installed.				
3.	School Lane	This was discussed in March 2020.				
Zig zag and DYL outside school in School lane						
4.						

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Finance Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Approved by Wouldham Parish Council on April 2021

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 The Committee shall consist of **3** Parish Councillors, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 1.2 Existing Committee members are eligible for re-appointment
- 1.3 The Committee may, at its discretion, invite non- Councillors whose expertise and knowledge will be beneficial to Committee deliberations.

2. MEETINGS

- 2.1 The Finance Committee will meet quarterly with a quarter financial budget report set out by the RFO
- 2.2 A quorum for a Finance Committee meeting will be a minimum of three council members.

3. REMIT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 To consider the quarterly budget monitoring reports provided by the Clerk with any recommendations being put to the Council.
- 3.2 To consider the annual budget and the annual precept and take recommendations and comments to the full council.
- 3.3 All Wouldham Parish Council members will be provided with a list of payments for approval prior to each Council meeting. The Finance Committee Members are specifically requested to review the payment listings every month, although any payment can be queried by any Councillor at the Council meetings. If necessary, a vote be taken to authorise payment with the Chairman of the Council Meeting having the casting vote when there are equal numbers of votes.
- 3.4 A member of the Finance Committee will sign off the bank statement from the previous month, at each Council meeting.
- 3.5 During each Council meeting, 2 bank signatories, will agree payments for the month.