

HIGHWAYS REPORT

Finger Posts

The new finger post at Twelve Oaks is now in position. The Highways licensing people continued to drag their feet granting permission, so Sam and I made an executive decision to allow Douglas Andrews to get on with the installation. Whilst not exactly central to the grass triangle, it should at least be less vulnerable to turning vehicles. Douglas has now been asked to assess the fingerpost at the end of Long Reach for repair.

Cackle St, Hollingrove Lane and Kent Lane Drainage Works

What an infuriating muddle. You may remember the huge inconvenience caused to the village by road closures and long diversions whilst the protracted drainage works down 'lower' Cackle St took place last February. The work took so long largely because the working day had to finish at 3pm to allow school buses through (carrying only 4 children). Consequently, before the next-stage work on 'upper' Cackle St was scheduled, Eleanor and I went to some lengths to avoid a repeat scenario. Requests that the work takes place during school holidays was disregarded, and I, apparently, landed myself in trouble with ES Highways for asking the two sets of parents concerned, whether they would be prepared to pick up children from the other side of the barriers. All to no avail – residents were sent postal notifications that the work would be carried out (simultaneously on Hollingrove Lane and Kent Lane which prevents sensible through-traffic diversions via Oxley's Green) between 9-16 September. But guess what? Having gone to the trouble of sending out those expensive notifications, Sam (not the residents) were informed that the work has now been rescheduled for October half-term holidays after all...

Potholes

I am aware there are a few potholes in need of attention. Some of which I reported earlier in the summer and was told they didn't meet intervention criteria. I'm waiting for them to get a bit worse before having another go. There is a 'mini sink hole' surrounded by a barrier by the stable gates to Brightling Park. This is due to be fixed on 17 September.

Visit by Community Speedwatch Officer

Cllr Croft organised a very useful visit by our PCSO Emma, and Steve O'Connell from the Sussex Police Road Safety Team outside the Village Hall on 5 September. Cllr Croft is submitting a summary of points raised for The Messenger, which will include encouragement for, and instructions on, reporting offences via Operationcrackdown. There was considerable discussion on the problems of speeding, particularly as it affects the horse riding community. Steve O'Connell showed us some temporary signs that could be put up at various hotspots around the village. **I would like to propose the PC organises a further meeting to which Steve O'connell, the BHS and local horse riders are invited.**