

# WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - NEWS UPDATE



## STOP PRESS!!

Wickham Surgery - Future Increased Patient Numbers: The WRA committee is aware of the recent announcement about first-phase Welborne residents being registered at Wickham Surgery for GP services. On behalf of Residents, we intend to support any action undertaken to limit the number of additional patients, from Welborne to just that first phase.

Mill Lane Sports Site: stakeholders of the Mill Lane Forum (including the Chair of WRA) have recently been sent an update of progress and a chart showing how the project is planned to develop over the coming months. The proposed public consultation is expected to take place in the next few months, and all are encouraged to participate. Please keep an eye on the Knowle and Wickham Parish website for news as it is announced.

Both these significant developments will be monitored closely by WRA, and we will update them on our website <https://wickhamresidents.org.uk>

## **SAVE THE DATE! - AGM – THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024**

**Wickham Residents' Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 in the Houghton Room, Wickham Community**

**Centre, from 7pm. Members are welcome, and the Association will be circulating the agenda & further details shortly.**

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The WRA initiative to set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme in Wickham is gathering pace! The prime benefit of a CSW is to increase road safety with community volunteers supporting activities to reduce road traffic collisions and injuries.

We now have ten (10) volunteers signed up and have identified, to Hampshire Police, four initial locations around Wickham for speed monitoring. There are two in Winchester Road A334, one in School Road A32 and one in Southwick Road B2177, the latter neighbouring the successful CSW scheme being run by residents in the village of North Boarhunt.

How does it work?

We will use speed monitoring equipment approved by Hampshire Police to monitor the speed of passing traffic.

The volunteers collect details at the roadside of speeding vehicles and pass this data on to Hampshire Police. Vehicle checks are undertaken by the police and entered into a database. The registered keeper of the vehicle will then be sent an "educational" letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit and the impact their actions have on the local Community.

If the same registration number is logged again within 2 years, the registered vehicle keeper will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

We are now involved in location detail and training with the Police and raising funds for the equipment we require.

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme for Wickham, please contact our coordinator at

[SpeedWatch@WickhamResidents.org.uk](mailto:SpeedWatch@WickhamResidents.org.uk)

## WICKHAM FLOODING

Recently there have been situations where roads, gardens and cellars have been flooded plus significant flows down Winchester Road. Based on information from Residents we are logging and mapping these events and collating the information for Hampshire County Council FWM. This data is important to identify trends and anticipate any potential issues.

If you have been subjected to, or simply witnessed, any unusual flooding, small or large, within Wickham please email [Flooding@WickhamResidents.org.uk](mailto:Flooding@WickhamResidents.org.uk)

**“TRAFFIC IN WICKHAM REVIEW” –  
ADVANCE NEWS**

WRA is nearing completion of its traffic report "Traffic in and Around Wickham - Problems and Solutions". The prime objective of this review is to stimulate discussion and action to improve traffic flow and safety within Wickham. It will focus on proposed changes to the existing highway network in several locations.

- Improvements to the junction of School Road (A32), Southwick Road (B2177) and Bridge Street.
- Formation of a pedestrian crossing in School Road (A32).
- Improvements to Winchester Road (A344) near the junction with Draper Road (Bewley Development) including converting the existing pedestrian crossing to a formal crossing.
- Relocating the 30mph speed limit on Winchester Rd to the Parish boundary.
- Extending the existing footway from Draper Road to the bus stop on the eastern side of Winchester Road. It is currently a mud track.
- Relocating the 30mph limit on Hoads Hill (A32) to the parish boundary and removing the centre lane by installing road hatchings.
- Reducing speed in the Parish by converting the existing 30mph zone to 20mph.

Introducing a one-way system in The Square and Bridge Street to remove two-way conflict and discourage through traffic by the introduction of suitable signage. Significantly improving pedestrian safety and shopping amenity.

The introduction of a Community Speed Watch scheme and other Speed monitoring.

Accompanying the published review will be a questionnaire for members and residents to provide feedback on the proposals and input alternative solutions to what are significant and pressing issues.

**Why WRA Membership Matters**

Membership is available to all persons 18 years or older in any household in the PO17 postcode area. Joining is simple and FREE just email your name, address, and contact number to [membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk](mailto:membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk) OR visit our website at <https://wickhamresident.org.uk>.

As usual comments on any of these update items are welcome to [myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk](mailto:myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk)  
TOGETHER WE ARE ALL STRONGER - JOIN US AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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*Flooded Water Meadow by John Farrow*