



# Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council

## **Community Speed Concerns and Traffic Calming in Sutton Cheney**

Speeding and traffic calming initiatives within the village of Sutton Cheney have been a high priority recently on the Parish Council's agenda and action list.

The Parish Council has no powers in relation to traffic and is limited to (i) lobbying Leicestershire County Council for changes, (ii) funding the provision of roadside measures that reduce speeding (such as signage).

Currently, the Parish Council provides:

- Roadside planters and signs on Main Street and Wharf Lane to encourage traffic to slow down
- One temporary vehicle-activated sign (VAS) which is moved between two locations (by the Royal Arms, and at the junction of Main Street and Bosworth Road) to encourage traffic to slow down

The Parish Council has also secured funding for:

- Enhanced planting around the planters to increase their visual impact
- A larger sign for the Wharf Lane planter, asking drivers to drive slowly
- Permanent solar-powered vehicle-activated signs (which we are now applying to Leicestershire County Council to have installed)

There are no more measures that the Parish Council can do itself to attempt to reduce traffic speeds on Wharf Lane and Main Street.

Attention has therefore focussed on lobbying Leicestershire County Council to introduce the traffic-calming measures that the Parish Council would like to see:

- Reductions in the speed limit on Wharf Lane and Main Street
- Chicanes on Wharf Lane and Main Street

In the last 12 months, the council has been pushing ahead trying to achieve these goals. In September 2023 the Parish Council and numerous volunteers within the Parish completed a Speedwatch programme. We used this data to add to our latest request to Leicestershire County Council and we have now had a response from them.

Our County Councillor Bertie Harrison-Ruston has now responded to say that Leicestershire County Council will not be reducing speed limits and will not introduce chicanes. They say that they do not have the funding for chicanes and that there is no case for reducing the speed limit.

This is disappointing news. We believe the Speedwatch Programme was a success in drawing the attention of drivers to speed limits and, should the community be willing to support this again, the Parish Council would most definitely support this scheme. If you would like to volunteer to take part in any upcoming Speedwatch programme then please email the Clerk of the council at [suttoncheneypc@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncheneypc@gmail.com)