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Churt Parish Council Newsletter February 2024

20mph in Churt

In my last newsletter I said that Churt Parish Council has been asked if we would like to introduce a possible 20mph speed limit in the village, and we launched a survey to gather your views. Thank you to everyone who responded; we had 111 responses in total. Here is a short summary of what you told us:

76% of respondents lived in the village and most others said they visited the village to access the school or nursery. Of all respondents:

- 79% supported a 20mph signed area (covering a larger, continuous area. Costly, disruptive, traffic calming measures are limited to locations that remain problematic)
- 83% supported a 20mph zone (which are generally limited to smaller areas (typically a street) accompanied by traffic calming measures).

We provided four response options for where the area/zone could be; three different lengths of the A287 passing through the centre of the village, and one covering the local roads. Respondents could choose as many options as they liked.

- The majority of respondents (52%) selected the shortest section of the A287, between Quinnettes (Old Lane) and Old Kiln Lane.
- 32% indicated that they would like to see the local roads also included (Green Lane, Hale House Lane, Barford Lane, Kitts Lane and Old Kiln Lane).

We also received 61 helpful freeform comments. These provided various views including other areas you'd like considered (for example Jumps Road, Lampard Lane and the Tilford Road between Avalon and the Bel & Dragon). There were also questions about how any zone would be enforced given traffic rarely travels through the village at the current 30pmh limits, and alternative proposals such as speed cameras. There were also comments requesting that the Council prioritise the condition of the roads, and mend pot holes.

We will feed this information back to Waverley and share any updates with you. We don't expect any changes to come forward in the near future, but it has certainly been helpful to gather the feedback we have in order to inform those plans - Thank you.

Surrey's Rights of Way Improvement Plan

A reminder that the Surrey County Council survey to inform their Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) is still open until 10 March 2024.

www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/rowip-public

At our February meeting, we agreed our Parish Council response, which included asking for better linking of footpaths and bridleways, and specific improvements to address the severe erosion on several bridle and footways in and around the village (BW42, BW44 and FP244) as well as fallen trees removed on two other footpaths (FP38 and FP32). An interactive map of all rights of way can be found on Surrey CC's website here: www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/countryside/management/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/map

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.