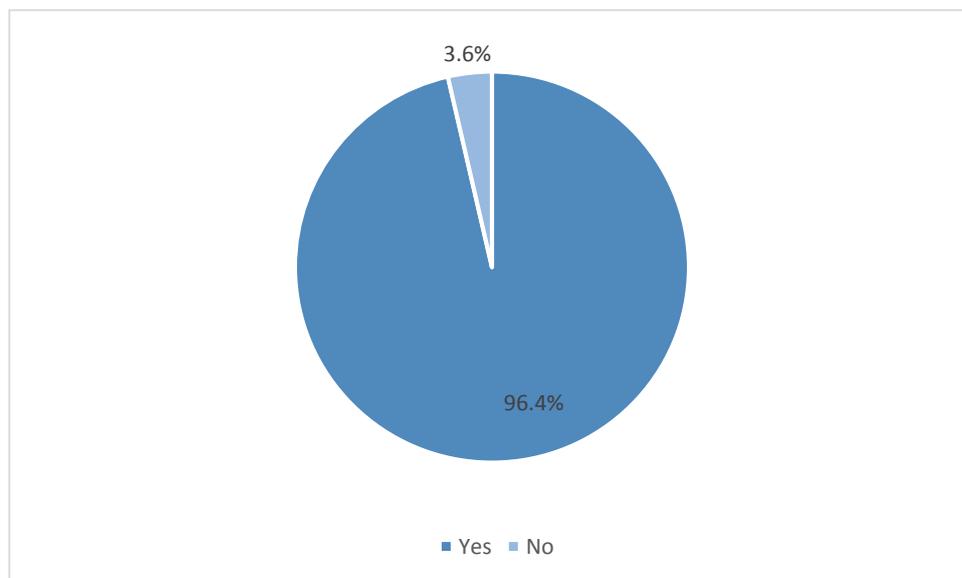


Analysis of Shipbourne Parish Council Local Transport Questionnaire

Q. 1.1 Do you support the Parish Council proposal to reduce the speed limit of traffic to 30mph along the A227?

(Number of responses 83)



Q. 1.2 Please give any reasons you have to support your opinion

Long awaited

Number of pedestrians to school, pub, market

Pedestrians using school, pub and market

Endorse reasons in newsletter

Cars speeding through village especially past the school

It's a Government policy to reduce speed limit through villages and should be max of 30mph past schools

Make village life more enjoyable

Cars turning off roads like upper green road on to A227 is dangerous

Feel vulnerable walking along stumble hill with a dog and child

Cars speeding and children in area

There is a school and pub and most people go over the speed limit

Any inducement to slow down traffic is welcome for safety sake

I take my children to school and regularly see accidents as people drive too fast and the junction with Back Lane is hazardous

Volume of pedestrian traffic to/from Upper Green Road and no protected school crossing and elderly at Lady Vane plus two busy cross roads and a farmers market

Many cars parked at weekends at Chaser Inn and on the road making speed an increased risk

Difficult to cross the road to reach the church as the traffic is not visible until it reaches the top of Stumble Hill. Joining A227 from driveways is also difficult

Would enhance the safety at cross roads at The Chaser Inn and the junction by the school and Back Lane

The school, walkers and cyclists going to the pub and market, and it's a village - cars should slow down
Busy pub, school, walkers and farmers market and it is not safe to have a 40mph limit. My house shakes when heavy vehicles speed past at 40+mph. It is dangerous trying to walk along road and public footpath.

A dangerous crossing to the pub, the church, Lady Vane and school

The road passes the school and lots of motorists speed in excess of the current 40mph which is very dangerous

Pedestrians crossing the road

For the safety of pedestrians at school and pub

To prevent accidents

40mph too fast given the number of people crossing the road

The cross road junction by the school is too dangerous

We have a school and several side turnings for houses along A227, also walkers crossing

There is insufficient enforcement action taken for speeding. People using the pub and living at the neighbouring houses.

Current speed limit is not adhered to and most cars continue at 50mph through the village

Happy for it to be 30mph but would not like to see lots of signs going up on the road. We are a rural community.

Many young and older people crossing to chaser inn, some with dogs on leads. Also there is a bus stop for school children

40mph is acceptable most of the time, be better to enforce it

This is a village not a racetrack, 'speeding' cars are a danger to pedestrians and other road users

40mph would be a suitable speed limit if the speed limit was enforced and penalties issued. 50mph to 30mph would be too great a reduction through the village

Since my child has started school I have been concerned with the speed at which cars pass the school and majority do not comply with the 40mph limit

I have been a parent at school for over 3 years and have witnessed a number of near misses at the crossroads of Back Lane.

40mph is too fast for a road also used by pedestrians, cyclists and riders

Even when drivers stick to the 40mph, which is rare, it is still too fast for the road and there have been many accidents and near misses

There are dangers with people crossing for the church, Chaser Inn and the school and at the bus stop to let people off

there are people crossing the road for the church, pub and farmers market

road passes the school, number of walkers and the Farmers Market

Pulling out at the crossroads and junction would be safer

School children, residents of Lady Vane, customers going to Farmers Market

Pedestrians crossing on a regular basis for the school, church, chaser inn and Farmers Market

Being able to cross the A227 safely

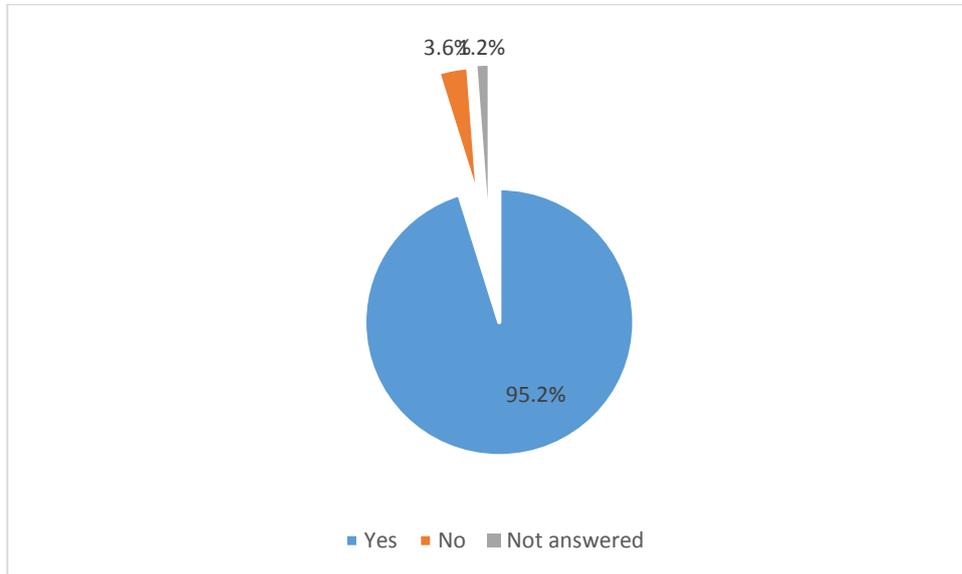
Pedestrian safety

The speeding traffic is a danger to anyone trying to cross the road or turn onto the road in their car there is a risk of a serious road accident due to the number of pedestrians

Elderly and children cross plus supporters of the pub, church and farmers market should be in line with Ightham, speed is a problem on the roads through the village to minimise risk of collisions
safety for pedestrians
safety concerns when children are walking to school
poor visibility at the junction
traffic goes too fast
we have seeking this for many years in the interest of safety
regular walkers of the 'triangle' we support all efforts to reduce the speed limit
the road runs through the heart of the AONB and there is a school
safer crossing at the church and pub and for children at the school
I've campaigned for many years to reduce the speed limit to 30mph past the Primary School - it is very dangerous
not safe for pedestrians to cross on A227 or at Back Lane
school and pubs difficult to cross
proximity of the school, walkers and church with people crossing the road
cars travel too fast and overtake on the double white lines, we have a school and a dangerous crossroads, we will have a serious accident if nothing is done
proximity to school and a 'blind' crossroads
close proximity to school, church and bus stops
agree with reduction but not sure how this is going to be enforced
road passes a school, is at the bottom of a hill and there have been a number of accidents at the cross roads
would only support it if there was enough statistical evidence
many more pedestrians/animals/children crossing than on other neighbouring villages which has 30mph limits
noisy and dangerous at current levels for dog walkers and children crossing

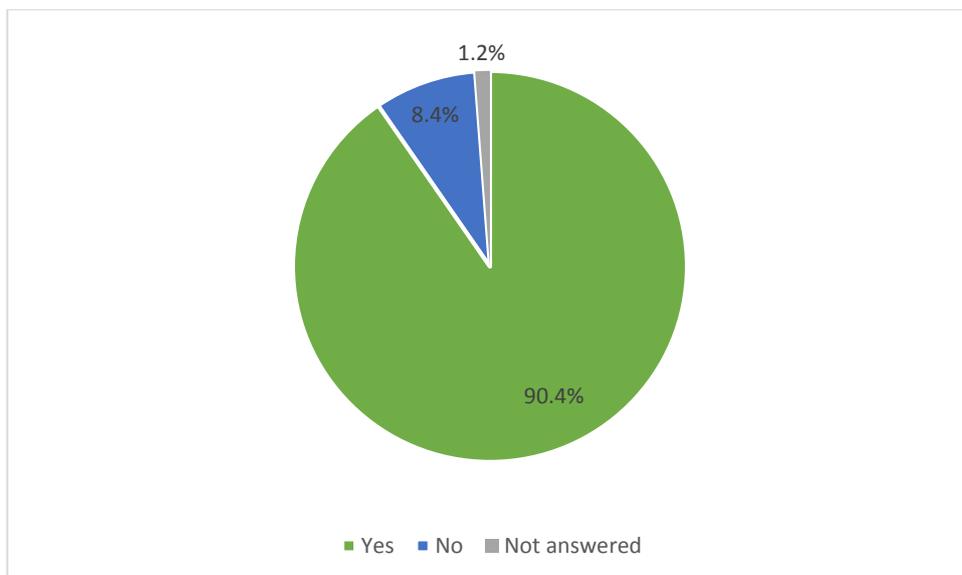
Q. 2.1 Do you support the proposal to reduce the speed limit along Upper Green Road to 30mph?

(Number of responses 83)



Q. 2.2 Do you think that this should also include the third side of the 'triangle', namely Back Lane?

(Number of responses 83)



Q. 2.3 Please give any reasons you have to support your opinion

Primary school and walkers

Walker and users

Walkers using school, village hall

There is an increase in cars using country roads

Back lane used by parents at school

should be 40mph or 30mph by the school

People can speed on Back lane so it should be reduced to 30mph

I feel vulnerable walking along Back Lane with my child and dog

Many pedestrians and school children

Speed is a problem in Back Lane and this is where school children are dropped off

I frequently walk the 'triangle', slower traffic would make it more pleasant and safer

especially Back Lane as there is a primary school

No school should have passing traffic exceeding 30mph

School and walkers and cyclists

it will create a safer overall zone also there is not a continuous footpath

An absence of footpaths makes speeding more hazardous for pedestrians. Back Lane is very busy during school pick up

A lot of residents walk the 'triangle' and it is not safe. Back Lane is a rat run and a race track.

Motorists do not slow down and there is a school there.

Stats prove slower speed saves lives

It is very dangerous to join the road from hidden entrances.

Speeding traffic is a danger to walkers and cyclists

Back Lane houses a school and Upper Green Road is residential

This is a village - pedestrians are vulnerable

Pedestrians crossing the road

Back Lane has the school on it and other properties with increased traffic

We have many houses and the school and it is an area that walkers use regularly. It is a country area and would be nice if traffic and noise were kept to a minimum.

Both Upper Green Road and Back Lane are not suitable for driving at 40mph bearing in mind the users of the neighbourhood i.e. walkers, inhabitants and the school

The non-A roads are used as short-cuts by non residents who try to reach 60mph to shorten their journey

Happy for speed limit to be reduced but do not want lots of signs going up

There is a school there and children walking

Traffic does travel too quickly on the roads around Shipbourne but I am concerned if speed limits are imposed on some of the roads then more traffic will get funnelled along Puttenden Rd unless it has restrictions

I think 40mph is OK for Back Lane

No need the road is wide enough, quiet enough and plenty of 'escape' ground at roadside

The culture of recklessly speeding through the village needs to change. Irresponsible drivers need to know that the safety and peace and comfort of villages is more important than getting from A to B in the quickest time

The common is visited by many walkers and families and young children so a speed reduction would be beneficial. Car parking restricts speed.

Cars drive at speed along this road and have often been overtaken by cars driving at 50-60mph approaching the school

I think traffic calming measures should be utilised on Back Lane for the safety of the children and others who live and walk in this community

Upper Green Road and Back Lane do not have pavements for pedestrians and cars travel at speed along them which is not safe

At school run time Back Lane is congested and drivers go too fast considering the parked and moving cars and pedestrians

There are too many people who drive too fast along both roads particularly Back Lane which is straight

There is no significant use of excessive speed and the 30mph road speed signs would spoil the rural atmosphere of the green. Vehicles are already driven generally at a speed which is sensible

too many parked cars in Upper Green Road, Back Lane is the exit for the school

Cars go too fast and there are walkers and cyclists

Cars pass walkers too fast and not safe for walkers

Too dangerous to drive faster than 30mph as it is residential

So people can walk round the village safely

Reduce the speed limit for pedestrian safety

This is a village and should be calm, too many boy-racers speeding through and the roads are used by walkers

Upper Green Road becomes congested with parked cars, Back Lane does not have a pavement to walkers have to walk in the road

Back Lane is a rat run, there is no pavement but is used extensively by walkers

Back Lane should be dropped to 30mph in line with other villages given the density of the housing and the school

congestion around the school

many people walk the 'triangle'

Back Lane is critical, I can't unload my children from the car to get to school safely

Upper Green Rd is used regularly by pub users and people parking for the tennis courts and village hall

traffic goes too fast and its dangerous for the school children'

a compromise may be needed at 40mph. This could start at Reeds Lane and continue through the village where there is residential housing

against further restrictions for which no case has been made and which will not be enforced

concerned about vehicles acceleration round bends on roads in the village

Shipbourne is a rat-run village, a speed limit would reduce some of the worst effects of this

roads used by cyclists, runners and walkers

lots of walkers, shoppers and children. Blind spots and no lighting

speed limit on Upper Green Road is very important because of the pedestrians and parked cars

walkers, residents

number of cars parked on the common and children playing makes it very unsafe for traffic to be travelling fast

Back Lane is close to a school, why can't we have a speed camera like Brasted and Lamberhurst

Reduce danger to walkers, cyclists and horse riders

if the A227 is going to be 30mph then the rest of the village should be the same

had one child hit in Back Lane and one child hit on A227 getting off the bus

smaller roads with parked cars to sensible to reduce the speed limit

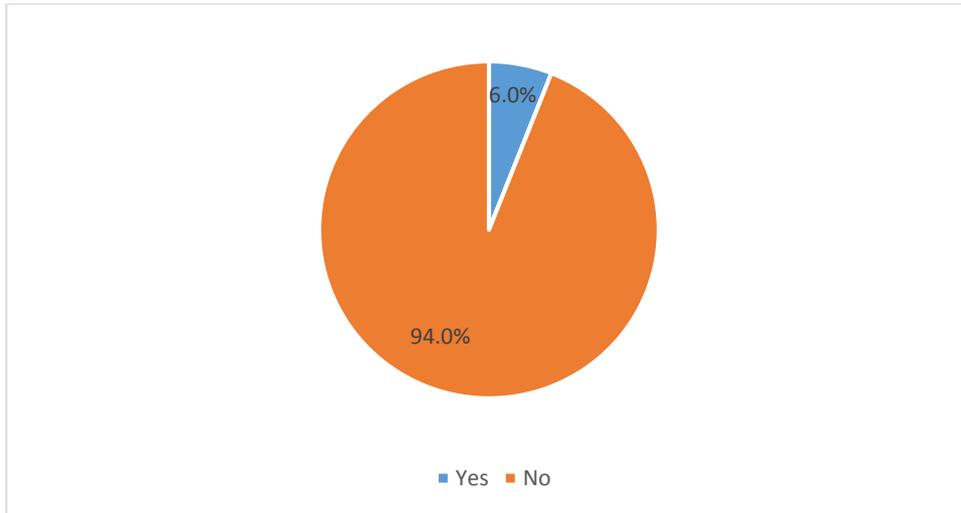
No case for it

lots of cars parked on this road and no fences to keep dog and children on the common

should be 'quiet lanes' if possible

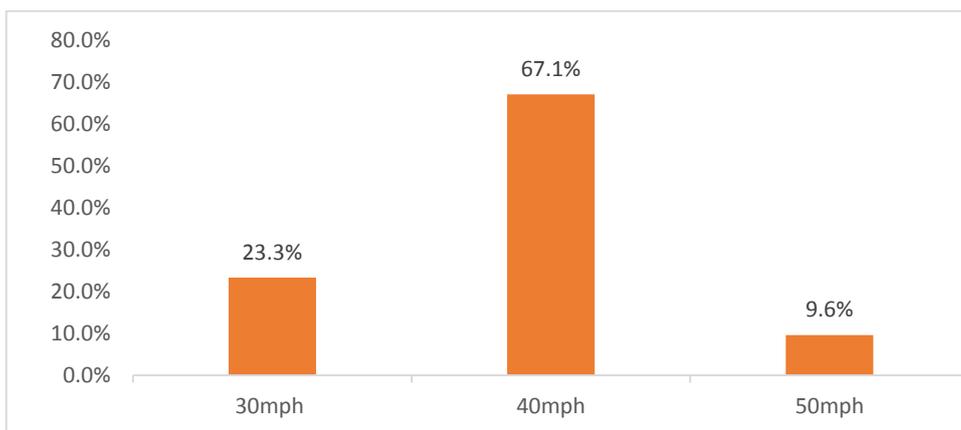
Q. 3.1 Do you think that the National Speed Limit on the minor B roads through our parish should remain unchanged (currently 60 mph)?

(Number of responses 83)



Q. 3.2 Do you think the speed limit should be reduced to 50mph, 40mph or 30mph?

(Number of responses 73)



Q. 3.3 Please give any reasons you have to support your opinion

Speed of traffic has got worse

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Make roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists

Lower speed limits to enhance quality life and reduce risk of injury

I endorse the proposals but who will enforce them

60mph is just too high on a country lane

The roads have no pavements and are narrow putting cyclists, walkers and runners at risk

There roads are narrow and have bends, 40mph would be safer

The roads are very narrow and there is poor visibility. 40mph be better for cyclists

Cars speed and I feel vulnerable walking around the village

A speed camera on the A20 would be a deterrent

The condition of the verges, drains and hedges on the roads make it a challenge to use them

These roads are narrow and windy a faster speed is not warranted

60mph is too fast these small roads especially as they are used as a cut through, I have people tailgating me as I refuse to go over the speed limit

Only in very few locations can drivers safely exceed 50mph

The lanes are very narrow with little room to pass oncoming traffic

I cycle round the village and find cars approach the village too fast

The constant speeding traffic and camber of Hildenborough Road makes it unsafe to ride on this road

These roads are infrequently used by walkers so a 40mph would be satisfactory and would be more sustainable.

Safer roads would encourage people to walk them. Stop rat runs to the station as it would be slower

We are very worried about our children learning to drive and living here the road has become more heavily used and there has been several accidents. It is AONB and is being carved up by traffic.

30mph only would make a huge difference please don't wait until there is an accident

Speeding traffic when farm vehicles use the road is a danger to all

Narrow Lanes. Entrances to residential properties. Lots of hikers in this area.

Pedestrians, walkers, dog walkers looking to access footpaths

These country roads are not safe at 60mph

Many people live on these narrow roads without pavements and it is dangerous for anyone on horseback or foot to use

Speed can kill and walkers, cyclists and nature lovers all love the area

60mph is an absurd speed for a country lane which is quite narrow and bendy

Hildenborough Road is very dangerous for residents with fast morning traffic including coaches and HGVs and courier vans the drivers of which intimidate tractor drivers

I think people are sensible on the roads. I drive along Hildenborough Road every day to the station and I think people are sensible.

Many people use the back roads of Shipbourne as rat runs making it dangerous.

Puttenden Rd in places there is little room for 2 cars to pass there have been a number of accidents in recent years near the bridge, it is a difficult road to walk along give the speed of some of the traffic and no footpath

Hildenborough 50mph, Reeds 40, Hamptons 40 School 40, Puttenden 40

Hildeborough Road has the verges eroded away so residents have to share the road with traffic travelling at 60mph

A blanket 30mph in narrow winding roads might go some way to altering the current culture of speeding

Having walked along these roads with our dog and cycled at different times as well as being a motorist, a speed reduction would be beneficial and safer

Cars drive too fast along all of these roads and it is not safe driving at high speeds along country lanes. There are a number of cyclists and pedestrians and this makes it more hazardous especially in the winter months

The school children often use the common and also walk along Back Lane. These roads are too narrow and have no pavements so 30mph speed limit should improve safety

Many narrow areas in the lanes and pedestrians, bikers, riders on the road

I would recommend signs that flash if the vehicle is exceeding the limit.

Too many accidents and too many near misses have occurred involving horses and riders

It is a quiet rural environment with no clear sight lines in many places

Presently vehicles are generally driven at speeds which are compatible with the roads and conditions and the imposition of a limit lower than 60 would not make a significant difference to safety

Hildenborough Rd very busy during rush hour, used by cyclists and horse riders

these are already small roads and have been made very dangerous

Hildenborough Rd should be a 40mph speed limit, connects two villages so should be 40mph and also has lots of bends

narrow lanes and rural areas cannot handle traffic travelling at 60mph

people travel too fast on these roads and go round corners on the wrong side of the road

the width of the road makes travelling at 60mph very dangerous

Lanes are too narrow for high speed and there are many concealed entrances

minor roads should not have restrictions for the sake of it. It is nationally expected for motorists to travel within the conditions of the road

minimise risk when entering and exiting driveways

roads not designed to be 60mph, narrow and poor visibility

roads regularly used by cyclists, walkers and horses. Roads are narrow and have poor visibility

lower speed limits would be ideal, might create a village envelope which planning implications

reduce the speed of traffic on Back Lane

safeguard as best we can an environment that is under threat

40mph would cause tailbacks and overtaking, 50mph better.

many cyclists, walkers, horse riders. Too many HGVs. Back Lane is too straight and drivers go too fast

people will not take any notice

increase number of cars on our roads

can we have a speed camera

lowering of speed limits will bring urbanisation to our village, do not want a reduction in speed, in reality not possible to drive at 60mph on the rural roads

should be a blanket 50mph speed limit on the approach to all villages and a 30mph restriction in a village.

people walking dogs, children, cars pulling out of driveways

not aware of accidents on these roads

need restrictions, lots of blind corners and bends and no pavements to walk on

Hamptons Rd is a rat-run, very dangerous for people crossing the road as no footpath

Q. 3.4 Do you have other views or recommendations for the minor roads through the parish

Need all parishes to come together to argue and support these proposals

Would like Upper Green Lane included

Ban commercial vehicles on country roads

Better maintenance of the roads is required

Need a speed camera at junction of Back Lane and A227

Unexpected horses/tractors make driving at speed a real lottery especially with limited visibility

I was recently confronted with a stag on Hildenborough Road, dangerous situation for anyone but worse for anyone speeding

A review of the safety on minor roads that link bridleways to enhance safety of non- motor vehicle users

No lights, just reduce speed and keep lorries off the small lanes as the verges are being destroyed

The section of Stumble Hill that runs past the school may benefit from a flashing school sign or a speed camera

The difficulty with all these proposals is enforcement. That is the next problem

I would love the area to be more peaceful without so much speed and noise

Road signs should be reviewed and foilage cut back so that the signs are not obscured

There should be a sign clearly visible to residents from both directions of Hildenborough Road stating unsuitable for HGVs, sleeping policemen well in advance of each bend

I would not like to see a pretty village become more urbanised. I have lived in Upper Green Road for 36 years and not aware that people drive excessively fast

Drainage is paramount to stop roads icing over after wet weather. Puttenden Road is going to have an increase in traffic due to expansion of Hadlow College. It is already dangerous due to a bridge over the river - accidents are common, mostly due to speed

I am concerned that is some of the roads at the centre of the village have reduced speed limits this will encourage the traffic to use alternative routes such as Puttenden Road

Long Mill Lane/Dunks Green Road 30, Roughway Lane 30

It is not unreasonable to have 40mph along Hildenborough Road which not only has traffic but walkers, cyclists and riders that sometimes hunt with hounds

Can we have a 20mph limit and some sanctions against drivers who ignore the limit especially motorcyclists

More warning signs and possible 'rumble strips' to encourage motorists to reduce their speed.

electronic flashing signs are a good way to warn motorists of their speed

Although I fully support a reduction in speed along the A227 I am also aware the cars drive considerably faster than the current 40mph so my recommendation is that traffic calming be put in place to reduce speed.

Most of the roads are fairly narrow with blind corners

As a parent at the school I am quite shocked that nothing has been done previously to slow traffic on Back Lane. Children are having to cross their twice daily between parked cars and sadly I feel it is only a matter of time before a child is killed.

I believe the double yellow lines on Upper Green Road are frequently parked on. This is dangerous for cars turning off the A227 with nowhere to wait if cars are coming towards them. Penalties should be given to enforce the no parking area

The parking restrictions at the junction of the A227 and Upper Green Road should be enforced. Sight lines are often obstructed.

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Mote Road should be a 'Quiet Lane'
Gulleys on roads need to be cleared more often as roads flood
A lower speed limit would make it safer for pedestrians walking
Police should come more often with speed gun or mobile unit
Speed humps may be necessary
Traffic needs to slow down and remember this is a village
potholes should be regularly repaired as this is a danger to road users
Need improvements to the road surface to aid safe use. Place a mini roundabout at crossroads of Back Lane, Hildenborough Rd and the A227
consider temporary one-way on Upper Green Rd when Farmers Market is on
build the Reeds Lane/Back Lane corner out so drivers have no option but to slow down
feel all minor roads in the parish should be included in a speed limit area
How will this be enforced, particularly as the A227 is such a straight road
speed camera on A227, or a thank you for not speeding sign as you leave the village
more signs indicating passing points, rights of way
if speed restriction signs are not possible on the 'B' roads could we have 'Beware children' signs?
would be good to monitor/look at road traffic usage and speed to identify speedy areas

Breakdown of responses

83 responses in total

74 resident in Shipbourne

9 non-resident

470 residents in Shipbourne

Response rate: 16% of all residents in Shipbourne

66 households replied

195 households with residents in Shipbourne

Response rate: 34% of all households in Shipbourne