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Chair's Report



Floods

The Christmas 2020 floods were an eye opener for many residents, especially those who have recently moved into the village. The team of Police Officers knocking on doors warning of imminent flood possibility, late on Christmas eve, raised concerns even more. Although the waters were high, they have been higher. What was different this time was the extended period that the river level remained high.

What people forget is that the River Great Ouse starts the other side of Buckingham, near Syresham, and drains a lot of land before passing by Great Barford. So heavy rain to the west, takes a few days to enter the river and flow downstream past us; it's not just rain in Bedfordshire you have to consider. Previous record highs have been at April 1998, and March 1947 being the highest in living memory.

The floodplain has a natural function to take up excess water. This is nothing new and explains why the 15th century Barford Bridge and Causeway has 17 arches to let the water through – they knew what they were doing back then. It's a pity new developments still attempt to build on floodplains, and just one reason why the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land along New Road.

Neighbourhood Plan

On the subject of flooding, the Regulation 14 Consultation brought forward serious concerns about the proposed allocation land at Great Barford West, and new development hard surfaces causing extra water runoff towards Green End. An extremely valid point, but left as it is, the situation will not change. At the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework is sustainability of development. Any new development must safeguard the situation, not just to avoid flood risk, but to actually provide betterment over existing conditions, both on and off site. A golden opportunity to mitigate the Green End flood issues for good – without development to the west of Green End, there will be no change to the regular standing water and flood risk in that area.

GB West may seem a bitter pill to swallow, but it can provide many benefits to the community at large. Having to absorb 500 new houses anywhere in or around the village is not popular, so let's at least get some positive gain out of it. The Neighbourhood Plan Update note elsewhere in this issue runs through some of the comments and concerns that have come out of the Reg 14 Consultation. Some comments will need to be addressed, and the documents will be amended in due course.

Chair's Report

Dog Poo

Dog Poo remains an issue, with mess still not being picked up. You know who you are, and if seen can be reported to the Borough Enforcement team. The Borough has recently released notices to highlight responsible dog ownership and the Public Spaces Protection Order that is in place, so I'm sure they would be delighted to issue a few fines. Don't forget, the Borough Council says if you can't find a dog waste bin, you can put your bagged dog mess in a normal street litter bin.

Village Green

You will remember the problems experienced with high visitor numbers to the Village Green and River last year. Now we have been discovered, there's no hope of being undiscovered – you can't put the genie back in the bottle. We are anxious to not repeat the litter and parking chaos, so are working hard to mitigate the issues.

We have asked the Borough Highways to install yellow lines along New Road and into Woodpecker Close, where no-parking cones were deployed to good effect last year. This will need to go through the process of local consultation first, which we are expecting to happen soon. As for litter, the small black "Plaza" litter bins were patently too small to cater for the volumes of rubbish, so we will be installing two wheelie bins in wooden enclosures to increase capacity. The enclosures are a nice hardwood structure, so will blend in with the wooden benches already on the Village Green.



To emphasise the Parish Council owns and maintains the Village Green, we have commissioned a new sign board, in a similar style to the village name board that is on the railings opposite The Anchor pub. It is hoped this will help raise the profile of the area – it's not just a patch of grass next to the river, it deserves respect.

Playing Field

Last time, I reported we had installed a new carousel in the Jubilee Play Area, and that we were also looking at enhancing the play equipment on the Playing Field. Well you've probably found it by now; we have installed a 25m long Zip-Wire along the northern edge of the Playing Field, adjacent to the football pitch touchline. The launch tower is towards the Village Hall end, and the wire has about a 1m drop as it descends towards Birchfield Road end finish tower. Enjoy, but please treat with respect.

Chair's Report





While we're talking Playing Field, it has been noticed a group have been using our football pitch for team practice. Not only is this contravening Covid Lockdown rules, which has attracted police attention, but due to the saturated ground, it has damaged the playing surface, turning the grass into a mud patch. It appears other villages have suffered a similar fate, and have removed their goal posts to discourage use of their pitches to preserve the grass for when lower league football matches can resume. We are considering similar action, before our football pitch is ruined.

Casual Vacancy

After deliberating for some time, at the beginning of January one of our Parish Councillors decided to tender their resignation to allow them to dedicate their time to another important cause. It is with regret that we say good-by to Noreen Byrne, who has been a councillor for many years. We are sad to lose her from the Parish Council, and would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment throughout her period of office. On behalf of the Parish Council, I thank you for everything you have done, and the valued contributions you have made to support all our activities. We wish Noreen the best for the future.

This means we have what is officially termed a Casual Vacancy, that we are seeking to fill. A Notice off Casual Vacancy was displayed, for the local electorate to request to fill the vacancy by an election. There were no responses to the Borough's Retuning Officer, so we are now going through the process of Co-Option to fill the vacancy. At the time of writing, several residents have already expressed an interest. There is no set procedure for co-option, so we must now consider how to go through any notification and selection process. By the time this edition of the Bugle is published, we may have a new co-opted councillor on board. I can report further next time.

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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPO)



Bedford Borough Council aims to promote responsible dog ownership, and offer advice and guidance around keeping dogs as pets. However, we still see issues with some dog walkers not clearing up after their dog, or bagging dog waste only to leave it in inappropriate places like bushes, or other places, instead of a bin. This is an offence under the Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 - Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control for fouling is Borough wide on public or public accessed land. A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £75 can be issued to persons who fail to remove their dog's fouling.

They could also be issued with an FPN for littering (£100) under Section 87 Environmental Protection Act 1990 as well, when they deposit the bag of fouling on a tree/bush.

The Borough Council encourages responsible dog ownership, and wants to reduce complaints for dog issues such as dog fouling. This allows the public, and especially children, access to dog-free or dog-controlled areas intended for recreational purposes to improve health and well-being, making the Borough a safe and enjoyable place to live.

The Borough Council intends to reduce and tackle issues relating to dogs running loose and causing a nuisance to others, and also to reduce the potential health implications associated with dog faeces.

Dog Poo – Bag it AND Bin it, you know it makes sense.

Council Finances

The Borough Council finances have been seriously affected by Covid. Significant revenue has been lost; for example business rates, car park and recreational income as well as meeting a need for council tax support for those who are now in financial difficulty. In addition costs have increased with increased demand for social services. Much, but not all, of the lost income and increased expenditure has been covered by government grants and the council has been forced to make some cuts. Fortunately it has been possible to avoid cuts in "front line services" but they may lie in the future.

At the Council meeting on 3rd February the Council voted unanimously to increase the Council Tax rate by 1.99% supplemented by an Adult Social Care precept of 1.75%. That means an increase of 3.74% raising the Band D tax to £1,624.14. The level of precept for the Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Parish Councils will be decided on 24th February.

East West Rail

There have been several consultation meetings in recent weeks both with EWR and with other parishes who are likely to be affected. Great Barford has been well represented by Parish Councillors asking searching questions about the reasons for a route that will affect so many villages. The issues raised covered the costings as



against other options, how much freight will there be, whether the line remains justified if post Covid travel patterns change and what the implications are for further major development in the rural area. Because of the secrecy around the financial details I doubt if many came away feeling better informed. There will be a debate on a petition about the Borough's support for this particular route at the next Borough Council meeting on 24th February; the petition is still open for signature on the Borough website.

The choices for the exact line of the railway will probably be announced in the next month or so. Then there will be a fresh round of consultation.

Right Turn Prohibition Order

Consultation has been started with a view to bringing in the above order in respect of traffic leaving Willington Lock Quarry Access Road at Cuckoo Brook. Although the signs are already up they are not enforceable without the Order

being made. As this prevents quarry traffic exiting the site from coming through Great Barford it is worth responding to **highway.consultation@bedford.gov.uk** by 5th March to make sure it goes through.

Dog Watch



On 14th February I went to Cardington to attend the launch of the first village based Dog Watch scheme. For what is a small village there was an impressive turn out of volunteers, police and dogs (including my two). The purpose is to encourage volunteers when out walking to look out for lost or stray dogs, watch out for potential dog thieves (a growing problem in all areas) and to keep an eye open for problems generally which need to be referred to the police or perhaps the Council. The police intend over the coming months to expand the scheme into as many villages as are willing. Each village will have a coordinator and certainly at the launch stage strong support from the police.

It was also a valuable opportunity to talk to the Sergeant in charge of the North Rural Policing team. His knowledge of the area is impressive, especially given how many villages he and his team have to cover. When Covid lifts he is intending to increase his team's visibility as he understands what has been lost by residents not regularly seeing a police presence.

Ward Fund

We were nearly left with unspent ward funds last year and had to chase various village schools to come up with proposals. It would be better if village organisations would give some thought as early as possible to what projects they might benefit from. The scheme covers capital expenditure on projects large and small. In recent years grants have ranged from £100 to £5000 + and can cover assisting temporary events to refurbishing churches, chapels, village halls; providing books, laptops to schools and charities and many other purchases large or small. Given the Borough Councils financial problems it cannot be assumed that the fund will be here in future years.

Stephen Moon and
Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant

From Our Grea Barford Village Agent



Our Village Agent, Teresa Moon, is here to help older people in Bedford Borough villages to access the services and support they might need. Her services are free. Leave your contact details on Freephone 0800 039 1234 and she will return your call.

Need help with transport to vaccinations in Bedford or further afield?

Good news for people who aren't able to drive themselves to get their vaccine in Bedford or beyond. The Door2Door transport service, which operates minibuses for people with limited mobility, is now open to all and is free! Please pass this information on to any older neighbours, as some people have been very worried about this.

Door2Door is now available to anyone who has transport difficulties getting to vaccinations. You don't need to sign up as a member, you don't need to have limited mobility, you don't need to pay (although a donation on the bus would be welcomed). They have extended their operating hours. AND will take people to Milton Keynes, Luton & Dunstable and even Stevenage, if required. This service is available to people living within Bedford Borough or Central Bedfordshire. If in doubt, just check with Parvin or Naomi on communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk or 01234 834933.

All vehicles have been made as Covid-secure as possible. Socially distant seating, screens to separate the clients from drivers, masks, hand sanitizer, disposable seat covers, regular cleaning regime that includes both daily of grab rails, headrests, etc and occasional anti-bacterial spraying by an outside organisation.
To book, contact the bookings line on 01234 832611, 9am-4pm Mondays-Fridays.

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We have a range of handy gadgets to distribute to people who may be struggling to manage on their own during the Covid crisis, including a jar opener, button hook and zip puller; long shoe horn; handy reacher; automatic night light; personal alarm; digital room thermometer; seat belt helper or key turner. Just call and ask for the item you would like.

Do you need a washable mask?

Once again we are able to offer free washable cotton masks – now with adjustable ties. Our masks are made locally, in coloured floral fabrics and also black prints, with an aluminium strip which shapes them over the nose - to help reduce misted glasses.

Need help with filling in forms?

If you are struggling with paperwork, such as Blue Badge, Bus Pass or Attendance Allowance applications, our Village Agent is happy to help you.

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Neighbourhood Plan

We have just held the Regulation 14, Pre-Submission Public Consultation stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. This provided an opportunity for local residents, businesses and other consultees to submit their comments on the Draft Plan.

The event was extensively publicised in the Winter 2020 Barford Bugle, on numerous Posters around the village, and on the GBPC Facebook and Website pages. By utilising The Bugle, we were able to include a 4 page centrefold pullout Flyer, giving a brief summary of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, where to find the full details, and how to respond.

The Bugle is delivered to all 957 households, plus additional businesses, in the parish, so we had made our best endeavour to notify everyone of the event. Other consultees were also invited by email. The GBPC website hosted the online consultation, with all documents for the Neighbourhood Plan and Support papers available to download. A link led to an online Submission Response Form.

The GBPC Facebook page was used to post information, and a copy of the Notices seen around the village. This led to some discussion from residents, especially after a promoter did their own leaflet drop midway through the consultation period. To avoid confusion, we posted a note that the leaflet was not from the Parish Council, and reminded everyone where they should go to view the NP documents, so they could determine their own informed opinions.

The Reg 14 Consultation started on Monday 14 December 2020 and ran for 7 weeks until closed on 01 February 2021. Due to Covid restrictions, it was run primarily as an online event, but with consideration for those without internet access by making a limited number of Draft Neighbourhood Plan paper copies, and paper response forms, available on request.

We were pleased to receive valuable and constructive feedback via 100 online submissions, from 49 individuals – this included 2 adjacent Parish Councils and 3 Promoters confirming they had responded by email; 19 paper submissions were received from 18 individuals; and 10 Promoters and Statutory Consultees responded by email. This means that the overall 62 individual residents' responses, equating to 6.5% of households, is somewhat disappointing, although it could be seen to reflect a general level of satisfaction in the proposed plan, with many feeling there was no need to comment.

Thank you to everyone who provided comments, and suggested improvements to add clarity; all have been very useful to validate and improve the quality of our forthcoming submission.

Five key messages/concerns can be identified as a result of the consultation:

- **Surface water drainage –**
This has been a particularly wet winter, but there is clear concern over surface water impact in Green End.

- **Potential impacts on the Green End Conservation Area –**
The CA must be safeguarded, preserved and enhanced.

- **The extent of development on the site –**
The allocation area is far larger than needed for development. We should make sure only 500 houses are built within a defined boundary.

- **Landscaping to Bedford Road –**
We need some form of visual buffer zone and screening to be incorporated.

- **Medical Centre –**
The provision of improved health facilities needs to be ensured.

It is clear that a large number of people object to the allocation of 500 new houses to our lovely rural village, but national growth demands have been cascaded down from central government to the local authorities. The Bedford Local Plan 2030 allocation for Great Barford remains at 500 houses, and an NP cannot change that. A locally produced Neighbourhood Plan is our best opportunity to oversee and meet this

allocation from the BBC, rather than others doing this on our behalf, without the benefit of local knowledge and preference.

There are pros and cons to any land allocation strategy, and opinions will always be split between a spatial distribution of several smaller sites, or one larger site. There are concerns about GB West being very visible as you approach the village, and conversely, that a scattered infill scheme will remove the green enclaves that penetrate the village. What is clear is that no-one wants urbanization of our rural idyll, and visual appearance is important.

One repeated suggestion was for a distinct site limit boundary, and a definite green edge to Bedford Road in order to screen any houses - for example; indigenous hedgerows, trees and soft landscaping in general to create a feeling of rural space. Utilising the undulating ground to hide properties and roof tops was mentioned. Also people recommended integrating any development with nature, to help protect our natural wild-life, such as hedgehog runs and owl and other bird boxes, as well as a wildlife meadow.

Some remarked that a major benefit for the allocation of a single site to the west will provide relief from additional traffic congestion on the High Street and other roads in the village. Also the location of access points to the proposed development and traffic calming must be considered along Bedford Road, including at the cross-road, and providing safe pedestrian routes, cycle paths and links to the rest of the village.

Traffic is a major topic, and also raised concerns with the possible rat running during Black Cat improvements. Our NP can't alter the Black Cat plans, but Highways England is committed to develop and implement a traffic management strategy to mitigate local traffic flow issues during construction.

Understandably, a number of concerns were expressed regarding the risk of localised flooding at Green End, as it already happens now without extra runoff from new hard surfaces. A valid point, but without change, the situation will not improve. National planning regulations require any development must be safe, to not just avoid flooding, but to actually make the situation better than original, to provide betterment over existing conditions, both on and off site.

There were clear concerns about the effect on village character, the quality, density and design of housing, and the impact this will have to the setting. The Green End Conservation Area was designated in 1989, it has important heritage assets that must be preserved and enhanced.

The capacity of utilities was raised, and these will have to be addressed by the regulatory authorities and service providers, just as they have to with any expansion of local communities. What we can seek is improvement to all village facilities; especially an improved medical centre, recreation, green zones, and safe pedestrian and cycle routes – opportunities that can be better harmonized and provided for within one larger site.

All these points, and many more, will be discussed with the eventual Promoter, so that we ensure we continue to have a strategic input to any development.

The responses are currently being collated, uploaded to view on the NP web pages, and will be added to the Consultation Statement document. The feedback has highlighted some issues, and we are looking at what document revisions may be required to address the points raised. Once subsequent amendments have been made, the final draft plan will be recommended to the Full Parish Council for approval to submit the plan to BBC at the Regulation 16 stage. It will then be subject to further public consultation and external examination.

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2. What was the name of Donald Campbell's recording breaking boat?

3. Australian's call them "chips". What do we call them?

4. What is the capital of South Australia?

5. An "unkindness" is the collective name of what?

6. "Some Enchanted Evening" is a song from which musical?

7. O›N›S are the initials for which organisation?

8. What do we mean by being "On the box"?

9. Which King was the father of Elizabeth 1?

10. Which composer wrote the "Planet Suite"?

11. Who is presently the first Minister of Scotland?

12. Who was Prime Minister at the time of the EU referendum?

Answers on page 24

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Bowls & Petanque Report



This time last year my report was all about hopes for the new season while enjoying weekly Whist nights, Carpet Bowls and Social Petanque. What happened? ……

…… Actually, the Bowls and Petanque did manage to go ahead but only with internal competitions all organised in a socially distanced sanitised way. If I used that phrase BC (before Covid) it would have sounded as if we didn't have any fun. The reality was that the organisation, camaraderie and involvement of so many of the members meant that the games were exceptionally well supported, and the results avidly collected.

We are all confident of a return to more limited lockdown by the beginning of this season in May, and, at the very least, we expect to have another summer of the successful internal competitions. However, we would like to see some more new faces. So, if you would like to try bowls this year (even if we only have internal competitions), then please get in touch through the website at **www.greatbarfordbowlsclub.org.uk** and **Facebook page www.facebook.com/Great-Barford-Bowls-Club-927365523974564** or call **Joe** on **01234 871723**. If you want more information about playing Petanque, or you wish to try your hand at it, please contact **Beryl on 01767 449116**.

As I am constantly saying, both Bowls and Petanque are ideal social sports with an element of physical exercise ideal for older participants. However, as you may have noticed in the televised games, the hand-eye coordination required favour younger people. So, these really are sports for all. Also, unlike so many of the other competitive games, each team is made up of players of different levels of ability, and beginners are encouraged to play games as soon as they have basic skills. This means they get into the sport quickly and play alongside more experienced players who will support and coach. Of course, we would like to attract experienced players to strengthen our competitive base. However, even in the "normal" seasons we play many

more friendly games than competitive matches and would like to be able to field even more players. We were all beginners not so long ago and we need newcomers to join now to be the cornerstones of the future. Also, ladies are underrepresented, so please Ladies, as well as Gents, please come forward.

However, we are determined to be a community club, providing for as many people in the area as possible. We want to be for you all and that means YOU! So, if you have sat at home planning what you might do when the restrictions ease, perhaps you fancied some company, or light competition, or to try Bowls or Petanque, then we are here. These facilities are not just for the existing members! They are for you as well. Also, do note that, when things allow it, our excellent pavilion will be available again for hire for meetings etc. For details of charges and availability please contact our Booking Officer, Beryl on 01767 449116. The club's website also contains photographs of the pavilion and further information.

And I will leave you with this cautionary tale:

Sam left the clubhouse and was reaching into his pocket for the car keys. No keys! He gave himself a good pat down, other pockets, shirt pocket, not there. He rushed back into the pavilion and did a quick search around where he had been sitting. Nothing! He asked everybody if they had seen his keys. No! Then he thought he must have left the keys in the car. His wife has scolded him a thousand times for leaving the keys in the ignition. His answer was that the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen if he does that. When he returned to the car park his car wasn't there.

Sam immediately called the police. He gave them his location, confessed that he had left his keys in the ignition, and that it had been stolen. He had a couple of beers at the bar before he made the most difficult call of all: "Dear," he stammered. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

"Sam," she barked, "I dropped you off at the Bowls Club on my way to the shops!" Embarrassed, he said, "Well, would you come and get me now, please?"

*She retorted, "I will …. once I have convinced these policemen I have not stolen your ******* car!!"*

Joe Lound-Keast

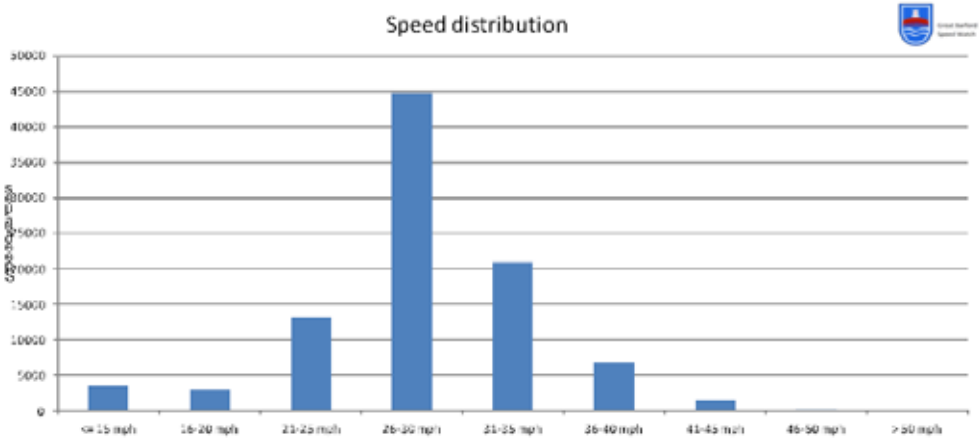
Speed Display Sign – Green End Road (Green End)



After monitoring Roxton Road, we had a request to install the SID back on Green End Road, but further out of the village at Green End, between Green End Farm and Birchfield Road. The SID was installed on the last metal lighting column (No. PC08), to face into the village.

Starting at 13:40 on Sunday 11 October 2020, it was operational until 09:19 on Friday 06 November 2020, when the battery ran out – that's 26 days, the best part of 4 weeks on site.

Green End Road – Leaving the village



Leaving towards Wilden; around 1/3 of vehicles were speeding, but the average was 29mph,with 85th% at 34mph. Speeding was apparent throughout the day with 31.5% exceeding the 30mph limit, and a little under 10% of the total would have been prosecutable. Forty Seven were recorded going over 50mph (Nineteen at Peashill Lane).

Green End Road – Entering the village

Entering the village; nearly 1/2 of vehicles were speeding, the average was 30mph, with 85th% at 35mph. Again, some speeding was apparent throughout the day, this time at 43.7% going over the 30mph limit, and just over 13% would have been prosecutable. Twenty Five were recorded at over 50mph (Twenty at Peashill Lane). See graph page on 23.

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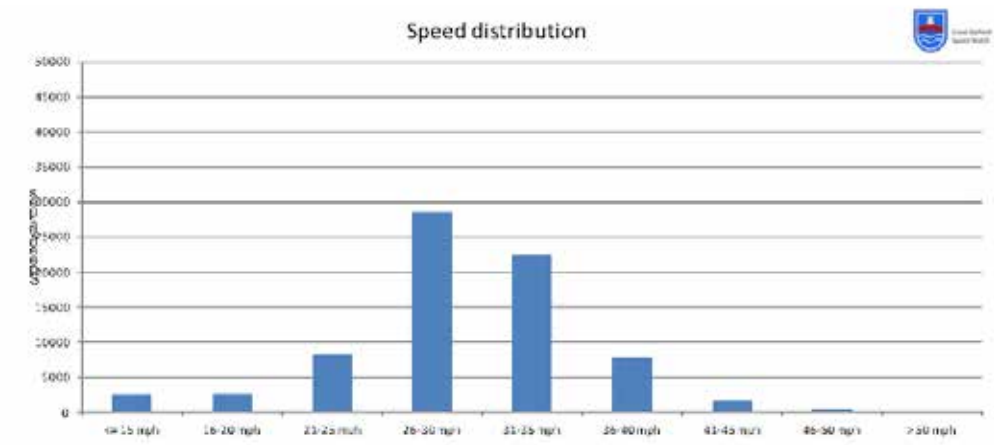

SUMMARY	Total Count	Daily ADT	mph Vmax	mph Vavg	mph 85th%	30mph Violation(%)	35mph Violation(%)
Arriving Vehicle Leaving Village	17984	695	63	29	34	31.5	9.3
Departing Vehicle Entering Village	14738	570	60	30	35	43.7	13.4

Increased vehicle movements were seen at morning and evening commute times, with a greater concentration in the evening.

Comparing the results with the previous Green End Road data taken over a similar 4 week period near Peashill Lane, but pre Covid Lockdown 1 during January to February 2020, we see similar profiles. However, this time, at Green End there is a shift towards proportionally higher speeds, especially on leaving the village. There was a much reduced vehicle count this time as might be expected in Covid restrictions, with different working and social practices, so we cannot make a true like for like comparison. Vehicle movements have dropped from the previous daily average of 872 inbound and 917 outbound. Interestingly more vehicles are seen leaving the village on both occasions. The variation seems to be due to an increase in vehicles leaving the village late afternoon, possibly avoiding evening rush hour traffic.

Where am I?

Answer: Bedford Road

Answer: Village Green

Answer: Just beyond the Flood Protection Dam, off the footpath starting from the VH car park

answers

1. Belgium
2. Bluebird
3. Crisps
4. Adelaide
5. Ravens
6. South Pacific
7. Office for National Statistic
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