



## WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

### Concerns regarding Traffic on the C319

West Hoathly Parish Council has been lobbying West Sussex County Council for many years regarding the traffic issues on the C319

#### 1992

“A Report on the Traffic Situation in West Hoathly Parish” was commissioned by the Parish Council in 1992. One outcome of this was the 30mph speed limit within West Hoathly

#### 2002

In 2002 the Parish Council commissioned a report on “Speed Management Issues” The proposals at this time included speed cushions and “hard” gateways provided by road narrowing and therefore single lane traffic.

However, the implementation of these measure would have necessitated street lighting at the gateways and each speed cushion. The scheme was therefore never implemented as the view of the parish was that there should be no street lighting.

Instead, part funded by the Parish Council, Vehicle Activated Signs were erected at the start of the 30mph limit entering West Hoathly and Sharpthorne and both ends of the Hollow. signs that lit up to remind drivers that they should be going at 30mph. Rumble strips were also installed approaching these areas.

Also, the Community implemented one of the first Community Speedwatch Schemes. Perceived issues were:

- Lack of follow-up from the Police
- Limited places where it was safe for volunteers to stand
- Abuse of volunteers received from motorists

Therefore over time the number of volunteers dwindled and eventually the scheme was given up. Community Speedwatch is still being encouraged by the Police and follow up has improved but to work it needs enough volunteers who are willing to get involved.

#### 2010

The Parish Council carried out a footfall survey (supported by residents) at the Vinols Cross junction. The data collected was shared with WSCC in the hope that a pedestrian crossing of some type could be installed here. The number of pedestrians and the layout of the road meant that it failed the criteria set out by WSCC for implementation of a pedestrian crossing.

#### 2011

In 2011 the Parish Council commissioned a [“Traffic and Safety Study in West Hoathly Parish”](#).

Both the 2002 and 2011 report were undertaken by TMS.

The report can be accessed on the Parish Council website

Following this report WSCC changed the layout at the Vinols Cross junction realigning the kerbs, providing crossing points and changing the colour of the road surface.

To support the implementation of “soft landscaping” to remind drivers that the area was somewhere people lived and walked, the Parish Council provided a community noticeboard with planters at the Vinols Cross junction, provided small grants for planting outside road fronting buildings.

## **2012**

A Traffic Regulation Request was submitted to WSCC requesting a restriction on HGVs using the C319. This was rejected by WSCC as a possible scheme to pursue.

In support of their request the Parish Council (supported by residents) carried out a further survey at the Vinols Cross (this counted HGV vehicle movements and also included pedestrian footfall).

## **2015**

Following Parish Council lobbying WSCC commissioned their own review of the C319 resulting in the [“Traffic Calming Study”](#).

This report is available on the parish Council website.

Following public consultation WSCC implemented a scheme that included:

- Changes to the road surface at the other key junction nodes at Station Road, North Lane and Broadfield.
- Removal of central white lines to provide uncertainty and cause drivers to slow down
- Renewal of rumble strips and West Hoathly and Sharpthorne Gateways

The Parish Council has since then

Since 2015 the Parish Council has:

- Submitted a request for a 40mph TRO from Horsted Lane to Tyes Cross which was not taken forward by WSCC.
- Lobbied both East and West Sussex for improvements to the Tyes Cross junction which led to improvements in the visibility of signage and a paper from WSCC addressing the feasibility of differing solutions put forward by residents
- Purchased gateway signs for Tyes Cross
- Bought a part share in a local portable Speed Indicator Device which means there is a device in use in the parish 2-3 times a year

## Data from use of the portable Speed Indicator Devices

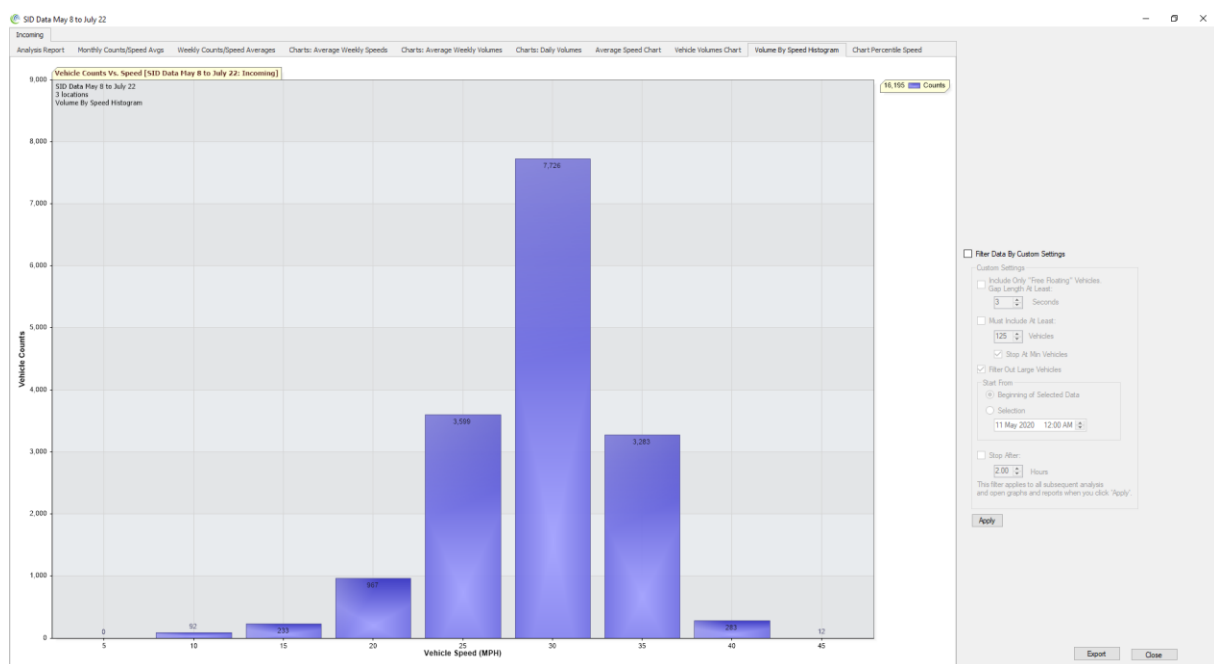
During Lockdown the portable SID was in the parish from 11<sup>th</sup> May until the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and was located in 3 places: Outside Ryedene, Sharpthorne, on the approach to Tyes Cross and above Bulldogs Bank Sharpthorne.

## Vehicle Count vs Speed Outside Ryedene going East 11<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May

Data was collected outside Ryedene on Top Road going east towards Sharpthorne between 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The speed limit is 30mph

- The average number of vehicles per day was 1,620.
- The maximum speed was 45mph at 21:25 on 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- The average speed was 26.7mph
- The 85%tile speed was 31.8mph.

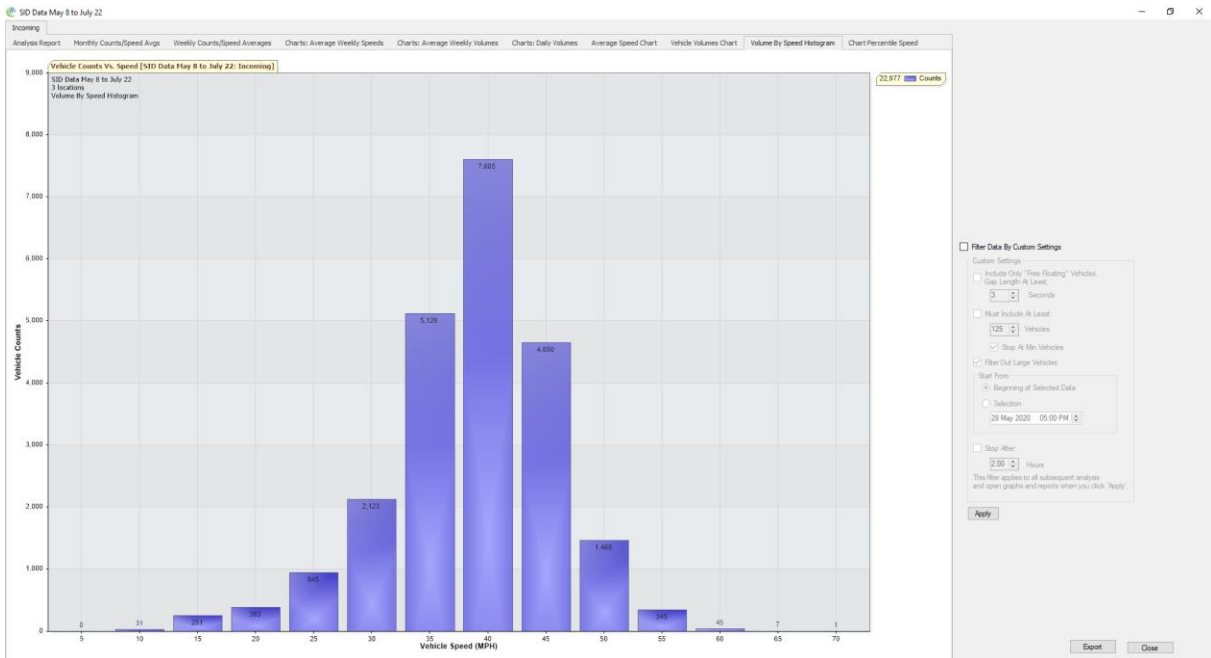


## Vehicle Count vs Speed going West just before Tyes Cross 28<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June

Data was collected on the approach to Tyes Cross going east between 28<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The speed limit is derestricted so vehicles should be driven to the conditions.

- The average number of vehicles per day was 1,752.
- The maximum speed recorded was 70mph at 18:50 on 1<sup>st</sup> June
- The average speed was 36.1mph
- The 85%tile speed was 43.3mph.

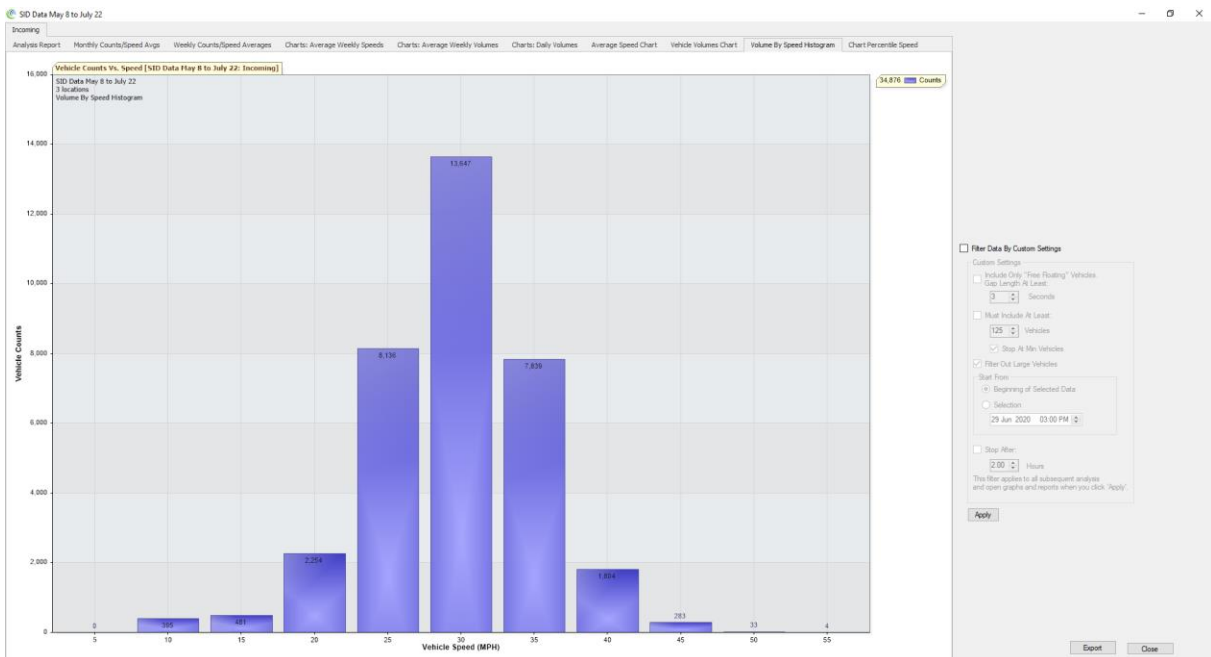


### Vehicle Count vs Speed Bulldogs Bank going West 29<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> July

Data was collected just beyond Bulldogs Bank heading west between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The speed limit is 30mph.

- The average number of vehicles per day was 2,458.
- The maximum speed recorded was 55mph at 21:50 on 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- The average speed was 27.0mph
- The 85%tile speed was 33.0mph.



## **Previous portable SID Recordings**

### **October-November 2019 (Westcotec SID)**

The SID was located above Bulldogs Bank and outside Ryedene in Sharpthorne and outside Rocklands in West Hoathly

- The average number of vehicles per day was 3,250
- The average speed was 25.9mph
- The 85%tile speed was 31.3mph.

### **May-June 2019 (Elan City)**

The SID was located above Bulldogs Bank and outside Ryedene in Sharpthorne and outside Rocklands in West Hoathly.

For info when the SID was located in West Hoathly this coincided with the South of England Show.

- The average number of vehicles per day was 2,894
- 91% of vehicles travelled at under 30mph
- The 85%tile speed was 27mph.

### **January – February 2020 (Elan City)**

The SID was located above Bulldogs Bank and outside Ryedene in Sharpthorne

- The average number of vehicles per day was 2,833
- 97% of vehicles travelled at under 30mph
- The 85%tile speed was 25mph.