

Wiltshire Council

South-West Wiltshire Area Board Items

Around 80 residents, partners, local councillors and senior representatives from Wiltshire Council gathered in East Knoyle on the 29th November for the Highways Matters themed event. In brief, the event covered a wide range of highways related topics, all of prime interest to local people living in Southwest Wiltshire, including how services are currently responding, as well as planning to increase investment to tackle :

- Potholes and general highway deterioration
- Flooding
- Congestion and reliance upon motor vehicles with lowering the county's carbon footprint at the forefront
- Flyposting, litter and fly-tipping
- Speeding

Amongst the many questions posed by residents and local councillors, here were the top themes which came up:

- Gullies need to be capable of coping with the growing trend of heavier rainfall
- The council and utility companies must work better to minimise road closures, particularly due to the increase in rat running through small rural backroads, and the disruption to residents
- Dangerous driving (including high volume (sound and number) of motorcyclists) and speeding on the A350 especially impacting East Knoyle and neighbouring villages
- Deteriorating condition of roads in Mere, especially Shaftesbury Rd, but also many roads in West Knoyle
- Deteriorating condition of roads in Semley and Donhead St Mary
- The Avenue, Wilton urgently requires a speed limit review
- Barford St Martin, A30 requires urgent review to prevent fatalities including for pedestrians which walk the narrow route despite the heavy flow of fast, busy and large vehicles
- Dangerous speeds on A30 through Sutton Mandeville
- A full review of all UC and C roads is needed across Southwest Wiltshire urgently.

Responses to all questions will be sourced and communicated over the coming weeks, and a full report will come to the next public meeting of the South-West Wiltshire Area Board on the 28th February 2024.

