

**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council** **Cyngor Cymuned Llanbedr-y-Fro**

**20 mph speed limit & Highway Maintenance**

 **in and Around Peterston-super-Ely &**

**Gwern Y Steeple**

**Position Paper October 2024**

**BACKGROUND**

**SPEEDING** in Peterston-super-Ely, including Gwern Y Steeple has been a long-standing issue that concerns many residents of the village and has been brought to the attention of the Community Council several times. The Council has campaigned hard over many years to address this situation.

Although the 20 mph speed limit has been in force for quite some time, speed continues to be an issue impacting pedestrians and horse riders that regularly use the local highways. This is a particular

problem in Gwern-y-Steeple, where both drivers and cyclists speed down the logwood, seemingly oblivious to the 20mph speed limit. This is a busy local route for pedestrians, horse riders and residents manoeuvring in and out of their properties. There is also a school bus stop here and therefore children use the route regularly to get to and from school. These issues are made worse still by the fact that there are no footpaths within this area, it is poorly lit with numerous blind corners, and in wet and icy weather has incredibly dangerous driving conditions. Residents in Gwern-y-Steeple fear that unless further

action is taken, a fatality will be inevitable at some point.

The other problem area is the stretch from the stone bridge to the Sportsman’s Rest, where people often treat this stretch as an overtaking lane to speed through the village.

The Community Council has tried to address these issues by contacting the Vale of Glamorgan Council and South Wales Police numerous times in an attempt to both raise awareness and to try and get additional traffic calming measures that have an actual impact on the ground

**HIGHWAYS**

We are also currently in contact with the Highways department with regard to the state of the roads

around the village. We are making progress with regard to repairing the potholes, getting the hedges

cut back & the roads swept to clear the aggregate.

**This paper summarises progress to date. Should you have any queries or comments for the**

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**RECENT PROGRESS: -**

**SPEED ENFORCEMENT & SURVEYS**

* At the start of 2024 South Wales Police assessed various locations to determine if enforcement

was an option in the village.

They stated that enforcement & speed surveys would take place in Peterston in order to

determine the times of day that are worst affected by speed against higher traffic flows.

We are unable to provide dates for when these surveys took or will take place.

It was stated at the time of the site meeting that these surveys would not take place in

Gwern Y Steeple.

*(From SW Police Gary Williams – “Motorcycle enforcement officer was tasked with looking at Gwern Y Steeple, he deemed it as unsuitable for motorbike enforcement, the issue has been passed back to neighbourhood policing.”)*

* GYS Safety reasons? As has been previously stated, we questioned numerous times as to why

 it was unsafe in GYS when S.W Police had previously approved a location there as being suitable & safe for Community Speed watch.

(*From SW Police Gary Williams – “When our enforcement officer is asked to assess locations, they would look at multiple issues including safe and legal parking, as well as operational*

 *issues with the laser, there are minimum limitations of the laser as well as what we term as*

 *line of sight. Regarding Community Speed Watch they use radar devices which is completely different to laser.”)*

**SPEED CAMERAS**

* We are continuing to pursue our request for a speed camera or a speed data gathering device

 in the village. We are currently discussing these proposals with the Vale of Glamorgan Council

& hopefully we will be able to provide you with additional information & have a decision in the very near future.

**SIGNEAGE**

* New 20 mph signs near the Chapel & The Sportsman’s Rest have been put up along with a warning sign for the bridge.
* Some of the signs that were already in place had been covered by the hedges – the hedges have been cut back & will continue to be cut back as required.
* The ARAF/ SLOW 20 mph signs on the roads around P.S.E & G.W.S have been re painted.
* The junction markings on the roads around P.S.E & G.W.S have been re painted.

**HIGHWAYS / POTHOLES**

* We now have a system where we report any issues with regard to potholes directly to the Highways Department. They have already repaired many. As we all know, this is an ongoing

issue, but we are endeavouring to try & keep our roads in a decent state of repair.

* Potholes will only be filled in if they are 40mm (1.5 inches) deep, or more.
* The VOG do not currently have a budget to resurface the road over the railway bridge & the

entrance to Wyndham Park Way but they will continue to assess the situation.

**HEDGE CUTTING / AGGREGATE**

* We have requested that the VOG Council cut back hedges & trees, especially where they

overhang or cause cars to have to move out to nearer the centre of the roads/lanes. This work

has already been undertaken in certain area such as Gwern Y Steeple & near the Chapel. We

have also asked them to cut back the foliage on junctions to assist with visibility.

We will continue to monitor this.

* We are liaising with The VOG & Network Rail re cutting back the tree on the corner of the

Memorial Field & Ffordd Yr Eglwys which restricts visibility at the junction. This has been

on-going since the Spring.

* The VOG is now on a 13-week cycle to clear the aggregate which builds up on junctions/ roadsides, especially the junction of Trehedyn lane. This might also help with the drainage / flooding issue in Gwern Y Steeple.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

* We are all aware that there are certain drivers who travel in excess of the 20 mph speed limit especially through Gwern Y Steeple & on the long straight past the Sportsman’s. It is also noted that cyclists are as much of a problem as cars. If safe, the PCSO’s have suggested that residents

try & take videos of speeding traffic. Any feedback & information to back up a case will help.

**ANY CARS THAT RESIDENTS SPOT SPEEDING SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE ON 101.**

If you have any comments for the PCSO’S please contact

PCSO Richard Davies on 07805 301601.

You can also e mail on

CSW@south-wales.police.uk or visit [www.gosafe.org](http://www.gosafe.org)

* In particular, consistent engagement with the Police via ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ at the local village hall market, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, is starting to build a better understanding in relation to the issues the residents face.

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| **CUPPA WITH A COPPER & VILLAGE MARKET****Please come along to the** **Peterston Super Ely Village Hall****on the** **2nd Saturday of the month****1000-1200****with your questions or concerns for our PCSO’s** **& also to support your local village market**  |