

BUCKLAND DINHAM TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & TRAVEL GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Held on 22 October 2025

Present: DS, SH, SG, AL. No apologies received.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 06 August accepted.

2. CSW Update:

DS advised latest stats on village website –

<https://www.bucklanddinhams.org/community/buckland-dinhams-20761/community-speedwatch>

a) Volunteer numbers – no new volunteers have come forward. DS is speaking with various PCSOs about how they have managed to bring volunteers on board in other areas which have historically been difficult to recruit.

b) Comms – no update this meeting.

3. Letters to commercial organisations: there are no stats on website yet, but these are coming soon. Reminder to all villagers that if anyone spots a commercial vehicle speeding or driving dangerously through the village, please email csw@bucklanddinhams-pc.gov.uk with the details of the organisation (name plus any other info) so a letter can be sent.

Post-meeting update: information on the commercial vehicle project is now on the village website: <https://bucklanddinhams.org/community/buckland-dinhams-20761/commercial-vehicle-project/>

4. Anna Sabine/Somerset Council Update:

a) Frome safer schools scheme – Anita Collier is the current Mayor of Frome. DS spoke with her about the scheme in Frome which is funded by Government and Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) drove the project. Ideally it needs a consultant who can visit and advise on possible solutions for slowing vehicles down on the half a mile of road which runs through the village, which can work alongside the CSW, speed indicator devices and signage.

b) Discussion around ideas/possible solutions to help reduce the speed of vehicles through the village and raise awareness of speed limit:

i) Possibility of placing white picket fencing at each end of the village - we have a volunteer prepared to consider taking this forward. Proposal to be taken to parish council re possibility of funding, then if successful Somerset Highways

will be contacted for permission. Volunteer will email Parish Clerk re proposal.

- ii) Possibility of scarecrow trail/festival in Autumn 2026 where each scarecrow would be holding a laminated sign with either the speed limit on it or request to drive slowly through village, done by village children. Could team up with Buckland Amenities Group to organize this.
- iii) Road safety charity called BRAKE is very active. They hold an annual road safety week which is on 16-22 November this year. The police also do a lot of road safety awareness (and enforcement) during this week. SG volunteered to get in touch with BRAKE to see what advice/ideas they could help us with, and we could also aim to coincide some activities with road safety week 2026.

- 5. Damage to parked cars: AL & SG are trialing the Wing Aware triangles, no damage to either vehicle received since started using these around three months ago. While this is anecdotal, it may be helpful if all villagers who park on the main road used one as it would create a lot of visual awareness. May be worth investigating the possibility of funding for this.

In the meantime, the group encourages all residents who park on the road to report any damage incidents to 101 or online at: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

- 6. Overgrowth to signage – this has been rectified. Ongoing, residents are encouraged to report any similar issues to Fix My Street – www.fixmystreet.com

- 7. Any other business:

- a) Comment via FB page from resident regarding cars parking on pavement and on bend in road, group agreed this is best approached informally.
- b) Discussion around the 'Transport and Travel' elements of the group title; idea around finding out about all the community transport schemes available locally so links and information can be published on the village website, which may be of help to elderly residents or those who don't drive or who don't have a vehicle (whether temporary or long term). Insufficient resources to follow up currently but possibility for the future.
- c) Discussion around doing a poll on FB/WhatsApp group asking villagers whether they would like a Hi-Viz hat or vest to wear when walking through the village to assist with personal safety (including maybe snap bands for children school bags) if we could get funding for it: Be Safe, Be Seen!' Possibility of approaching local businesses like Proper Job asking for help as they sell Hi-Viz.

Post meeting note: Since the meeting Hi-Viz vests have been donated for this initiative, the TTT group will let people know via village comms channels (website FB, WhatsApp etc). The vests are free of charge.

8. Date of next meeting: Weds 21 Jan 7pm upstairs in village hall.