

BUCKLAND DINHAM TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & TRAVEL GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 5 February 2025

Present:

Diane Sleigh (DS)
Sara Gallagher (SG)
Susie Hicks (SH)
Sarah Barnett (SB)

Apologies:

Alex Holmes
Adele Lawson
Janna & Patrick

1. Emailing transport companies:-

DS has list of 100+ companies whose vehicles drive through the village, which all need contact addresses. Suggestion is that DS brings A4 sheets to the Village Gathering on 6 March and asks people to take a sheet or several each to take away and find out contact details/email addresses, then email them back to DS. Each sheet will have 4 or 5 names on it.

2. Bird Box Festival:-

This hasn't really moved forward since last meeting. DS will contact Alex H to see if he would be able to take the project forward with the help of the group.

3. A Road/Weight Limit:-

SG briefly researched A road weight limits via Chat GPT – national weight limits apply to the A362. National weight limits depend on the type of vehicle and its axle configuration. Key limits are:

Single Axle – 10 tonnes (if the axle has twin tyres and road friendly suspension); or 11.5 tonnes for drive axles.

Two-Axle Vehicles (rigid HGVs) – 18 tonnes.

Three-axle Rigid HGVs – 26 tonnes

Four-axle rigid HGVs – 32 tonnes

Articulated lorries – up to 44 tonnes if they have at least six axles and meet certain conditions.

4. Village Gathering 6 March:_

SB suggested approaching Ian Blair to speak about SIDs at the Village Gathering. SG will speak – start by introducing herself as the co-ordinator of the TTT group, then advise that we have a couple of projects running – DS is co-ordinating letters to transport companies whose vehicles drive through the village and we are also proposing a bird box festival.

(post meeting note: Ian Blair is unable to attend on 6 March so Diane will say a few words about the SIDs).

DS will give an update re the letters to transport companies and appeal for help with researching contact details, plus will speak about the CSW.

The TTT group will have a table at the meeting, the A4 sheets with transport company names will be on there, plus SG suggested she could purchase a bird box, paint it yellow and have it on the table to generate interest in the festival.

5. Date of Next Meeting:-

Date for next meeting (after Village Gathering) will be 30 April.