

My community Transport Officer report to Annual Elmswell Parish Council for May 2019

In my capacity of 'Station Adopter' I continue to monitor the state of the station and clear rubbish if and when needed, although contractors still do this. I have reported a few minor niggles which have been dealt with. There have been improvements with electronic boards and we are talking a big alteration to the old waiting area, but don't hold your breath.

The state of the roads in Elmswell still continues to degenerate, The Clerk was able to get some of the biggest elephant traps repaired, but the repair seems to last a matter of months before it has failed.

Major building works have caused roads to be closed at the drop of a barrier without more than a week's notice apparently utilities can do this. The Wetherden road was closed for 14 weeks for the major reconstruction of services to the new homes, widening the road and putting in islands for safer crossing – The road speed of 30 mph was extended and a new village sign erected. Coming in on time, keeping the EPC informed at all stages - Well done Crest Nicholson.

A major shift by Suffolk County Council surveyed parishes for 'yellow lines' i.e those in existence and these were added to a list – The plan is for roving enforcement to patrol all villages and issue fines – Elmswell has one section of yellow lines opposite the Fox and outside the Station.

The Village warden has completed a round of street sign cleaning as this is part of cuts, along with hedgerow and verge cutting, The Warden also maintains a litter clear up around ALL roads so if you see him give him a friendly hello.

The Village speed watch continue to monitor traffic although with roads closed that has not been easy - They do make a difference, if you have a hour or two to help them please do make contact.

IT IS important that members of the public report potholes as soon as they see them, in this way as the action takes longer, the hole gets bigger and the underlying damage to vehicles and cyclists may be able to attract compensation. No compensation is paid if the hole is unreported . report here - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

The results of the recent traffic survey proved interesting as do the speed signs. Seems we have thousands of movements each week and a huge amount of those are over speed!!!!. I see the Community speed watch is asking for help again, really this is for the benefit of all of us, with more houses, more building there will be a huge rise in traffic – time for the village to stamp its authority on it NOW! Just a couple of hours a month people PLEASE!

The recent closing on two occasions of the Elmswell to Wetherden road has caused major problems, and I fear there is more to come – seems each service connects one of the three houses at a time- it is called co-ordinated confusion!

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P.S. Don't forget Elmsfest –1st September at The Blackbourne - a really good fun day