

My community Transport Officer report to Annual Elmswell Parish Council for May 2020

In my capacity of 'Station Adopter' I continue to monitor the state of the station as a unit Elmswell is pretty clean and tidy. Rubbish tends to blow in but it is manageable – I am thinking of standing down from this position so if anyone fancies being Station Caretaker please contact me, It is not hard a visit once a week and report problems.

The state of the roads in Elmswell still continues to degenerate, However the SCC contractors seem to call infrequently and repair the bigger holes. The recent surface dressing helped improve Church road but this is only a dressing and it will wear off, especially if we get a long hot summer.

The new Wetherden road was finished on time and has made a considerable difference along that section, although the twisty turny road did slow traffic now they enter Elmswell just below sub light speed. Hopefully a speed camera can be set up on this section.

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. This has not yet been implemented due to the lockdown but it will arrive.

The Village speed watch are under staffed they cannot continue to monitor traffic without some more help. - 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/>

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