

## **Saltash Area Road Safety Committee**

The Saltash Area Road Safety Group meet quarterly, in premises kindly provided by STC. Representatives of the surrounding parishes are invited - and regularly attend! - so that issues can be discussed in a collaborative forum to identify a coordinated approach. They have particularly asked that their appreciation for the support given by Saltash Town council for this forum to continue are passed on.

Some of the significant activities include:

Speedwatch, which following an earlier lull due to personnel, equipment and training issues, is reactivating with new venues being approved and a revamped training regime (it used to take 2 years to become qualified!). They are limited to locations in restricted zones, and have recently operated in Carkeel, New Road, Liskeard Road and Callington Road, with the intention of including North Road and St. Stephens Road when locations have been authorised. Generally 85% of traffic is observed to be within speed limits.

Parking around schools is an ongoing challenge, although the message seems to be getting thru as the situation seems to have improved recently. Ongoing issues at the Community School have been escalated to the CNP and Safer Saltash, and measures are being developed.

Various traffic initiatives such as parking restrictions and some speed limit changes have been progressed thru the CNP, and items including the deterioration of the raised sections in Fore Street have been assessed by Cormac's Paul Allen.

The Safe38 campaign for improvements to the A38 started life this forum, and now has MP and County support in presenting the case at ministerial level.

Redevelopment of Carkeel roundabout was always a contentious issue with the congestion at the times of the works and subsequent concerns. Although it is generally regarded as good in principle, there has been frustration that some issues have not been addressed, as well fears that the new retail park will exacerbate the situation. After several false-starts it is pleasing that at last HE and Cornwall Highways have met with us, and are proposing several steps to assess the way forward; indeed the delay may be fortuitous in that the current schedule will also capture new data before and after the new scheme opens, speeding up evaluation.

Finally, the forum has the need for a secretary to produce and distribute agenda and minutes in conjunction with the Chairman - all enquiries welcome!

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