

Holt Traffic Plan

Traffic issues known/reported to the Parish Council

1. Speeding

- a. Speeding vehicles between the entrance to Little Parks and the Melksham end of the village. It is a straight section of road, with few parked vehicles to slow down the traffic. Police checks regularly net offenders.
- b. Vehicles passing the Old Ham Tree going East on the B3107 and travelling too fast to stop at the Recreation Ground when the way ahead is blocked – as is often the case. Usually they mount the pavement and some hit the paving blocks against the bank. A pedestrian who happened to be there would be killed.
- c. Vehicles in the vicinity of the Zebra crossing and especially those which also cut off the S bend by the junction to The Midlands.
- d. “Speeding” by HGVs. A recent reported instance has been vehicles belonging to M J Church, headed for the Cumberwell tip. Whether they are technically speeding or not, residents, cyclists and even other road users are intimidated by these vehicles which pass very close to pedestrians.
- e. Speeding on the B3106 (“Back Lane”) causing constant destruction of fences and severe intimidation of cyclists.

2. Moving vehicles mounting footways

- a. This is a particular and serious issue alongside the Recreation Ground.

3. Obstruction of footways

- a. With narrow roads and a good deal of traffic, vehicles often park on footways and obstruct pedestrians, forcing in particular invalids and those with small children in buggies to walk into the carriageway:
 - i. Along the Midlands from the Village Hall Car park to the Glove Factory
 - ii. On the North side of the B3107 from the junction with Beckerley Lane West almost as far as the Zebra crossing.
 - iii. In the mouth of the entrance to Little Parks
 - iv. In Lion’s Orchard (apparently Glove Factory and Tannery employees)
 - v. Either side of the B3017 in the vicinity of the Holt Superstore
 - vi. On the South side of the B3017 opposite the Recreation ground

4. Other obstruction caused by parking

- a. At the entrance to Maulton Close
- b. At the entrance to The Courts, obstruction either The Walk or the Withy Walk to Phillis Cottage (much improved following action by the National Trust, but still an occasional issue.
- c. Outside the Tannery offices, obstructing access to Holt Joinery and PJ Hulbert’s motor business
- d. In The Midlands, along the stretch from The Street to the telephone exchange
- e. All around Ham Green
- f. On the Narrow Green
- g. In The Gravel, from parents dropping off children and blocking the road. This is much improved by the wig-wags but persistent offenders remain a problem

5. Danger caused by parking too close to junctions

- a. On the North-West and North-East corners of the junction outside the Holt Superstore
- b. In Beckerley Lane
- c. Where Leigh Road meets the B3107
- d. Around the entrance to the United Reformed Church

- e. NB problems at the entrances to Great Parks and Station Road were solved by the use of white lines, but as these are disappearing and it is now “policy” not to use them any more, the problems are reappearing.

6. Other parking issues

- a. Residents and businesses have started to destroy the Narrow Green by parking on it

7. Damage to parked vehicles from passing traffic

- a. This pushes residents to park on the footways !
 - i. Opposite the Recreation Ground
 - ii. On the North side of the B3107 from the junction with Beckerley Lane West almost as far as the Zebra crossing.
- b. A measure of the pressure which residents feel is the number of front gardens turned over to parking (plus several such applications turned down in the Conservation Area) – at the latest count there were (*MM is amassing a list*) instances.

8. Inadequate footways

- a. Inadequacy comes in various forms:
 - i. Absence of footways, in place where people regularly walk. This may cause
 - ii. Narrow footways which feel dangerous rather than inconvenient – eg a stumble or an exuberant child could easily result in a serious accident, or where HGV mirrors strike pedestrians
 - iii. Footways in poor enough condition to be a danger
 - iv. Footways where successive re-surfacing has left the kerbs so low as to be little deterrent to parked or moving vehicles mounting them, and often causes them to flood and/or to be muddy
- b. Using the numbering system above:
 - i. Around Ham Green and along The Star as far as St Katharine’s Church (i)
 - ii. Alongside the Recreation Ground (ii, iii, iv)
 - iii. Opposite the Recreation Ground (ii, iii, iv)
 - iv. On the North side of The Midlands (ii), from Frogmore to Dixcroft House (i, ii)
 - v. Alongside Bridge Terrace (iv)
 - vi. From 285 The Common to Little Parks (ii, but mostly i)
 - vii. On the South side of the B3107, from Station Road to the Holt Superstore (ii, due as much to the speed of traffic as to the narrowness of the footway)

9. Signage

- a. The large amount of signage, and lack of consistency, has been raised on several occasions at Holt Parish Council meetings.
- b. Problems with commercial advertising alongside the B3107 are regularly reported

10. Crossings

- a. The following characteristics have resulted in continual calls for more pedestrian crossing points on the B3107:
 - i. The speed and volume of traffic
 - ii. The unwillingness of traffic to stop for pedestrians
 - iii. The absence, narrowness or poor condition of footways along many stretches of the B3107, necessitating crossing the main road
 - iv. The inevitability of having to cross the road eg for the School, the Holt Superstore etc

- b. Specific places where crossings have been requested include:
 - i. At the Old Ham Tree, to give access to The Walk as an alternative to the ghastly footways beside the Recreation ground
 - ii. Near the Holt Superstore, to serve that establishment and The Courts
 - iii. Near The Elms, to serve the elderly making their way to the Westbound bus stop outside the Three Lions
 - iv. Near to Station Road, for Holt School (where a Zebra crossing has now been provided)
 - v. At the entrance to Little Parks, in the absence of a footway on the South side of the B3107