



A38 Speed Limit Reduction - Update

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Following our report in the January 2025 Newsletter about a potential speed reduction on the A38, we can now update readers with the latest information.

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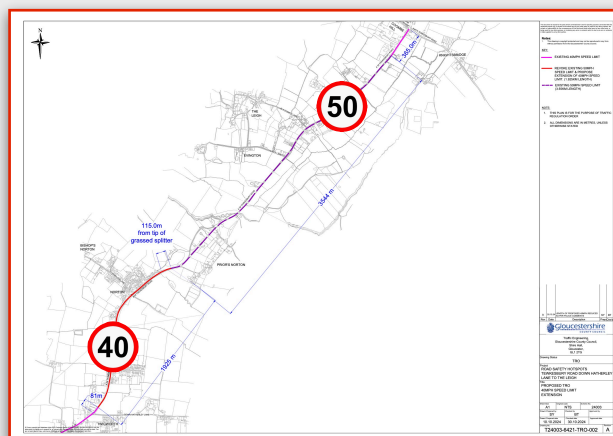
Gloucestershire County Cllr Paul McClain is supporting the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) bid by Down Hatherley, Norton and Leigh Parish Councils, for the A38 speed limit to be reduced from 50mph down to 40mph through their parishes.

Twigworth Parish Council were not involved with this bid.

The team have now put together proposals for improving road safety on this route, they advise that this is based on priority assessment.

The TRO plan for speed limit changes which the Road Safety Assessment team recommended for this route will be the main measure implemented along with updates to route signage and road markings.

The team have brought the TRO proposal forward now to consultation after receiving feedback data from the Police representatives and updates by the designer (drawing proposal).



The data showed that through Down Hatherley and past Broadclose Road, would support a reduction to 40mph to beyond the New Dawn Inn, this will need to be supported by some minor engineering along the straight section possibly by narrowing of lanes with paint and separated by a wide centrally hatched area.

The data provided, also clearly indicated that a 40mph is inappropriate as a speed limit along the length of this rural section of carriageway to Coombe Hill and the bid would not be in a position to support this proposal.

The mean speeds supported by the 85 percentile speeds are consistent in showing that the correct speed limit of 50mph is in place, the 85 percentile speed defines the speed that 85 percent of drivers will drive at or below under free-flowing conditions.

There is a 40mph speed limit through Twigworth, which the Twigworth Parish Council would like to see reduced to 30mph as the area has grown considerably with increased pedestrians, cyclists, the footpaths are very narrow and unsafe, with no crossing points and with M5 incidents becoming more frequent, the A38 becomes the main diversion route - If you have any comments about living in Twigworth, we would really like to hear from you, so please let us know by visiting our website: www.twigworthparishcouncil.wordpress.com

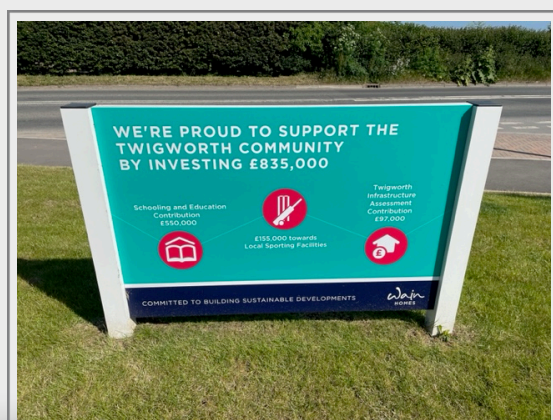
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Welcome to all our new residents!

Many new families have relocated to the Twigworth Parish over the last year or so, be it at Twigworth Green with Bovis, Bloor or Linden Homes or Fallow Fields with Wain Homes or elsewhere, we welcome each and everyone of you to our small but fast growing community.

Twigworth has one of the smallest parish boundaries in the Tewkesbury Borough Council and the Planning process is failing our community, with nearly 1000 homes being constructed with more on the way, there is concern that we are at the point of being over developed and over-looked when it comes to infrastructure to support our community.

There is no village hall or community hub, infant school, doctor surgery, pharmacy etc. however, we do have "The Local Centre" with the Mid-Counties Co-Op, Janes Pantry and now a Hair Salon, with other retail units on their way, the Developers are busy constructing a Multi-Use Games Area facility with sports fields, which should be completed later this year.



The new housing developments in Twigworth have continued at pace, Fallow Fields (Wain Homes) is now complete, Bloor homes at Twigworth Green have now sold all their homes and Vistry is currently completing the last phase of their development.

All the Developers publicly stated their support for the local community and this still has to be delivered on by them, the Borough and County Councils.

There are many issues facing our community, these have been highlighted in our previous Newsletters and we want to reassure all residents' that the Parish, Borough and County Councillors are on your case.

Recent planning applications which were approved by Tewkesbury Borough Council, include the proposed Solar Farm (which has yet to commence installation) and the housing development of Chestnut Tree Farm (which is on hold subject to conditions).

Twigworth Parish has contributed greatly to the local housing market... we now need to protect what green areas we have left, so that residents can enjoy the rural location, we have a Parish Council that is dedicated to making sure that Twigworth residents' views are listened to.

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Local Flooding and Driving!

In early January, we suffered another unprecedented rainfall event in a very short period of time, together with the already saturated ground from the pre-xmas storm events, this led to severe flooding in most parts of the country.

According to one local resident, on Sunday 5 January night, we had a rainfall of 40mm; that is one quarter of the whole month of July 2007, the worst month in recent history.

Jim Watkins, who farms at Church Farm south of Twigworth Green, has never seen the Hatherley Brook flood so quickly, he had to respond very promptly to rescue sheep from his land, which was becoming isolated by rising water.

Most parts of the country has suffered some flooding event, some more serious than others, our parishes are located close to flood meadows, which flooded, doing their job, in this area, we have several brooks which are tributaries of the Severn and are affected by the river levels and tides, there are many other tributaries, some major rivers, that feed the Severn on its 200 mile journey before reaching Gloucester... including: The Vyrnwy, Tern, Teme, Avon and Stour...



Frogfurlong Lane (photo 06/01/25), is where the Hatherley Brook passes under the lane.... and it looks like the stream of water is coming from the left hand side (upstream), which makes sense... this location is some way from the housing developments at Twigworth and its SUDs system... which appeared to be doing their job yesterday... Hatherley Brook and Coks Brook had breached their banks and flooded adjacent flood meadows...

There was no major local flooding at Twigworth Green, the main residential area... with only minor flooding of some footpaths and the new sports field but Down Hatherley Lane and Frogfurlong Lane were both flooded.... yet irresponsible drivers still thought they could drive through the floodwater!

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATERS!

Until the flood waters clear, please do not take risks or ignore flood warning signs – you could be putting your car, yourself and others in danger by doing so, driving through flood water can be extremely dangerous because it is impossible to see how deep the water is or whether there are hazards under the water which could damage your car and leave you stranded.

When you see a road closure sign... remember... the signs apply to **EVERYONE!**

Whenever roads are closed due to flooding, we receive reports of motorists ignoring signs and attempting to drive through floodwater, we cannot stress enough that closed means closed and that when a road is closed due to flooding, it is for **YOUR** safety!

Just 30cm of flowing water is enough to move a vehicle, just stop and think about that for a moment...not only that, but there can also be hidden dangers beneath the water, and you don't know how deep the water is, that's why it's always safest to find an alternative route.

We know that closures have an impact on motorists, but remember....

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Twigworth Green - Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Tewkesbury Borough Council have advised Twigworth Parish Council that the new MUGA facilities, which is currently under construction at Twigworth Green, will be transferred to a Management Company upon completion this summer.



As it stands, Twigworth has no Community Facility, so the construction of this building has a potential to become the focal point of the Village.



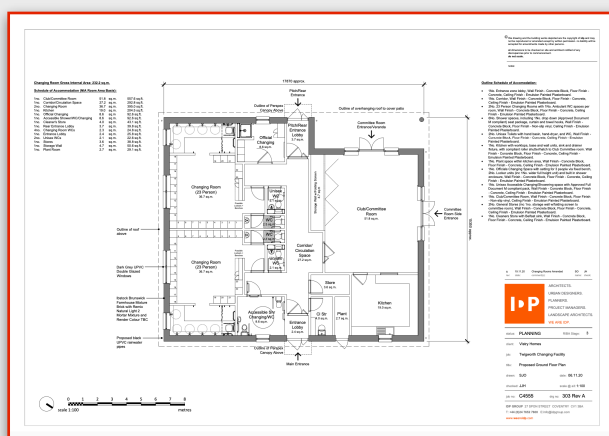
The playing fields are large enough for at least three football pitches, as shown in the diagram below but other pitches could be accommodated as an alternative i.e. rugby, hockey etc.



The Multi-Use Games Area building is well designed and not only allows for sports teams and officials changing/showering but also has a committee/function room, with a kitchen too (see drawing)... there have already been many suggestions from local residents for its uses.

Suggestions for other uses, including:

Parish Council Meetings; Football and/or a rugby club; Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows etc; Hire for birthday parties, Fundraisers etc; Infant Play Groups; Martial Arts and other Indoor Activities; DIY Class/Club; Walking Football; Keep Fit; Slimming World, Dance Classes; Zumba; Local history group; Camera club; Line dancing; Yoga; Jumble Sales etc.



If you would like to express an interest, please email Grace gwhitehouse@gatewayplc.co.uk from the Management Company who is liaising with interested clubs.

Twigworth Green Bus Shelter

The Twigworth Green Bus Shelter is long overdue and has been a regular feature in our Newsletters for well over a year, it is just not acceptable, the new home owners and bus passengers of Twigworth Green deserve better than this.

The Parish Council have been pursuing this regularly for some months with Gloucestershire County Council (S106) and now Vista directly.



The funding and provision of this bus shelter lies directly with Vistry from the £6.9m they are contributing to this development and community.

Vistry latest (21 Jan)...

Vistry have stated that the quotation has been agreed, and that they are just awaiting an invoice to pay, to allow them to arrange delivery.

Local Issues - Under Review

The following issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council and are currently being investigated:

- ◆ Anti-social Dog barking and foul smells near A38 lay-by
- ◆ Littering at Co-Op, Janes Pantry, TG Bus Stop and other public areas
- ◆ Foul smell in Porthill Close
- ◆ Household waste tipping in communal waste areas at Barley Drive
- ◆ Speeding on Ironbridge Road
- ◆ Caught on camera, suspected criminal activities at Twigworth Green

Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 19th March @ 19:00 - 21:00

Down Hatherley Village Hall

This meeting is open to the public if you wish to hear what's going on in and around Twigworth or to raise any issues or ideas.

Report of Rats - Barley Drive

Twigworth Green residents have reported sightings of rats on the housing development.

The Parish Council has for sometime been highlighting the growing litter problem across the Twigworth Green estate in general, this is people problem and we ask everyone not to litter.

On an inspection of a Barley Drive Apartment Block communal waste storage area (see photos), what we found was pretty disgraceful!

There can be no excuse for this!

This area is directly behind the Local Centre with Mid-Counties Co-Op and Janes Pantry retail shops.

The Landlord (Two Rivers Housing Association) had been notified (8 Jan) who were to investigate but we have yet to receive an update.



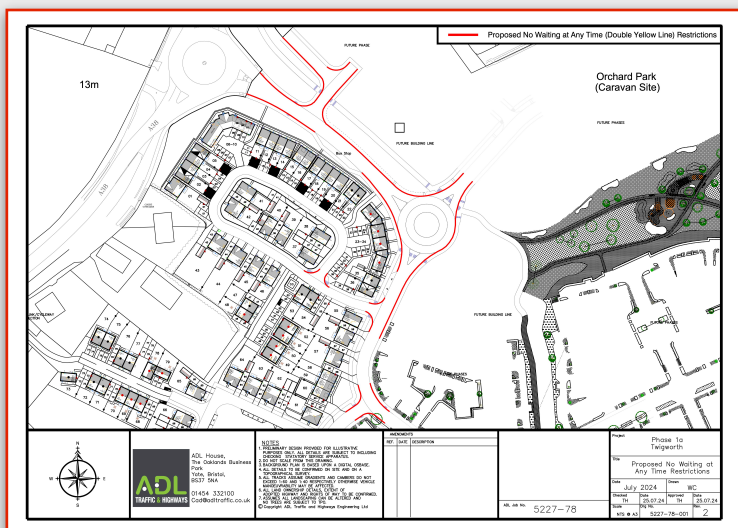
Twigworth Green - Traffic Order

Gloucestershire County Council shall be introducing an On-Street Parking Order 2017 “No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) Restrictions” on various roads within the Twigworth Green Phase 1a development.

The proposals are in association with the ongoing development at Twigworth Green to the south-east of the A38 Tewkesbury Road (planning ref - 19/00935/APP).

The measures are primarily proposed to improve the navigability of these roads and to improve road safety generally for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians.

This will be achieved by preventing inappropriate parking close to junctions, or where it causes obstruction for passing vehicles (including emergency service vehicles), congestion and obscures visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the various roads.



The proposals would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e., no parking within 10 metres of a junction).

The restrictions to be introduced ... **No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines)** on the following roads:

- ♦ **Ironbridge Road (82319)** - Along sections on both sides of its carriageway between its junctions with Tewkesbury Road and Ironbridge Road (72667)
- ♦ **Apley Road (82310)** - Along sections on both sides of its carriageway north-east of its junction with Ironbridge Road (82319)
- ♦ **Barley Drive (82308)** - Along a section on both sides of its carriageway north-east of its junction with Ironbridge Road (82319)
- ♦ **Leighton Close (82320)** - Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its junction with Ironbridge Road (82319) - Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its internal loop road junction.
- ♦ **Carrington Road (82322)** - Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its junction with Ironbridge Road (82319)

The lengths of roads fall within the Parish of Twigworth in the Tewkesbury Borough within the County of Gloucestershire.

Please visit our website for more information: <https://twigworthparishcouncil.com/>

Twigworth Green - Crimewatch

We are regularly seeing reports on the Twigworth Green Residents Facebook Page, about suspected and actual criminal activity here at Twigworth, these reports are worthy of sharing with everyone in case someone can be identified and then reported to the Police.

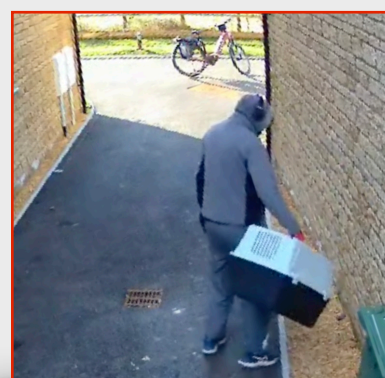
It will also help get the message out there to the criminals who think that they can wander around our estate at ease thinking that they will not be spotted; we have many houses with CCTV and Ring Doorbells.

In all cases please report incidents to the Police on Tel: 101

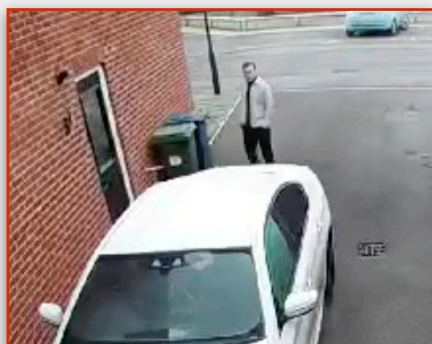
Pet Carrier Box taken - Carrington Road - Thursday 9th January @ 12:13



Male 5'10" approx, riding distinctive electric bicycle, with panniers and white wall tyres, dressed in Grey/Black Hoodie, Grey Trousers, distinctive Blue/White trainers, Red Gloves and Headphones



Suspicious Activity around residents BMW car Leighton Close - Friday 10th January @ 11:25



Male 5'8" approx, dark hair, distinctive white jacket, black trousers and boots

It was suspected he was looking for cars with a proximity unlock. If you can turn that feature off on your car, do so and move the keys to the back of the house or place them in a faraday bag or safe.



Neighbours by chance, working together by choice, we make this a better and safer place to live together. To find you local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme click on the link below:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw

