

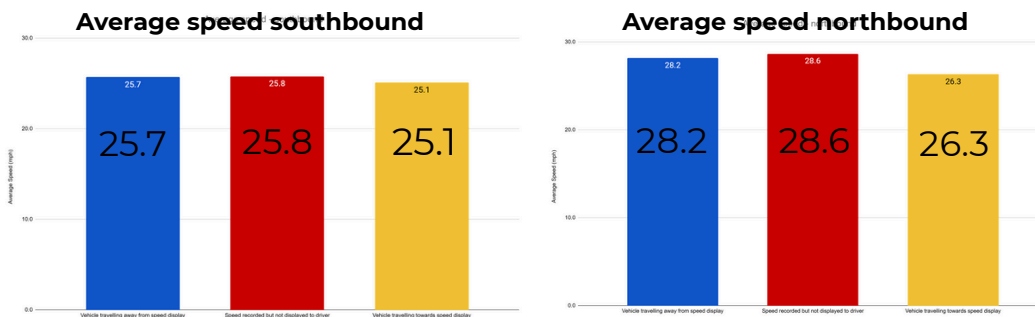
Welcome to the autumn edition of the Kimpton Parish Newsletter. Over the summer we know that many of you attended events and provided feedback to TVBC on the proposed Draft Local Plan, and also commented to Hampshire County Council and TVBC on their ideas for Local Government Reorganisation. A big thank you for taking part in those processes, volume of responses can be a key factor in influencing change in government thinking, so the more the better.

We now await the next versions of proposals which will be in the next few weeks for Local Government Reorganisation and in the first half of 2026 for the Local Plan.



SPEEDING TRAFFIC

We have had the speed warning sign in place in the village for nearly 18 months now. It records the speed of vehicles travelling in both directions from the display side of the sign, and we have found that it has had an impact on average speeds in both directions as shown in the charts below:



- The blue bar shows the average speed of vehicles when the driver is not able to see the speed display
- The red bar shows the average speed when the sign was recording data but not displaying the speed
- The yellow bar shows the average speed when the driver can see the speed display

We have spotted a few trends when analysing the data:

- The average speed of traffic leaving the village is higher than traffic driving into the village
- Having the sign facing traffic leaving the village has had the greatest impact in reducing average speed
- When we turned off the display showing the speed to the driver the average speed is highest
- When drivers can see their speed displayed the average speed is reduced

The sign records highest, lowest and average speed data and we will start to publish this information of the Parish Council website later in the year. If there is anything specific you are interested in, please let us know.

We also expect to be able to use all of the data to support proposals for traffic calming measures in the village. If you want to help with traffic calming we are still looking for volunteers to join a Speedwatch Group, see the notice overleaf.

New Parish Clerk

Rachel Seddon, who joined us as Parish Clerk last year, has stepped down from the role. We have been successful in recruiting a new Parish Clerk, Mel Taylor, who started last month. Mel can be contacted via email on clerk@kimptonhampshire.org.uk

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LOCAL EVENTS

KIMPTON COFFEE MORNINGS

Friday 10th October (usually first Friday of each month)
Friday 7th November
Friday 5th December
Time: 10am - 12 noon, at the Village Hall

Meet your neighbours to have a chat and a catch up over a coffee/tea and homemade cake!

John Storey

Kimpton said a fond farewell to one of our long standing residents last month. John Storey has moved to Northumberland to be nearer to his family. We wish him well in his new home and will miss seeing John walking, and sometimes searching for, Pepper around the village.



Kimpton Village WhatsApp Group

There is a Kimpton Village WhatsApp group which offers villagers an easy way to keep in touch and share community news. If you would like to be added to the group, please message Sue Michalczyk on 07985517751 or Niall MacGinnis on 07590808565

Volunteering Opportunities

We have one newly identified role within the A342 Working Group, details of that and our other community volunteering opportunities are below.

A342 Working Group - The local Parish Councils of Amport, Appleshaw & Redenham, Fyfield, Kimpton, Monxton, Penton Grafton, Penton Mewsey and Thruxton have agreed that the A342 between Andover and Ludgershall is an important route which has been neglected in recent years and needs an urgent upgrade. We have agreed to work together to formulate proposals to improve the road. If you have any expertise of road design, engineering and planning and can assist the group in developing our thinking, please let us know.

Playing Field - We're looking for volunteers to help cut back overhanging tree branches in the playing field. If you're able to help and you have the tools, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@kimptonhampshire.org.uk

Parish Councillor - We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Joining the Parish Council is the ideal opportunity for you to help your community.

Community Speedwatch Group - We have had one resident ask us about the idea of monitoring traffic speed at the roadside. We can do this by joining an existing Community Speedwatch Group or creating a new Group. The Parish Council is investigating this and have a couple of volunteers. We need at least one more to be able to get things progressed, anyone else who is interested, please let us know.

Footpath Wardens - Did you know there are 21 footpaths in Kimpton Parish? Maintaining them is the responsibility of local landowners but to support them, we currently have a team of three volunteers who help manage the footpaths. If you would like to join the team, which is part of Hampshire Countryside Services, please let us know.

Emergency Help - Do you have the training, skills or resources to help in an emergency? Do you have a medical qualification or training? Your help would be invaluable to the community.

Village Hall Trustees - The Village Hall provides us with a community space for local events. The Trustees are looking for at least one more person to join their team. If you think that could be you, let us know.

Neighbourhood Plan - the recent focus on the Local Plan has highlighted that we do not have a Neighbourhood Plan. There has been a little bit of interest in creating one, if you think you would like to help, do let us know.

The Skylark Federation, comprising Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield and Appleshaw St Peter's CofE Primary Schools, is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join its Governing Board.

Do you have any other skills you think might be useful to the community? If so, please do let us know, visit www.kimptonhampshire.org.uk/volunteering to learn more or come along to the next Parish Council meeting.

TVBC Food Waste Recycling

You should all be aware that TVBC are introducing food waste recycling from the week commencing 13th October. Our new food waste bins are being delivered during September, you may have yours already, and we will be advised which day of the week the food bins will be emptied soon.

TVBC have purchased new dedicated food waste trucks to manage the collection process separately from the existing weekly collections.



Water Lane Repair Update

Southern Water are in the final stages of getting the repair to the verge alongside Water Lane organised. The work is likely to take place in the middle of October and there will be traffic restrictions in place whilst the work goes on.



We will post updates on WhatsApp and Facebook as we get more information.

Parish Council Meetings:

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall at 7pm, 9 times a year, in January, March, April, May, June, July, September, October and November. We warmly invite you to come along, share your thoughts and be part of the conversation that helps guide our future. We look forward to seeing you there!
29th September | 27th October |
24th November | 26th January |
30th March | 27th April

Church Service Times:

19th October, 9.15am
Holy Communion

2nd November, 3pm
Benefice All Souls Service

9th November, 10.50am
Remembrance Service

16th November, 9.15am
Holy Communion

Hedges, trees and footpaths

The Parish Council wants to thank the landowners who have had work done to maintain hedges and footpaths, they are looking really good. If your property has hedges or trees which border the road, or you have a footpath running through or bordering your land, please ensure they are trimmed back to keep the road safe for both pedestrians and vehicles and the footpath accessible. See our Footpath & Hedge Maintenance page under the Council tab on our website for more information.