

Parish Partnership Funding Approved for Village Traffic-Calming Project

Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Norfolk County Council has approved our bid for £12,500 of Parish Partnership funding. This is an important step forward in our efforts to make a real difference to the number of speeding vehicles travelling through the village.

Over the years, the Parish Council has explored and supported a range of measures to address speeding, including SAM2 speed awareness devices, Community Speed Watch, and police enforcement using mobile speed camera teams. Having reviewed the effectiveness of these approaches, we concluded that a more physical intervention would be needed to achieve meaningful and lasting change.

Working closely with Norfolk County Council Highways, and with the support of our district and county councillors, the Council has developed a more robust plan to improve safety in the village.

With the backing of local organisations, including Bramble Bears and Thorpe Hall Community Trust supporting our bid, we have secured the matched funding which will focus on The Street in Ashwellthorpe and will introduce a new form of road narrowing, a physical traffic-calming measure that is known to have greater impact.

There is a financial cost to the parish, and this is reflected in the changes to the parish precept. However, the Parish Council concluded that this was the only realistic route to securing 50% matched funding remove for the work and to tackling the issue in a meaningful way.

Further initiatives across the parish will be considered in the future.