

1. Addressing the significantly increased traffic volumes through Holton Village via access only and 20MPH limits.
2. Addressing the uneven road in the dip (Outside Temere and Manor Farm) which is creating excessive noise from van, lorries, trailers and tractor vehicles.

Key Points:

1. Having moved into Holton some 4 years ago and others who have been in the village some 15 years plus. Will confirm that the volume and speed of vehicles through the village has increased significantly during that time.
2. Between the hours of 6am - 9am and 4pm - 7pm traffic is excessive. Approx one vehicle every 10-15 secs.
3. Outside of these hours traffic is a steady flow and not one would expect with a population of 220 residents.
4. Basically the village is used as a rat run and short cut.
5. The road which is in all honesty a lane, has 3 sections where it is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass (Outside Temere, Manor House and Spring Cottage)
6. There have been an increasing number of incidents on the lane through the village:
 - Large concrete planter demolished (show photo)
 - Scratched car (Maria Bourne)
 - Damage car (Alwyn Brian)
 - Crashed car in hedge (Connie & Martin Hurt)
 - Increase in pedestrian near misses and abuse from drivers (Too many to mention)
7. We have new residents who have moved into the village with children who play and cycle on the lane. Plus we also have an ageing population whose mobility is slower.
8. Doing nothing about the situation in Holton is tantamount to waiting for the inevitable fatal accident!
9. The lane is not built or safe for the volume or speed of traffic going through it. With the Old A303 and A357 / B4135 circumnavigating the village as Primary Routes, it only extends travel time by 1 minute and would minimise traffic accidents at Shepherds Cross
10. With it being dangerous to walk on the lane, walk with dogs, ride bikes and park cars the village needs to be classified as Access Only or Restricted Access Only.
11. Overthorpe near Banbury has access only. Their Parish Council proudly announces on its web-site that it has reduced traffic and increased village quality of life.
12. Sherborne has 2 roads classified as access only off the main A30.
13. Bruton has access only opposite Hauser & Worth.
14. I request that the Parish Council support this request for access only at the minimum and raise this as a matter of urgency with Somerset CC and Highways
15. You may want to give consideration to a footpath before someone gets injured.
16. Finally at both sections of the dip (opposite Temere and Manor Farm) the road has dropped where vans, lorries and trailers are now bouncing and creating noise levels that are excessive and cannot be deadened by having windows shut. This also needs to be actioned by the Parish Council.