

## BUCKLAND DINHAM TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & TRAVEL GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18 March 2026

Present: DS, SH, SG.

Apologies: AL

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 were approved.

### 2. **Community Speed Watch (CSW) Update:**

The latest Community Speed Watch statistics continue to be published on the village website and updated monthly. <https://www.bucklanddinhams.org/community/buckland-dinhams-20761/community-speedwatch>

- **Volunteer recruitment** – A member of the CSW team has produced a leaflet, which will shortly be delivered to every household in the village to encourage more volunteers. Recruitment remains an ongoing priority.
- **Communications:** The group welcomes ideas for raising the profile of CSW within the village to help attract additional volunteers. This will remain a standing item whilst relevant.

### 3. **Frome Safer Schools Scheme**

DS will contact the consultant involved with the Frome Safer Schools scheme to find out more about how the project was developed and funded, and whether a similar approach might be suitable for Buckland Dinham. This has been carried forward to the next meeting.

### 4. **White picket fencing**

AL contacted Sara Davis (SD) at Somerset Highways to ask about the permissions required for installing white picket fencing. SD advised that, as AL is not a parish councillor, she was unable to consider the request. DS suggested approaching Somerset Highways again, making it clear that the group is currently seeking guidance on the process that would need to be followed should the village gateway project progress in the future.

SH advised that she had previously received detailed information from Chantry Parish Council about their village gateway project but had been unable to locate it. DS will check whether she has a copy and circulate it to the group if found.

**Post-meeting update:** AL has since received a response from SD. In addition, at the Village Gathering in April, Matthew Snelgrove kindly offered to help with making and installing the white fencing.

- 5. Scarecrow Trail 2026** – The group discussed the idea of an Autumn 2026 Scarecrow Trail, with each scarecrow displaying a laminated road safety message reminding drivers of the speed limit or encouraging them to slow down. This could be run in collaboration with the BAG group.

SG will attend the next BAG meeting on 21 April and ask for the idea to be included on the agenda

#### **6. 2026 Road Safety Week and BRAKE**

SG has researched the work of the charity BRAKE and its annual Road Safety Week. Although much of the available material and case studies are not directly relevant to the village, the group agreed it could be worthwhile planning a local activity to coincide with Road Safety Week 2026.

#### **7. Village Gathering**

SB has contacted the group coordinators to arrange a meeting ahead of the Village Gathering to discuss the format. At the time of this meeting, arrangements had not yet been finalized.

It was suggested that a list of tasks for the Scarecrow Trail could be prepared so that volunteers could choose one or two items to help with. This approach could also be used to support other ongoing Traffic, Transport & Travel group projects.

#### **8. Any other business:**

- **Community Driver Scheme:** SH reported a very positive experience using the Community Driver Scheme. DS suggested that SH share a short recommendation on the village WhatsApp group, together with a link to the scheme's website, to help raise awareness of the service. has used the scheme and reported that it was a positive experience. DS suggested SH puts a brief message or review on the village chat with a link to the community driver website.

- 9. Date of next meeting:** Weds 24 June at 7.00 pm upstairs in village hall.

**Post-meeting update:** The meeting was subsequently rearranged to **Wednesday 01 July 2026 at 7.00pm**, as SG and AL are unable to attend on 24 June