

17 December 2025

Hello - we weren't intending to send anything else to you before Christmas/New Year, but in response to so many of you contacting us with details of worrying experiences along the B1125 (too many to share them all here) and requesting a reminder of names/contact details of people you can write to, we felt we had to respond and update you all. We've picked one resident's story which encapsulates the dangers so many are experiencing on a daily basis along this road.

"On 10 December we spoke to a Community Police Officer, monitoring traffic from 6.30am during the morning rat run along the B1125. He had just experienced an incident of a car travelling at 41 mph through the 30mph zone. He had stepped into the road to flag down the car and give a ticket but the driver drove at him! He was forced to jump back onto the pavement and only managed to get a partial plate. The officer was unsure if the driver was either so oblivious he didn't see a uniformed police officer with a speed gun or he drove at him deliberately to evade identification. Either way this is extreme and prior to Sizewell C, very unusual driving behaviour for this stretch of our village".

Then, last week a vehicle came off the road on the bends between Westleton & Middleton (that 'oh-so-sensibly designated' 50mph zone!). It's somewhat predictable that when you put up a sign like this ...



This will happen around the corner...



Or, as frequently happens, this (photo taken end October) -



Here is a list of the sort of measures we are backing to make the B1125 a safe rural road again. We think these measures will reduce the unnecessary volume of traffic and the dangerous speeds currently being experienced. The B1125 has to be made a slower north/south route than the A12, and thus less attractive for drivers using it as a rat run or simply following their SATNAV's 'quickest route'.

- A speed limit of 40mph on the B1387 (from A12>B1125 junction)
- A speed reduction to 40mph from the Blythburgh end through to Westleton
- A speed reduction to 30mph from Westleton all the way (through Middleton) to the B1122
- Average speed cameras all the way along the B1125 (ie not limited to Westleton) - as the only way to enforce adherence to all speed limits
- Chicanes in the villages of Westleton and Middleton
- Implement VAS (SID) monitors along B1125
- Village Gates either side of entry/exit for the rural villages of Westleton and Middleton
- Renovate the central white lines (to help vehicles stay on the correct side of the road) - and other appropriate road markings
- Repairing sides of road leading to residential driveways
- Consider making villages of Westleton & Middleton 20mph zones
- SZC not constructing the planned extension of the B1125 to join straight into the SLR (thereby also saving the remaining two 'Middleton Oaks')

To resolve this mounting volume and dangerous speed of traffic on the B1125, please help us over the holiday period by emailing all the contacts below describing your experience on the B1125 and your requests for how they should change this unreasonable situation (you could put all email addresses in the 'To' box if you don't want to copy+paste multiple times):

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| SZC Senior Community Relations Manager <i>[who came to Middleton's November PC meeting & gave slide show....]</i> | Richard Knight | richard.knight@sizewellc.com |
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| YOUR Parish Councils: | | |

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| <p>Select the Clerk for your own parish (they will disseminate your message to your Parish Councillors)</p> | <div> <div> Blythburgh: blythburgh.pc@gmail.com pc.gov.uk </div> <div> Darsham: clerkdarshampc@gmail.com Walberswick: clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk </div> </div> |
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Thank you for your continued support - and wishing you all a peaceful and SAFE festive season!

B1125 Action Group