

Stinchombe Speed Watch update

March 2024

Stealthy Speed Monitoring: The Results

We all paid for the radar speed sign via our Council Tax so it's only right that there should be a progress report.



People asked why the sign wasn't working when it first appeared. In fact, it was stealthily logging the time and

speed of every vehicle in both directions. These baseline data show the “normal” speeds at the four places marked with a red star on the map i.e. the Highways-approved locations where we have a post and mounting bar. Baseline data also enable us to quantify the slowing effect of the sign when illuminated.



So, how much of a speeding problem does Stinchcombe have? Here are the results:

Largest number of speeders: Taits Hill Road – Blackthorn Barn

- over 5,000 vehicles a day in total

- around 2,800 of those exceed the 30-mph limit
- about 120 vehicles a day exceed 40 mph, the majority heading towards the A38
- on average about 4 vehicles a day exceed 50 mph

Worst speeding: The Avenue

- about 4,000 vehicles a day in total
- over 2,100 of these exceed the 30-mph limit
- about 10% of speeders are doing more than 40 mph
- on average about 13 vehicles a day exceed 50 mph
- highest recorded speed 73 mph – in the middle of the day!

Less but not trivial speeding: The Street

- about 4,000 vehicles per day in total
- around 670 of these exceed the 30-mph limit, mostly by only a few mph
- this matters in a residential area with village hall, sports fields and soon to be reinstated playground – ***a pedestrian hit at 30 mph has a 1 in 5 chance of being killed compared with a 1 in 3 chance at 35 mph***

Lack of safe crossings: Tait's Hill – Vale Vets

- no real problem with the 30-mph speed limit being broken
- even at these compliant traffic speeds we're told that
 - pedestrians find it difficult to cross the road safely

- residents struggle to pull out of their driveways safely
- we recommend that Stinchcombe and Cam Parish Councils work together to lobby for road safety improvements

Initial results with the sign illuminated are encouraging!

We've only processed the initial results for The Avenue and The Street to date.

The Avenue

Traffic entering the village from Dursley Road encounters the sign. While it was in place, compliance with the speed limit in that direction increased from about 40% to nearly 75%. The mean speed fell from 32.7 mph to 29.0 mph.

The Street

While the sign was in place on The Street, compliance with the speed limit for traffic travelling in the Dursley direction increased by almost 10%, from 82.71% to 92.26%. The mean speed decreased from 27.2 mph to 25.8 mph.

What's next?

Stinchcombe Speed Watch will continue to move the radar sign around the four locations. Now we know there is a particular problem with vehicles heading towards the A38, we're going to do 2 weeks in each direction at Tait's Hill Road – Blackthorn Barn.

After several complete cycles, we'll issue a further report

looking at the effectiveness of the sign over a longer period. Will the response of drivers diminish, or will there be a progressive training effect? Time will tell.

The report will consider additional ways to maximise speed reduction. Evidence from the Police suggests that their advisory letters to recorded speeders are an effective deterrent. We'll be looking at the feasibility of measures that generate letters to the worst and most persistent offenders, including:

- targeted manual monitoring; and
- deployment of a permanent AutoSpeedWatch camera on at least one of the existing posts.

The Price Tag

There would be costs associated with the AutoSpeedWatch option, which we'll quantify in the report. Stinchcombe Speed Watch already has funds to purchase a camera and cover the first year's data connectivity charge. Ongoing operating costs (data connectivity and the Police's charge for letters) would need to be met from the Parish precept, which comes from our Council Tax.

We're keen that residents should see the cost data and have chance to express their views on whether the expense would be justified.

Kath

on behalf of ***Stinchcombe Speed Watch***

Clerk to Stinchcombe Parish Council

Stinchcombe Parish Clerk Vacancy

Would you like to become more involved with what goes on in your Parish?

If so and you have 2-3 hours per week to work, the Parish Council is looking to replace its current Parish Clerk who is retiring after providing many years of valuable support.

Stinchcombe Parish Council has five councillors, three of whom are new to the role and two who are experienced, so a good mix. We are looking to engage more with the Stinchcombe Community as we take the Village forward.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone able and interested in joining us. You do not need to have specific experience as training can be provided.

If you would like an informal chat for further information, please contact Charlie Macfarlane on 07976 353325 or Tracey Legg on 07790 389467.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Chair of the Parish Council

Charlie Macfarlane

Elections 2024 – Voter ID

Elections and Photo ID

Remember, on all Elections like Thursday 2 May 2024 – electors must present photo ID at the polling station before a ballot paper can be issued.

Here's all you need to know about voter ID:

- The full list of acceptable photo ID can be found at www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/voter-id
- Only original copies of documents can be presented in the polling station.
- Photo ID can be expired as long as it resembles you.
- Postal voters will not need to present photo ID.
- For electors who have appointed a proxy to vote on their behalf, the proxy will need to bring their own photo ID.
- If you do not have an acceptable form of photo ID, you can apply free-of-charge for a Voter Authority Certificate at www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/voter-id It is valid for up to 10 years as long as the photo resembles you. Make sure you have applied by Wednesday 24 April 2024.

For further information and questions? Email elections@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 766321.

Stinchcombe Village Hall

Autumn Update

Extension and Improvement Project

Following several public consultations earlier in the year The Village Hall Trustees have made changes to the design of the Hall extension and prioritised the installation of acoustic panels which were highlighted concerns from a few local residents. Full Planning permission was obtained for this improvement project, and we have obtained quotations from 4 local Builders. We are currently applying for Grant funding and planning several Fundraising events; details of events will be announced shortly. Subject to raising sufficient funds we hope to commence work in around 12 months.

Stinchcombe Village Hall Classes & Clubs

At the consultations it became apparent that a few people were not fully aware of current events and activities at the Hall, these are all listed on the [Hall website](#) and listed below.

Better Balance



Better Balance

About Better Balance

Tuesdays, 12:45pm-1:45pm.

Our classes are designed for those who have had a fall or are concerned about their balance. Classes consist of a mixture of

chair based and standing exercises.

Anyone who feels the classes could benefit them are eligible to attend. You can either self-refer or be referred by a health professional to participate in the classes. Please complete referral form [here](#).

The Better Balance scheme promotes balance and confidence while helping to:

- Prevent falls and improve stamina
- Increase strength, mobility and flexibility
- Lower the risk of osteoporosis
- Improve blood pressure and cholesterol

Blood Donors



**Give blood
blood.co.uk**

Regular sessions are held in the main Hall, [Book online](#).
Telephone 0300 123 23 23

Boogie Shoes Line Dancing



Every Thursday with classes for all levels

- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Beginners
- 8:00pm – 9:00pm Improvers
- 9:00pm – 10:00p Intermediate

We hold line dance classes on a weekly basis to learn all the new dances coming out.

Our club is made up of people of all ages and gender who enjoy making new friends and just simply like having fun!!!

They enjoy spending time together at our Classes and Events.

- Tel: 07810 821558
- email boogie_shoes@live.co.uk
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/boogieshoes>
- [Website](#)

Cam & Dursley Table Tennis Club



Tuesdays at 7.30pm

The Club is open to anyone interested in the game of table tennis.

Visitors are always welcome but to ensure the Club is open and there are tables available, it is preferable to ring NIGEL MEREDITH (tel 07884435122 or 01453 546795) or email tt2u2013@gmail.com. Table subs are £4 a night for normal club nights, and membership is £17 a year if you decide to join.

The Club has three teams in the Stroud Table Tennis League and have home matches on Tuesday evenings from September to March. However, there are usually practice tables even when matches are being held.

Cook Stars



Kids Cooking Classes

Tuesdays 3:45pm-5:00pm Minis and Juniors, ages 2-11

At Cook Stars we take care of all the preparation to make it easy for your Children to simply come along and enjoy our sessions. All ingredients, cooking equipment, an apron, packaging and cooking know-how is provided! Everyone takes home their lovely dish along with a recipe card to cook again at home. We even see to the clearing away and washing, we provide everything you'll need to cook we also treat children to a craft activity and a snack to keep them entertained during cooking time.

There's lots of opportunity to experiment with different preparation methods...weighing, measuring, shape cutting, decorating, rolling and much more! We learn about different ingredients, try new foods and develop useful life skills. We believe the secret to pleasurable learning is through 'play' so we keep our class sizes small to tailor our support and encourage individuals whilst we cook up a wide range of delicious dishes.

Claire Langran

- Tel: 07947 906246
- email: claire@cookstars.co.uk

- [Website](#)

Dance Classes for children aged 2 years & up!

Mondays 5:15 – 6:15pm for Tap & Jazz for 8+

Thursdays 10:00am – 10:45am for Pre-schoolers 2-4 years

Tap & Jazz for ages 8+

This class is all about learning brand new skills in tap dance & jazz. From beginners to children with some experience we welcome you all! Each class focuses on exercises to better your technique in both genres followed with a routine at the end of the class that you will continue to work on for a few weeks.

Pre-schoolers class

Our preschool class is all about learning new dance moves & techniques, making new friends, building your little ones confidence & most of all, having fun! We want to encourage children to be themselves and to always make learning new things fun! Grown-ups are welcome to stay in class & watch.

ALL CLASSES OFFER A 2 WEEK TRIAL PAY ON THE DAY!

- Contact: amy.addle@sky.com
- Tel: 07807 850253
- Facebook/Instagram: amyaddledance

Dursley & District Flower Society

Every 2nd Monday in the Month

Learn to arrange and enjoy flowers. Watch demonstrations by

experts. Visit shows and festivals. Sales Table with containers and accessories. Meet every 2nd Monday in the Month 1.45 p.m. for 2.00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join – modest subscriptions. You do not need to buy flowers regularly. You may attend as a visitor before joining the Society.

- For further information contact: Margaret Wannell 01453 546200

Dursley Rugby Minnows

Dursley Minnows Rugby is a rugby-based play program aimed at pre-school children from ages 2-school entry. The sessions focus on building motor skill development and confidence for pre-school children to develop a love and enjoyment of exercise as they progress to school. We run separately to Dursley Rugby Club, however, maintain a close association to support the transition of players and parents to Dursley Rugby Club for under 6's.

Contact: Arron

- email: dursleyminnows@gmail.com
- phone/WhatsApp: 07802796179.
- Dursley Rugby Club [website](#)

Dursley Karate Club

Every Wednesday from 8pm

The club is an adult only club.

We accept new beginners at the start of each month. You can visit our Facebook page to leave a message.
<https://www.facebook.com/dursleywadokarate>

- Contact: For more information Tel: 07768 241522

Fit Fix Exercise Classes

Every Monday at 6.30pm

Our classes are martial arts & boxing to motivating & empowering music designed to tone muscle & burn fat. It challenges all parts of the body with high & low impact options to suit your personal fitness ability. We warmly welcome men & women wanting to make improvements to their health & well-being and of course have some laughs along the way. Mondays at 6.30pm. Yes, you can just drop in.

Contact:

- Please phone Sam Cairns on 07793 755240 for any additional information.

Floating Lotus Yoga

Wednesday's 6:30 – 7.30pm

The village hall has a wooden floor and is within easy access of Dursley, Cam and surrounding areas. Its rural location guarantees a peaceful place to practice yoga. Ample on-site parking is available.

- Contact us Tel: 07932 113893

Palette Club

Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30 in the Committee Room

We meet to paint together 9.30 – 12.30 every week. We enjoy

occasional demonstrations, workshops and outings to sketch or visit exhibitions.

- Contact angelascrivin@btconnect.com

Stinchcombe History Society

Stinchcombe History Society hosts talks and exhibitions which are advertised on the Village Hall calendar, Stinchcombe e-news, Stinchcombe newsletter, local Facebook pages and local notice boards.

- Contact trudychinn@googlemail.com

Tiny Toads Stinchcombe Playgroup



Mondays 10:00am – 11:30am

A welcoming stay and play group for babies and toddlers (0-4s) and their parents/carers. . This is a community run traditional playgroup, all are welcome! Come and join us for some fun with the little ones. Meet other like-minded parents whilst the Children play. Tea, Coffee and snacks included. Booking is essential – search [Eventbrite 'Tiny Toads Playgroup'](#).

Zumba with Ali

Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm

Latin dance inspired fun fitness classes for any age and ability. Beginners very welcome. £5 pay as you go.

Contact

- Tel 07305 944691
- <https://www.zumba.com>

Disposal of batteries

Safe disposal of batteries (a further reminder!)

Residents are being warned not to discard batteries at home after a fire was started in a recycling truck.

The incident occurred when a crew from Stroud District Council's waste and recycling partner, Ubico, was collecting recycling in Stonehouse earlier this month. After the contents

of a bin had been deposited and then compacted, the crew heard an explosion and saw smoke coming from the back of the truck.

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service attended and extinguished the fire. It is thought that the cause was a discarded battery or an e-cigarette. Hundreds of fires are caused by crushed or damaged batteries and gas cylinders incorrectly discarded in waste and recycling trucks and recycling centres across the UK every year.

Batteries, vapes, and electrical items should never be put in household waste or recycling containers. They can explode and cause fires when crushed, so they need to be disposed of separately. They can be disposed of at various locations across the district, including most supermarkets and household waste and recycling centres.

Use the Stroud District Council's [Waste Wizard](#) to find out how to dispose of batteries, vapes and all electrical items safely.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsPZQLfT7DM>

A video by campaign group Recycle Your Electricals and the National Fire Chiefs Council reiterates the importance of recycling batteries separately from household waste and recycling.

What canal? A Survey.

What canal? This canal survey is for you even if you've never

visited it

Community organisations are keen to hear peoples' experiences of the Cotswold Canals – and views from those people who don't currently use it, to generate a baseline so people's awareness and attitude towards the canals can be measured over the coming years.

Everyone who lives in the Stroud district is welcome to fill out the survey including those who regularly use and enjoy the canals and wider canal corridors, people who live nearby, and others who live in the district who have never or rarely visited it.

The survey asks participants about the two linked Cotswold Canals: the Stroudwater Canal (from Saul Junction to Wallbridge in Stroud) and Thames and Severn Canal (from Wallbridge to Brimscombe). The Gloucester and Sharpness Canal (from Gloucester in the north to Sharpness in the south) is not included.

The survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CotswoldCanals2023>

SURVEY END DATE is Sunday 24 September

Be a Councillor

Be a Councillor' Event – Wednesday 6th September 2023

Have you ever thought about standing for election as a Councillor?

If you have a keen interest in your local community, have innovative ideas, a commitment to local people and are passionate about making a difference in the Stroud District area, then please join us to learn more about what being a Councillor entails. The 'Be a Councillor' event is being held in the evening on Wednesday 6 th September at Ebley Mill, Stroud District Council. The event will be an excellent chance for any prospective District, Parish or Town Councillors to find out what it really means to be a Councillor.

There will be presentations from Officers and current Councillors addressing how the Council works, the process of standing for election and the support that is available to Councillors. They will also outline a Councillor's duties, the variety of opportunities that are available to them and give advice on how to how to successfully juggle this role with their daily life.

There will also be an opportunity to speak to current Councillors and ask any questions you may have about the role.

Wednesday 6 th September 2023 – Council Chamber, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

- **The event for prospective Parish/Town Councillors will start at 6.00pm**
- **The event for prospective District Councillors will start at 7.00pm**

If you think being a Stroud District councillor is for you

please email democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk to register your interest.

If you would like more information on becoming a councillor please follow the link:
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/becoming-a-councillor>