

# Campaign to prevent speeding on Tutttles Lane

A new campaign to reduce the speed limit on Tutttles Lane to 30mph has been launched by a group of concerned local residents.

As the volume of traffic in Wymondham increases with the provision of more housing, residents feel it is now time for the speed limit to be lowered to 30mph along the entirety of the road to make it a safer road for all. The campaign group has launched a petition for residents to show their support. The petition is online at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/make-tuttles-lane-30mph> and printed copies are also available to sign at Kett's Books and the Lemon Tree Café.

Campaign co-ordinator, Elizabeth Orton, said: "Now that there are more cars travelling along Tutttles Lane, a speed limit of 40mph feels dangerous. It is time to make Wymondham safer for everyone, which is why we have launched this campaign."

"We want to send the message to drivers entering Wymondham from the Chapel Lane railway bridge to slow down as they drive through our town. 40mph is just too fast for the volume of traffic on the road," continued local mum and campaign co-ordinator, Clare Suter. "Walking to school with young children feels really unsafe and scary, especially with low loaders and heavy farm machinery rushing past. We're always hearing about how children are less active these days; if we

want to encourage them to walk and cycle to school then we need to ensure that the roads are safe."

A freedom of information request to Norfolk Constabulary shows that there have been four collisions where people were injured in the last five years; two of the more recent incidents were classed as serious. There have also been several other road traffic collisions reported to the police that involved damage to vehicles.

Many people who live along Tutttles Lane and the adjoining roads have also reported near misses, particularly at the Barnham Broom Road, Melton Road and Hewitts Lane junctions. Local resident Carl Goodrum said: "Getting off our driveway onto Tutttles Lane can be a nightmare, particularly during the rush hour. Cars speed along and it is surely only a matter of time before there is a serious accident, or worse, a fatality along the road."

There are many recreational users of Tutttles Lane who also feel that the speed limit should be lowered. Owner of Paws to Play secure dog exercise field, Kathryn Cross, said: "Many of our field users cross Tutttles Lane to access Deep Lane to get to the field and it would be much safer if the traffic was travelling more slowly. Therefore I would support the reduction in speed limit to 30mph."

The campaign group is liaising with South Norfolk Police and have also met with local councillor, Joe Mooney, to inform him about the campaign. The group is also gathering information for a report to present to Norfolk County Council. If anyone wants to provide information on insurance claims involving vehicle collisions on this stretch of road, has any other evidence, or wishes to write a letter of support, the campaign can be contacted via [makeit30@outlook.com](mailto:makeit30@outlook.com)

## PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR WYMONDHAM IN BLOOM

Preparations for Wymondham in Bloom 2019 are underway to once again brighten the town centre with beautiful floral displays this summer. Town Team volunteers hope to convince at least 40 businesses to join in with hanging baskets, window boxes and even chairs and welly boots overflowing with flowers.



New this year – Wymondham has registered to take part in Anglia in Bloom, the regionals of the RHS Britain in Bloom competition. The judging day will be in July and the date should be announced in the coming weeks.

Community projects undertaken throughout the year will play a key part in the Anglia in Bloom bid. The judges not only want to see floral displays, but also wildflower meadows, parks, wildlife habitats and environmental sensitivity. The fantastic array of garden- and green space-loving community groups in town are already doing great work year-round to improve these areas. But to ensure Wymondham looks its best for the judges extra volunteers are needed to help out with the preparations.

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