

26/135 Speeding on the A44 in Broadwas and Cotheridge

-New VAS - we are slowly overcoming the various challenges in installing the new signs, and many thanks to our Clerk for persevering. In a nutshell we cannot do anything without the consent of the Highways Department, and have had to work through (and are still working on) confirmation of the existing sites as being fit for use - supply of adaptors to ensure new units fit, confirmation of power sources - the need to cut back overgrowth and sourcing of a new post for one of the sites. It is hoped to get 2 of the 3 installed in the near future and once arrangements can be made to cut overgrowth (this involves a process with property owner and the County Council) the 3rd one can be fitted.

- The Parish Council has submitted a FOI to gain full access to data collected to date re speeding, in order to underpin some new proposals to be submitted to the County Council. This is in light of the disappointment at the measures enacted as a result of their 2025 Road Study.

- There continue to be accidents and incidents and the PC is trying to maintain a record of these.

- Enquires have been made as to the replacement of the white gateway fence destroyed by a car accident last year at the west end of Broadwas. Although installed by the County Council their position is that replacement and maintenance falls upon the Parish Council. So this is a matter that will need considering.

- The signage at the east end of Broadwas has cleared of overgrowth so is now visible again. This has highlighted the relatively low profile of the signage at each end of Broadwas, and some inconsistencies between other villages in Worcestershire and the type of signs in place in Broadwas. The Parish Council may want to consider developing proposals to improve these arrangements?

- The Clerk is progressing the planned meeting with the police to review their enforcement activity and to promote information sharing.

- It remains a priority to address and introduce measures within the stretch of the A44 that passes through Cotheridge and also to secure an update from the County Council in regard to their proposals to replace the drainage arrangement on the bend by the entrance to Upper Howsen Farm.