

Rogate Parish Council Chairman's letter

I mentioned last month that we had applied for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Fyning Lane to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 20mph. We are awaiting a decision on that. In the meantime, a big thank you to Simon Wells and Mike Galley who have put up signs suggesting a 20mph limit. A useful contribution to making the lane safer.

In addition to Fyning Lane a request for a TRO has been made for 30mph limit on the Rogate Road, Hillbrow from the National Trust car park to the Jolly Drover. Local residents have been actively trying to slow the traffic speed and previously raised funds for the purchase of a Speed indicator device and village gateways. This request is supported by petition signed by nearly 200 people and is supported by the Parish Council and the County Councillor.

Work on a 20mph speed limit in Rogate village centre continues. James Stock, who is doing a great job, updated the Parish Council on the work needed to apply for a Community Highways Scheme to have a 20mph zone within the village. To be in with a chance to be accepted in the 2023/24 county council budget the bid needs to be submitted by the end of July.

In last month's letter I referenced reports of acts of vandalism in Rogate and that we had contacted Nick Bowman, District Commander of Sussex Police, he responded quickly and PCSO Matthew Isles has visited the scene and spoke to residents. Let's hope it halts acts of further vandalism.

Following reports of litter along the Rogate Road we visit the B1KE track and they were very supportive of keeping the area free from litter. We plan to follow this up and contact the National Trust as their car park often overflows. Also, a big thank you to the residents of Rogate Road for their efforts in collecting the litter.

A reminder. As we are now in the dry period and the risk of fire is high, please take care.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council