

Rogate Parish Council Chair's letter

At our monthly meeting we again discussed how we can disseminate the information we receive. We keep you updated by this article, we have a website www.rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk with lots of information, we have the notice board outside the Rogate Village shop and when it is urgent we use the R&T alert. Apart from the notice board and this article we rely on being connected to the internet. We felt that we were doing a lot but would be interested to hear from anyone else with more ideas.

The Community Highways scheme to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in the centre of Rogate village has moved on. We have now received the plans which have been published on our website. The scheme is now at the tendering stage. Whilst we have received the plans and they are available for viewing, the opportunity to submit comments is when WSCC Highways publish the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) at the statutory consultation stage. This is likely to be in the first quarter of financial year 2025 (ie April to June). We will decide nearer the time how best to publicise the TRO, associated plan contained in the order and how to submit comments.

We arranged for our new MP, Andrew Griffiths, to hold a surgery in Rogate Village Hall. This was held on the 18th October. We understand this was a success with all his interview slots filled.

With winter approaching, the County Council gave a presentation on how they are proposing to deal with potholes. It was an hour presentation so it would be tricky to cover in depth. The gist appeared to be we have a staggering number of pot holes across the county. On the plus side they have more money and resource, although they are stretched. They are looking at different and faster methods to improve and speed up permanent repairs. They also have a priority-based system, which is operated via their website. We are looking forward to seeing how Highways perform once the weather starts to take its toll. Sadly, the Parish Council doesn't have a magic wand and has no influence over what is repaired. But please report all pot holes on the WSCC Highways website as more reports that are made has an influence on the priority. Fingers crossed this winter will be better than recent years.

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Chair, Rogate Parish Council