

Highways Committee Annual Report to the Parish 2009

Our role

The role of the Highways Committee is to deal with road, pavement and footpath issues in Frampton Cotterell, largely in partnership with South Gloucestershire District Council. We recently met with the District Highways Department to discuss what steps could be taken to deal with speeding on Perrinpit Road and to replace missing signs. We also addressed other local public transport issues, amongst other things, cycling.

Cycling in and around the Village

Bristol has been chosen as one of several cities where reasonably large sums have been allocated to improve facilities for cyclists of all ages. Our next newsletter will carry an article about how that will affect us but for now, we encourage all cyclists and pedestrians to contact the office with any issues or problems (01454 868370).

The Village Map

We have now bought a large scale map of Frampton Cotterell Parish to be displayed in the Bickeridge Centre so that we can all get to know our village. We will periodically annotate various village assets, such as public seats and footpaths, to encourage people to make better use of our facilities.

Buses

The Parish Council support the Night Bus service that back from the City Centre on Friday and Saturday nights to Chipping Sodbury via Frampton Cotterell (£4 per ticket). We are contributing £2100 this year as we believe that it is not only an essential service but adds significantly to road safety. Other Parishes en route also make a contribution based on usage by their residents. Incidentally, it's not a service for young binge drinkers. A good number of theatre and restaurant goers make good use of it too. Like the X27 express service; Use it or lose it!

We wish to encourage the use of public transport and so have reviewed the village bus shelters and are looking for a grant to replace or refurbish our existing shelters. We welcome comment from residents on the subject of erecting new shelters at other bus stops.

Prospect Lane

Just off School Road is the currently un-adopted Prospect Lane. It is partly road and partly path. We are aiming to have it adopted as a Class 4 highway in which case its maintenance would become the responsibility of South Gloucestershire Council's Streetcare Department. Amongst other things, we need to collect evidence of use of the narrow footpath section over that past 20 years. Please contact the office if you can help (01454 868370).

...and finally...

One of the Village signs is missing! Information leading to the recovery of the "Frampton Cotterell Twinned with Kelbra" sign formerly positioned on the Bristol Road from Iron Acton will be gratefully received!!

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Chairman of Highways
Frampton Cotterell Parish Council