



Road Safety Report

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We have been working with Cornwall Council to improve the safety for road users in the Parish. Tragically there have been two fatal accidents along the B3252 through our Parish in June 2022 and July 2023, in addition to other road traffic accidents. Both fatal accidents involved motorcyclists.

B3252

This road runs along the eastern edge of our Parish from the A38 and continues down to Looe. There are crossroads at Horningtops and Bylane End where much slower traffic emerges on to the main road and where accidents have happened in the past. At Bylane End crossroads is a short straight stretch of road where traffic speeds up and where drivers often attempt to overtake. The speed limit is 60mph. Both fatal accidents have happened on this stretch.

Safety Measures

The Parish Council have suggested that Cornwall Council consider better safety measures for these 2 accident blackspots, such as reduced speed limit or no overtaking near the crossroads. Cornwall Council have agreed that following the tragic accidents in 2022 and 2023 the two crossroads may be a higher priority for improved safety measures but more data is required before the level of priority can be reviewed. In particular the outcome of the Police investigations into the incidents and any subsequent Coroner's Inquiry are awaited before the safety of the road can be reviewed. We are given to understand that the Police investigation into the fatal accident in 2022 has not yet been completed, therefore it will be a considerable time before the investigation into the accident this year is concluded.

Road Signs and speed monitoring

We are very pleased however that Cornwall Council has agreed to upgrade the road signs and road markings at both the Horningtops and Bylane End junctions. The work has been commissioned and will be implemented over the winter. More visible road signs and road markings will hopefully provide a better warning for road users approaching both crossroads. There will also be periodic speed monitoring in place (for data gathering purposes, not for prosecutions) over this winter and in early summer next year.

Next Steps

The Parish Council will continue to pursue additional safety measures together with the Police, Cornwall Road Safety Team and 'Vision Zero South West' to improve road safety on the B3252.

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