

St. Dominick News Article

As residents of the Tipwell area of St. Dominick, we are becoming ever more concerned over the increasing amount of traffic using the minor road where we live and the increasing risk for drivers and for us.

The road in question is the minor spur off the 'Old Road' to St. Dominick from the main A388, which runs through Tipwell and connects to the more major route into St. Dominick from the Viverdon Down roundabout at the cross roads to Halton Quay. It is abundantly clear that the minor road was never designed to cope with the amount of traffic (including HGV traffic) that regularly makes use of it – often at excessive speeds. The road surface is in a poor condition and part needs to be re-surfaced.

There are two sections of the road (between 'Birdsong' and the left hand turn to Ashton, and between Tipwell House and the right hand turn to Tipwell Farm) that are less than 4.0 metres wide, the entire length of the road is two way, although many drivers seem to be unaware of this and treat the road as one way. Vehicles coming from the A388 along the more narrow, high sided sections do not expect to see other vehicles coming towards them and often have to brake sharply to avoid a collision. The road is also used by horse riders as there are riding stables nearby.

The main road, which is the A388 from Callington, is a far safer route to St Dominick via the Viverdon Down roundabout, the increase in distance over the Tipwell route is just over half a mile to the Halton Quay crossroads but is much smoother and is probably more fuel efficient.

We have approached the Parish Council and requested their support in improving the safety along this road. The HGV operators who regularly use this road have been approached to ask them to use an alternative route and the County Council will be asked to look at the road in relation to safety and signage. We would obviously prefer for the safety along our lane to be improved without having to refer to more formal means and would request that local residents-

- whenever possible use the alternative routes available
- if you must use our lane please remember that it is two way and we may be coming the other way to return to our homes.
- **please** moderate your speed particularly where cars tend to accelerate on the straighter parts of the road before the junction with the main road.
- **please** reduce your speed to give us a chance of seeing/hearing you coming if we are trying to get out on to the road.
- Please remember that the lane is frequently used by horse riders.

We are concerned about safety for everybody.

Thank you

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