



Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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ATAG Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2012

In The Beginning: The Inaugural Meeting

ATAG held its Inaugural Meeting in the Skittles Room of the White Hart on November 14th 2011. Sixteen persons attended and there were 6 apologies.

The group agreed that the name "Atworth Traffic Action Group", ATAG, would be adopted, and that the group's objectives would be as follows:

*"The Atworth Traffic Action Group will act to protect the residents of Atworth from the effects of traffic through the village.
The group will use all agreed approaches open to it, to the limit of the law, to influence the responsible authorities in the limitation of the volume of traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, and of its speed."*

Traffic Issues Identified

At that meeting, those present identified traffic issues for possible action. They were as follows.

- Speed related: The need for speed control/indicators/cameras; Serious fear of fast and large HGVs. Speed limits in the village; Speed limits on the approaches to the village.
- Driver behaviour: Deter unsafe driving by double-white lines along village entry points and by clock tower 'bus stop; Control careless parking in Bradford Road & Purlpit.
- Crossing issues: Oblige vehicles to stop by raising the crossing or providing pedestrian controlled lights.
- Traffic volumes: Improve the quality of life for all residents by adopting measures to reduce volume, vibration, noise, diesel fume and particulate pollution; Reduce the number of HGVs.
- Near-misses: Near misses were frequent by the farm shop, by the Clock Tower 'bus stop, along Bradford Road.
- Footpaths: Narrow pavements in the village & lack of footpaths in Purlpit and up to the Farm Shop.

Then: The Residents' Meeting

A very lively Residents' Meeting took place on 22nd February 2012 at the Farm Shop, and more than 35 residents attended with 7 members of the organising committee. This meeting established the feelings of residents, with many expressing the need to tackle the authorities and to institute community actions. Attendees voted the top five issues from the list of traffic issues identified at the Inaugural Meeting.

Next: The Public Meeting

The top five issues will be the subject of a Public Meeting on Friday 18th May at 7:30pm at the Farm Shop. A panel comprising our MP, two county councillors, transport officials, parish council representatives and others will attend and respond to questions and comments from the public on the five issues identified as most important by residents.

The Future: Community Actions

After the Public Meeting, ATAG will facilitate a set of community actions proposed at the Residents' Meeting, so as to raise the profile of these issues which adversely affect Atworth's residents.

ATAG website

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