

We're taking part in

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



16-22 November 2020

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It is Road Safety Week between 16th and 22nd November 2020.



Shirenewton Community Council would like this event to kick off our '20 is Plenty' campaign.



Shirenewton Community Council is working with residents of the local community to make the roads within residential areas of Shirenewton and Mynyddbach safer, healthier, greener, and better for people's quality of life.

The current speed limit of 30mph is inappropriate for these villages and should, we think, be lowered to a compulsory 20mph because it is dangerous for pedestrians who walk through the villages and particularly dangerous for schoolchildren walking to and from school. The lack of adequate pavements also means that those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters also have to use these roads. Working together we can make these roads safer for everyone.

The few pavements and streetlights that we do have in the villages are unsatisfactory. There have been too many 'near-miss' accidents and we want your support to start our **20 is Plenty Campaign!** The shorter days - with sunsets from 4:45 and nightfall from 6pm - mean that we, as a community, need to be even more careful.

Here are a few facts for you:

1. You are 7 times less likely to die if hit at 20mph than 30mph or 10 times if over 60 years old.
2. In the distance a 20mph car can stop, a 30mph car will still be doing 24mph. Far better to just miss than actually hit someone or be hit at any speed.
3. **Does 20mph always mean humps?** No, we will campaign for signs and lines!

What can you do to help?

1. Please be conscious of your speed limit and drive at 20mph or less through our villages.
2. If you are walking through the village after dusk please consider wear high vis clothing. The ShAMBLE organisers have very kindly offered to lend their high vis jackets to anyone who needs one, please contact Paula Rimmer on 01291 641993 if you would like to borrow one.
3. To raise awareness, we will put some '20 is plenty' car stickers in the phone box (as soon as we get them) - please help yourselves as it would be great to see these on the cars driving through the village. In the meantime, feel free to buy some direct from <http://www.20splenty.org/>
4. To show your support for the campaign you could make some posters to put up in your windows. You will see our posters go up shortly!
5. Please sign our petition - The community council is supporting an online petition to Monmouthshire County Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph through the villages of Shirenewton and Mynyddbach. We will let you have more information once the petition has been set up. This will be an online petition due to COVID making door to door petitions impossible for now.