

## Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

**Summary** – This report asks Members to consider whether any recommendations should be made to CATG based on the results of metro count surveys carried out in Orchard Road and Cherry Orchard and one Highways Improvement Request about Oxford Street

### 1. Traffic Survey Request

At the Planning meeting of 18 November, a request was made by a member of the public for a metro count to collect data for roads at Orchard Road/Cherry Orchard where speeding is thought to be an issue. This area is close to schools with heavy pedestrian use. This situation is at its worse at either end of the school day (8.15am – 8.45am and 3pm – 3.30pm). An extract from the meeting minutes is as follows:

#### **Min 341/19 Orchard Road/Cherry Orchard**

A request from a member of the public for a metro count in an area close to a school where speeding is an issue for pedestrians. Suggested solutions included a 20-mph limit or speed bumps.

**RESOLVED:** (i) to request metro counts for Orchard Road/Cherry Orchard

The results of the metro counts have now been received and are at **Appendix 1**. The recommendation from WC is that no further action is taken.

### 2. Highways Improvement Request

Members are asked to consider a request that due to Oxford Street being used as a 'rat run,' children and occupants are at risk. The member of the public requesting this has suggested making it a one-way system (town – A346) or close one end of it or, alternatively, enforce the current 30mph speed limit. There has not been a request to consider it for a 20mph limit. The request form is at **Appendix 2**.

### Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members consider the results of the traffic survey for Orchard Road and Cherry Orchard and also the requests for Highways Improvements at Oxford Street.

Town Clerk

19 February 2020

## Event Parking

**Summary** – The report asks Members to note free event parking allocated to Marlborough by Wiltshire Council together with its associated policy and to consider setting aside free parking for events in 2020

### 1. Background

As Members are aware, under its Event/Skips/Scaffolding Parking Policy, Wiltshire Council allocates a number of free parking spaces for events from 1 January – 31 October each year. Unfortunately, there is no allocation of free parking spaces between 1 November and 31 December. For 2020 the allocation, as in previous years, is 1,192 spaces. WC's policy and FAQs are at **Appendix 1**.

### 2. Allocation in 2019

Allocations were made in 2019 to:

- Marlborough Rising Music Festival
- South West in Bloom Judging Day
- Civil War Re-enactment Day
- Mop Fairs Set up Friday
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- Free Parking Saturday

### 3. Allocation for 2020

The Showmen's Guild has again asked for free parking for the 2 Mop Fair Fridays. It would also be sensible to allocate 2-3 spaces each for the In Bloom and South West in Bloom competitions in the summer. The Dark Skies event (2-4 October) would also benefit from free parking on the Sunday and the same applies to the Puppet Festival at the end of July.

Organisers for other events may come forward too.

### 4. Points to Note

- Event organisers welcome the opportunity to have a small number of dedicated parking spaces reserved for an event, but offering up free spaces across most of the town is not always seen as a good option – the main concern was that there was not enough parking for event goers rather than them having to pay for it
- Another issue is that all day free parking encourages workers, understandably, to take up the spaces which blocks the spaces for visitors/shoppers. (In the last couple of years, we have tried to combat this by starting free parking at 9.30am). Free Parking Saturday was welcomed in 2019

### 5. Financial Implications

Wiltshire Council does not charge the Town Council for these spaces. However, the Town Council is responsible for installing signage around the parking spaces and liaison with event organisers. WC does operate a chargeable service to organisations for reserved spaces too.

**Town Clerk's Recommendation**

The Town Clerk recommends that Members:

- i) Agree free parking for the Mop Fair Fridays, In Bloom/SWiB judges, Dark Skies Festival and the Puppet Festival
- ii) Delegate to the Town Clerk to liaise with event organisers as they come forward
- iii) Agree that any balance remaining should be used for a Free Parking shopping Saturday later in the year

**Town Clerk**

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