

Clerk's Report

10 January 2026

1 Update on road safety initiatives

Community Speedwatch

The group continues to conduct sessions each week, subject to the weather and availability. Since the activity started, the group has recorded 431 motorists who were found to be traveling over the prescribed speed threshold. Details below:

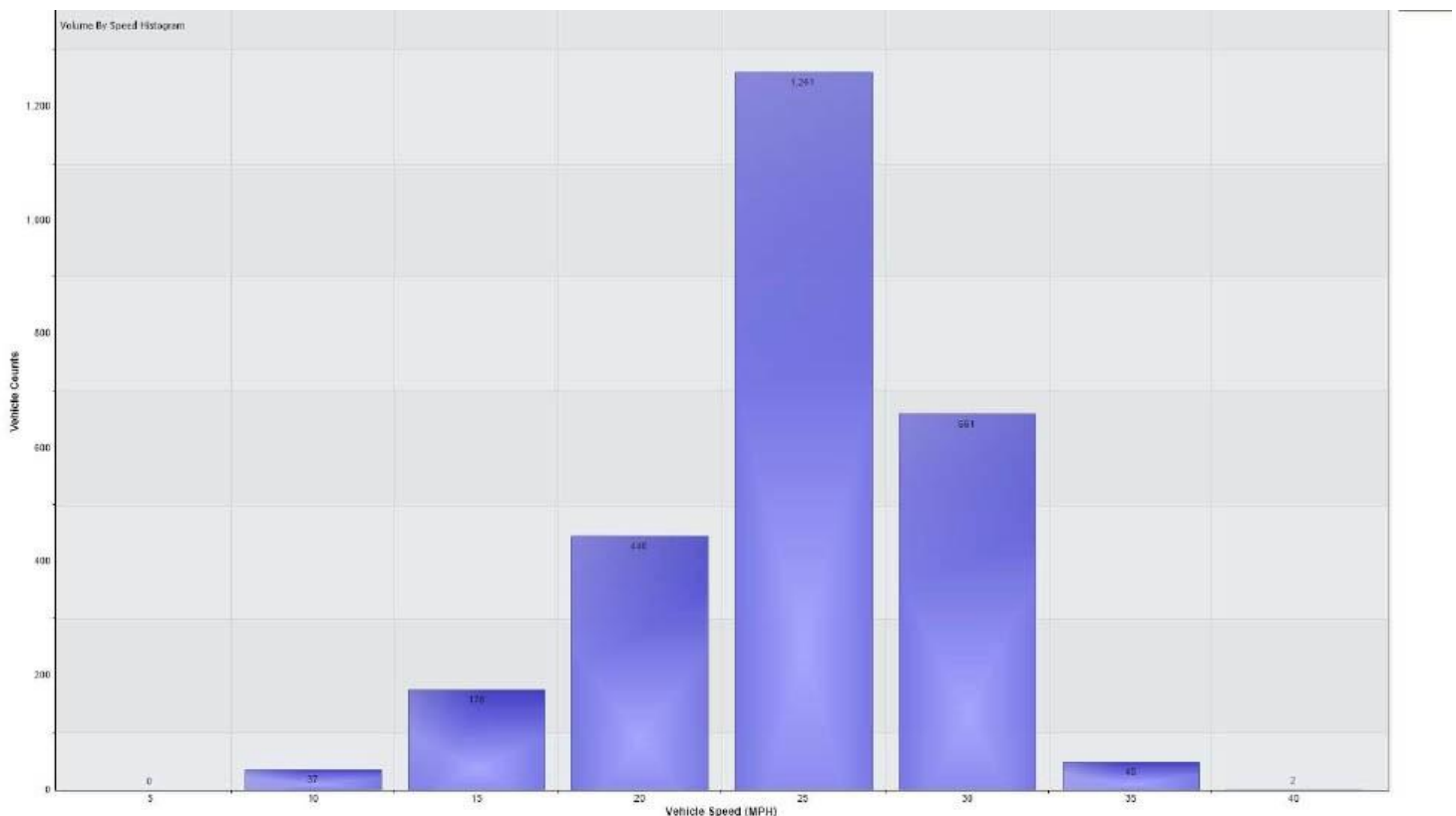
Location	Speeders	Of speeders recorded, the maximum speed on a 30mph road is 56mph with the average speed being 39mph. The maximum speed was recorded on Collinswood Road. The maximum speed on a 40mph road is 52mph with the average speed being 49mph. The maximum speed was recorded on Parish Lane.
Beaconsfield Road	4	
Beeches Road	3	
Collinswood Road	368	
Farnham Lane	22	
One Pin Lane	31	
Parish Lane	1	
Templewood Lane	2	
Total	431	In addition, we have been notified that five of the vehicles reported did not have a MOT, five were not taxed and one had a statutory off road notification (SORN).

In addition, 10 motorists have been reported for offensive behaviour.

Since the last parish council meeting, sessions have been held in Collinswood Road, Farnham Lane and One Pin Lane and because of the efforts of the team and ongoing discussions with the Neighbourhood Policing Team a Police Speed Camera Van was positioned on Collinswood Lane for three hours in December 2025.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

Both signs continue to move around the approved sites within the parish. The old machine is now unable to record data but the newer sign is fully operational again having had its radar unit replaced by Swarco. The latest data download for Parsonage Lane for the period 28 November 2025 to 9 December 2025 is shown below.



2 Update on antisocial behaviour in footpaths FAR/6 and FAR/7

There have been no reports of antisocial behaviour since the kissing gates were installed.

The Thames Valley Police Community Fund agreed that a £500 donation could be made from the grant received to the Chiltern Society in respect of their work installing the gates and this was paid in December 2025. In addition, the Fund requested that the unused balance of the grant (£1,500) was repaid to them. This was also paid in December 2025.

3 St Mary's Churchyard

Tony Birkett and I met the Crematoria & Cemeteries Service Manager from Buckinghamshire Council at the Churchyard on 3 December 2025 to discuss the wall and general maintenance (including topple testing). It was agreed that I would email a summary of the position regarding the wall and actions taken to date to her together with evidence of the existing 65% funding agreement. This was done on 11 December 2025. No response has been received but I have chased.

4. A resident's concerns about Temple Dell, Farnham Common

1. A resident of Farnham Common has written to the Parish Council formally requesting that the Parish Council insists that dog owners keep their dogs on a lead whilst in Temple Dell by erecting signs on the entrances. The resident states that their dog has been physically attacked by another dog on three separate occasions involving three different dogs, all of whom were off the lead.

2. The same resident has also raised that there has been an increase in people using Temple Dell to smoke marijuana, advising that they have witnessed this on an almost daily basis. They state that this activity takes place at the centre of Temple Dell, where the benches are located due to how dark it is there.

5. Update on 2025/26 projects

• CCTV

Following the decisions at the last parish council meeting, I confirmed to Buckinghamshire Council that the Parish Council would like to upgrade the second camera being installed on The Broadway to a multi sensor camera and I have asked for a timeline for the installation of these cameras.

In addition, I confirmed that the Parish Council would like the Hikvision camera situated on the Beaconsfield Road in Farnham Royal to be integrated into Buckinghamshire Council's control room in High Wycombe to enable better access for the Police. I have provided the relevant details and am waiting for the CCTV Service Agreement to be provided.

• Woodland Management Plan Work

On 24 November 2025 I met with two Community Engagement Rangers from Burnham Beeches to seek their help and advice on planning the work needed in Boundary Copse in Farnham Royal. Whilst they are unable to run the project, they are keen to work with the Parish Council and volunteers to create an inviting community space without negatively impacting the natural habitat. They agreed to put some ideas together and get these to me in January 2026.

• Website Improvements

Following the decision at the last parish council meeting, Gurdeep Grewal and I met on 26 November 2025 to discuss a scope that could be sent to potential developers with a request for a proposal and quote. This document will shortly be issued to potential suppliers.

• Farnham Royal Playground Licence Renewal

Following the decision at the last parish council meeting, Katherine Damsell and I have continued to liaise with Buckinghamshire Council regarding the licence renewal for the playground at Farnham Park Playing Fields. Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed that it is acting as Trustee of Farnham Park Sportsfield Charitable Trust and the draft licence is being amended to reflect this and to update the Parish Council's contact details.

I have also received an email from Wycombe Wanderers Football Club advising that they are fully supportive of the new licence and that the leasehold interest to be granted to the Club by Buckinghamshire Council will be subject to and with the benefit of the licence.

For transparency, the Club requested a meeting where they could outline their early plans, answer any questions, and hear the Parish Council's views but in accordance with the Parish Council's policy, I advised that the Parish Council does not attend meetings with developers concerning land in the Green Belt prior to the submission of formal planning applications and that the Parish Council will review any planning application submitted, in the normal way, once notice of it is received from Buckinghamshire Council.

- Dropped Kerb at Spring Lane in Farnham Royal

I have not yet received a quote for the installation of tactile paving and dropped kerbs at this location from the Commissioning Team at Buckinghamshire Highways. I have chased them and will update the Parish Council as soon as possible.

- Protecting Physical Assets

Katherine Damsell and I met with Maria Mowberry a partner in the Property Team at B P Collins LLP to review the options available for protecting the land at Farnham Common Sports Club for community recreational use. There appear to be several options that might be suitable and it was agreed that Katherine Damsell and I would investigate some of these further before a follow up meeting with the solicitor. In the meantime, the solicitor has agreed to review the title documents on a time spent basis to ensure the ownership is correctly understood and registered.

- Traffic Calming in Farnham Common and Farnham Royal

You will recall that the Parish Council was considering installing three traffic calming measures in the parish.

1. Gateways and Dragons Teeth markings, '30' carriageway roundel on red coloured surfacing; and mounting the speed limit signs on yellow backing boards (to increase their conspicuity) on Collinswood Road, Farnham Common near the village name plates, if not a little further north.
2. A nearside gate, Dragons Teeth markings, '30' carriageway roundel on red coloured surfacing; and mounting the speed limit signs on yellow backing boards (to increase their conspicuity) on Park Road, Farnham Royal to slow traffic heading into Farnham Royal from Stoke Poges.
3. A nearside gate, Dragons Teeth markings, '30' carriageway roundel on red coloured surfacing; and mounting the speed limit signs on yellow backing boards (to increase their conspicuity) on Farnham Lane, Farnham Royal near the junction with Crown Lane where the speed limit changes to slow the traffic heading into Farnham Royal from Burnham.

Following the decision to allocate CIL receipts to fund the measures at the last parish council meeting, Buckinghamshire Highways have now provided their estimate for the proposed works. A copy of the estimate has been circulated to parish councillors separately. If confirmed, the measures would be installed during the 2026/27 financial year.

In addition, Buckinghamshire Highways have advised that establishing a new MVAS site (instead of installing a fixed VAS) on Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Common northbound carriageway just south of Kennedy Close is a possibility at a low cost (Estimate: £0 to £5,000). They have requested that, in the first instance, I liaise with our Local Area Technician for an assessment to be carried out to determine the suitability of the requested location. I have contacted the Local Area Technician regarding this.

Finally, Buckinghamshire Highways have provided further information regarding a suitable measure to address inappropriate speeding on Beeches Road. They have advised that based on Department for Transport guidelines, they would expect that five pairs of speed cushions would be required to effectively reduce and maintain vehicle speeds along the length of Beeches Road. The typical cost for speed cushion installation is approximately £5,000 per pair. In addition, an anticipated cost of £10,000 will be required to cover design fees and enable a full consultation (required by the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations) to be undertaken. Therefore, a typical cost for a scheme consisting of five pairs of speed cushions is likely to be in the region of £35,000. If there is a requirement to upgrade or relocate street lighting columns and / or include improved drainage infrastructure – which is not anticipated in Beeches Road - this could significantly increase costs. As with the measures outlined above, Buckinghamshire Highways would require the full project cost to be met by the Parish Council.

6. Design a Bauble Competition 2025

This year's competition saw a record breaking 270 entries with residents of all ages picking up their pens, pencils, paints, stamps, stickers and glitter to create some truly amazing designs. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

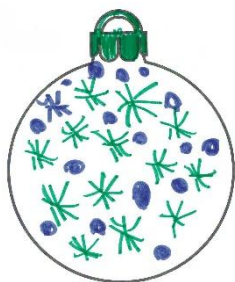
The competition closed on 15 December 2025 and entries were divided into five age categories: under 4 years, 4 to 7 years, 8 to 11 years, 12 to 17 years and adults.

Tony Birkett and Paul Rowley thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the entries and after some tough deliberation the winners were chosen. The winner of each group received a £50 gift voucher with a £25 gift voucher awarded for second place. An additional Special Award of a £50 gift voucher and 13 Chairman's Choice Awards of £10 gift vouchers were given out. All prizes were distributed before the Christmas break. In addition, I am investigating ways of turning the designs

into baubles for the living Christmas tree in Temple Dell for Christmas 2026.

Thank you to Farnham Common Infant School, Farnham Common Junior School, Farnham Common Library and St Mary's Farnham Royal CofE Primary School for getting involved.

The winning designs are below:





7. Mukund Sondagar's Christmas Celebration

On Saturday 13 December 2025 Mukund Sondagar organised a celebration of Christmas music and delicious treats outside the Post Office on The Broadway in Farnham Common to raise money for Age UK. He was joined by singers Michelle Bewley and James. The event was enjoyed by residents, visitors and passing cars!

8. The Big Christmas Singalong!

On Sunday 14 December 2025, I was joined by approximately 100 residents of all ages for the Parish Council's 'The Big Christmas Singalong!'. This was a free event that included adult and children's arts & crafts, word puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, Mrs Christmas' Crochet Challenge, the Candy Cane Café serving hot drinks (including mulled wine), cold drinks and sweet treats and a big festive singalong supported by a karaoke DJ.

A big thank you to Victoria Veninga and all the volunteers who gave up their time to help make this an enjoyable afternoon.

9. Flagpole Services

The flagpole services have now been completed. This included checking the foundations and cleaning both poles. It was reported that the halyard was worn on both poles and these were replaced together with the weight on the pole in Farnham Common. The report also notes that the flag in Farnham Common is stuck in the tree and they were unable to release it.

10. Gpeto AI Platform

Following the decision at the last parish council meeting, most of the parish councillors attended a virtual demonstration of the Platform on 16 December 2025. After the demonstration, those attending proposed that the Parish Council enter into a three month trial on 1 February 2026 at a cost of £25 per month. If after the trial it was decided that the use of the Platform should continue, it was acknowledged that the cost would increase to £50 or £75 per month depending on the Platform's charging policy at the time.

I contacted both Amersham Town Council and Weston Turville Parish Council, who both use the Platform and they were positive about its benefits. They both rate the map feature which shows conservation areas, listed buildings, green belts, flood risk zones, TPOs, and more and believe the AI assessment is very helpful in highlighting potential grounds for objections and ensuring that applications adhere to local and national planning policies without having to review all the documents manually.

11. Feedback from Tony Birkett and David Moore's meeting with Thames Water

Tony Birkett and David Moore met with Thames Water's Local Engagement Manager on 16 December 2025 to carry out a site visit and discuss the disruption and damage caused during the recent closure of the A355 to facilitate emergency repairs.

Having now seen the area, the Local Engagement Manager agreed that closing the A355 and diverting traffic via residential roads is not appropriate given the volume and nature of the vehicles using the A355 and the presence of two schools, a nursery and two care homes in the immediate area. He confirmed that he would update the relevant team at Thames Water to avoid such a diversion being put in place again. It was agreed that keeping the A355 open with two way traffic signals would be a priority during any future works.

12. Meet Your Local Councillor Session on 10 January 2026

This session was held in Costa (as the library is closing for refurbishment that day). Tony Birkett represented the Parish Council and Cllr. Dev Dhillon represented Buckinghamshire Council. PCSO Angela O'Connell and one of her colleagues also joined them. No residents came along.

13. Farnham Common Sports Club – Padel Courts

You may recall that I have previously reported that the Chair of Farnham Common Tennis Club has advised that they

are investigating the possibility of adding two padel courts at Farnham Common Sports Club. I have now received more information and have circulated this to parish councillors separately. I understand that the Chair of Farnham Common Tennis Club will be attending the public forum at Monday's parish council meeting to provide further information.

14. Survey of Street Signs

Following a discussion with Tony Birkett, Clive Robinson agreed to conduct a survey of parish sign infrastructure and report back to the Parish Council. A copy of his report has been circulated to parish councillors separately.

As suggested, I will raise the signs identified as requiring work at our next meeting with Buckinghamshire Highways on 10 February 2026.

15. Green Belt Strategy

Following a decision at the last parish council meeting, Clive Robinson is continuing to liaise with Burnham Parish Council, Fulmer Parish Council, Stoke Poges Parish Council and Wexham Parish Council to reach an agreement which would see the parish councils jointly instruct O'Neill Homer to advise on developing a strategy for how best to protect the Green Belt in the respective parishes. It is believed that by working together the parishes will have a clearer more effective strategy which presents a united front and that there will be a significant saving in professional costs.

16. Farnham Royal Strategic Plan 2026 – 2031

Following a decision at the last parish council meeting, Katherine Damsell and Clive Robinson have both expressed an interest in working to develop the plan with me. This work will get underway in the next few weeks and an update will be provided at the next parish council meeting.

17. Community Outreach Suggestions

Gurdeep Grewal has previously circulated a note to all parish councillors with suggested ways in which the Parish Council could improve its engagement with the community.

18. The Broadway Car Park

As previously discussed, the 30 minutes free parking initiative in The Broadway car park has proved popular with a significant increase in usage. As a result, the actual cost is significantly higher than the anticipated cost. Tony Birkett and Paul Rowley have discussed whether it would be possible to obtain a contribution from some of the retailers on The Broadway and Paul Rowley is following up on this.

Whilst writing about the car park, it has been noted that enforcement action appears to be increasing in the car park with parking tickets visible on three cars on 6 January 2026. Something that has also been advised by Cllr. Dev Dhillon.