

## **SPEEDING IN PRUDHOE**

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From: Ann Dodd [mailto:anndodd03@aol.com]

Sent: 22 June 2016 21:24

To: Richard Whinney

Subject: Re: Traffic problems in Prudhoe

Hi,

Thank you for replying to my email so promptly. I must point out that it is not only to Prudhoe Council that I have raised these concerns. I have in the past contacted NCC and Northumbria Police, all to no avail. My Mother has also recently spoken to Guy Opperman who then contacted Prudhoe Police but to be quite frank, I was not present when they visited her, but it did sound to me that they were rather patronising and no action has been taken.

There are many areas in Prudhoe where motorists drive fast but the area that concerns me most is on the A695 as you pass the Dr Syntax pub heading west. I regularly pull out onto this road from the private road at the side of the Conservative club. I do this very slowly but I have lost count of the amount of times that I have nearly been hit by speeding motorists. My Mother lives on West Road, she is 85 years old, she has problems crossing this road as she is obviously not as quick on her feet as she was. It is easier for her, when she is on a bus journey to get off at the stop next to the school. Unfortunately the path leading back to the school is so narrow and cars driving fast that she has to cross the road and then cross back again opposite the school. The added problem here also is people parking to pick up children from school. Double yellow lines are in place for a reason but this seems to be ignored here. Maybe the police should enforce this!

When you drive through Mickley, West Mickley, Stocksfield, Riding Mill Ovingham, Wylam, Hexham and many other towns/villages in Tynedale you are warned of your speed and most motorists respect that. When you drive through Prudhoe there is nothing and that is what I find so surprising. I just hope that something can be done before someone is seriously injured. Unfortunately a child was killed in Low Prudhoe before a speed camera was installed there.

I shall try to attend the council meeting if work commitments allow. Thank you again for taking the time to listen to me.

Regards  
Ann Dodd

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Subject: Traffic problems in Prudhoe

From: anndodd03@aol.com

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2016 20:32:26 +0100

To: prudhoetc@hotmail.com Prudhoe Councillors

On the 5th February 2015 I wrote to this council regarding my concerns with speeding in Prudhoe. My letter was apparently passed on to the Chairman/woman and I was informed that she would respond to it. As over one year has passed and I believe she is no longer in office, I doubt this is going to happen. Obviously the safety of pedestrians in Prudhoe was not on her list of priorities! I wonder if someone could explain to me why, in Prudhoe, there no speed cameras, speed monitors or anything relating to speed in place. Recently many of the yellow lines were re-painted. Why? This was a complete waste of time and taxpayers money as drivers in Prudhoe take absolutely no notice of them. Come on councillors, does someone have to be seriously injured or killed before you do anything about it. Just drive from Prudhoe to Hexham and see how the villages along the 695 have installed speed monitors, crossings and

other speed awareness systems. May be it has something to do with the fact that they have an excellent councillor in Anne Dale representing them! Instead of spending so much money on parks, flowers, community support?, environment?, employment costs?, why not look at the traffic problems in Prudhoe, which are only going to get worse with the proposal of even MORE houses being built. I look forward to your reply (hopefully I get one this time)!

Regards  
Ann Dodd

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From: Ann Dodd [mailto:anndodd03@aol.com]

Sent: 05 February 2015 22:08

To: prudhoetc@hotmail.com

Subject: Spending review

To whom it may concern.

I read with interest Prudhoe Town Council spending for 2015-16. How can you justify spending £78,000 - £80,000 on play equipment for for a park, which whenever I pass always seems empty and money to a canoe club. What Prudhoe really needs is some form of speed awareness. It is the only town/village in this area that has no speed camera or speed awareness monitors. The stretch of road on the A 695 from the road ends to Eltringham is like a race track at times and there is a school on this road. We have had a speed awareness monitor there before but it was only switched on occasionally. We also now seem to have people who completely ignore yellow lines. Obviously the police cannot be bothered to monitor this.

I suggest maybe you would like to consider spending taxpayers money on something that would be beneficial to everyone, not a small minority and before there is a serious accident.

Ann Dodd

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