

Cross to Axbridge safe path scheme

Final scheme for approval.

For many years Compton Bishop Parish Council have been trying to have a safe off the road route for pedestrians and cyclists between Cross and Axbridge.

Over the years this has become more urgent with increased traffic both on the A38 and Cross Lane. The dangers of the A38/Cross Lane junction causing frequent accidents and the hazards facing pedestrians and cyclists crossing the A38 and then walking up Cross Lane were of general concern to local residents.

In 2013 Coffin Lane Campaign was set up under the Parish Council to work with local residents with the aim of achieving the safe route badly needed for those wishing to access Axbridge shops and services.

An application under the Small Improvement Scheme was approved, in outline in 2017, to provide for a the pedestrian refuge north of the junction, associated road markings, and the surfaced footpath along the verge of Cross Lane up to the stile into the field where the existing right of way continues across the fields up to Axbridge.

A safety audit carried out by Somerset County Council resulted in a requirement that there should be roadside lights at the pedestrian refuge, the junction and along the surfaced footpath as illustrated on the attached plan.

Work on the scheme is planned to start soon and to be completed by the end of this financial year, March 2019.

There is a meeting at Cross Memorial Hall of the Parish Council on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30 when Parish Councillors will decide whether to approve the Scheme. The meeting is open to the public.

Any questions or comments may be sent to
the Clerk to the Parish Council comptonbishoppcc@hotmail.com