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HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	Please list below the funding Opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures	
1	Cllr Christine Churchill	11.01.22	12.03.2021 25.06.2021 24.07.2021	County Member, Parish Precept Donation	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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- Please note the Priority column MUST be those issues which are regarded as the most important (No 1 being your highest priority, then filtering down)
KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but Project Managers can investigate your top 1 or 2 priorities per year.

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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	Windmill Hill/Crook Road/Pixot Hill/Blind Lane, Brenchley.	<p>Problem: Dangerous Junction (& accident blackspot) Speed of traffic at this junction, and disregard of “give way” and existing advance warning signs. Recent ATC speed surveys confirm speeding in the vicinity.</p>	<p>Proposal: Reduce speed limit on approaching roads (Blind Lane and Crook Road at this point, should be 30mph not 40mph). Improve road markings and speed signage. Consider rumble strips to warn approaching traffic of the junction, also road markings warning of dangerous crossing. Risk: Delay in seeing implementation of changes. Improved safety signage and road markings at this junction. KCC report number 609795 1.12.21</p>	
2.	Maidstone Road, Matfield – between Kippings Cross and the village and again from the village down Gedges Hill to Paddock Wood.	<p>Problem: Speeding & pedestrian safety Frequent speeding by the majority of vehicles using this road and damage to roadside kerbs and verges by large vehicles. Lack of pavements. With 4,000 new homes proposed for Paddock Wood under the latest draft TWBC Local</p>	<p>Proposal: Seek 40mph speed limit on the B2160 Maidstone Road outside of Matfield village boundaries, that is between Kippings Cross roundabout and Matfield’s 30 mph limit and again from the 30 mph limit on the north side of the village down Gedges Hill to the 30 mph limit by Mascalls Academy at Paddock Wood. Also seek repairs to existing roadside pavements and extend the provision of pavements.</p>	

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		Plan, traffic along this route will increase considerably	Risk: None identified	
3.	Speeding through Matfield village – from west of Oakfield Road to Webb's Orchard both ways	Problem: Speeding & pedestrian safety Vehicles, both cars and lorries, frequently drive through the village at speeds considerably in excess of the 30mph limit.	Proposal: To raise awareness for drivers entering the restricted speedzone, affix granite rumble strips, or similar, at village boundaries. Seek replacement of the previous speed warning sign near Matfield Village Hall – use SID devices. Risk: Rumble strips will by their nature create noise when vehicles pass over, this may be unacceptable to immediately neighbouring residents.	
4.	Speeding through Brenchley from Standings Cross through to the War Memorial both ways	Problem: Speeding & pedestrian safety Vehicles, both cars and lorries, frequently drive through the village at speeds considerably in excess of the 30mph limit.	Proposal: To raise awareness for drivers entering the restricted speedzone, affix granite rumble strips, or similar, at village boundaries. Seek replacement of the previous speed warning sign near Matfield Village Hall – use SID devices. Risk: Rumble strips will by their nature create noise when vehicles pass over, this may be unacceptable to immediately neighbouring residents.	
5.	Kippings Cross roundabout at the	Problems: Traffic Congestion & Accident Blackspot	Get in lane signs after Pembury and before Kippings Cross roundabout southbound so all left turning traffic wanting the	

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	<p>junction of Maidstone Road with the A21</p>	<p>Congestion on the roundabout preventing vehicles exiting Maidstone Road from joining roundabout to turn right onto the A21 & traffic going southbound blocking the left turn to Matfield causing unnecessary congestion. Highways England installed “Keep Clear” road markings, which have helped, but further improvements required, especially to cope with the growing traffic from additional housing at Paddock Wood</p>	<p>Maidstone Road is in the left hand lane and southbound traffic going straight on or right is in the right hand lane before the roundabout. Risk: Increased amount of traffic taking left turn off the A21 through Matfield village Areas of concern: Kings Toll Road, Foxhole Lane, Romford Road and Bramble Reed?</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Petteridge</p>	<p>Problem: Vehicles speeding through the village Despite having the required number of houses to justify a 30 mph speed limit, Petteridge, has no 30 mph signs from any direction. Under the Transport Act 2000 KCC has the ability to</p>	<p>Proposal: Introduce a 30 mph speed limit with clearly visible signage from all directions of approach ATC completed Spring 2021 – result determined speeding identified as a problem, KCC unwilling to fund suitable signage.</p>	

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		designate this village a “quiet lane or home zone” to justify introduction of a 30mph speed limit		
7.	Cryals Road	<p>Problems: National Speed Limit too high for local lane conditions (narrow, blind bends, overhanging trees, no verges, roadside ditches) Speeding vehicles intimidating vulnerable road users including 40+ horses who are stabled near to this road and use it regularly</p>	<p>Proposal: 40 mph speed limit for whole length of Cryals Road, with the exception of residential area of Keys Green (nr Beech Lane) which should be 30mph, as a “home zone” area. Additional signage & warning of horses when entering from A21, or when joining from Petteridge or Fairmans Lane or Tibbs Court Lane. National Speed Limit too high for local lane conditions (narrow, blind bends, overhanging trees, no verges, roadside ditches). Two thirds of all road deaths occur on rural roads! Speeding vehicles intimidating vulnerable road users</p> <p>Risk: None identified</p>	
8.	Mile Oak	<p>Problem: Excessive speeds of traffic coming down Pixot Hill through a blind corner on a stretch of road where a busy bridle path crosses Mile Oak Road and</p>	<p>Proposal: Change from the national speed limit to extend a 40 mph zone down Pixot Hill to beyond the Mile Oak junction with Knowle Lane plus Signage to alert drivers to horses and pedestrians crossing</p>	

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		rejoins further along Knowle Lane , Horses , Pedestrians and cars from 5 households emerging from this bridle path are at risk. The designation of a “home zone” under the Transport Act 2000 in this area could assist.	<p>National Speed Limit too high for local lane conditions (narrow, blind bends, overhanging trees, no verges, roadside ditches). Two thirds of all road deaths occur on rural roads!</p> <p>Speeding vehicles intimidating vulnerable road users</p> <p><i>Signage?</i></p>	
9.	Furnace Lane, Brenchley	<p>Problem: Speeding and difficult to pass</p> <p>Increasing use of this road a “rat-run” to avoid other traffic congestion. With the recent planning consent for 49 new homes at the Horsmonden end of Furnace Lane, this will only increase traffic volumes on this lane. B&M PC to seek Horsmonden PC support.</p>	<p>Proposals:</p> <p>30 mph speed limit for whole length of this road from Horsmonden to Crook Road junction. Formalising by KCC of 4 evolved passing places (created by persistent vehicles erosion of the verges when having to pass) into official passing places, with complementary signage.</p> <p>Cutting back of dangerous overhanging vegetation all along the road, to be coordinated by KCC. (Landowners details already known).</p> <p>National Speed Limit too high for local lane conditions (narrow, blind bends, overhanging trees, no verges, roadside ditches). Two thirds of all road deaths occur on rural roads!</p> <p>Speeding vehicles intimidating vulnerable road users</p>	

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			Risk: Delay implementing passing places due to land ownership issues	
10.	Burrs Hill, Horsmonden Road, Brenchley	Problem: National speed limit too high for rural road through residential hamlet with no pavements	Proposal: Introduce 40mph speed limit with associated 'Gateway' features.	
11.	Tibbs Court Lane/Fairmans Lane	Problem: Traffic cutting across this triangular 45 degree junction near Brattles Grange, at speed.	Proposal: Highways engineering solution to slow vehicles down, so the junction has to be negotiated more safely.	

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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
1	Standings Cross crossroads, Matfield	<p>Problem: Dangerous Junction & Accident Blackspot</p> <p>Standings Cross junction is an accident blackspot, made worse by vehicles parking very close to the junction and blocking sight lines. Vehicles cannot safely exit Chestnut Lane onto Maidstone Road.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Proposal:</p> <p>Introduce double yellow lines on all roads at this junction, to prevent dangerous parking close to the junction from any direction. These should extend 10 metres in line with Highway Code provisions.</p> <p>Risk:</p> <p>Could lead to greater number of cars parking further along Chestnut Lane & Maidstone Rd</p> <p>IN PROGRESS DEC 2021</p>	
2	Pixot Hill/Blind Lane, Brenchley	<p>Problem: HGVs using inappropriate routes</p> <p>Pixot Hill Junction unsuitable for container lorries.</p> <p>Blind Lane unsuitable for container lorries.</p>	<p>Proposal:</p> <p>Restriction on container lorries /lorries over a certain weight from using these roads. In meantime, dialogue with Transport bodies to dissuade HGVs using roads not suited to HGV traffic. Pressure all Sat Nav operators Garmin/TomTom and Google to prioritise and optimise this route.</p> <p>Risk:</p>	Paul Leary of KCC has confirmed in an email of 16 th Feb, that KCC have agreed to install “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs on both Blind Lane and Windmill Hill.

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			Place more pressure on other unsuitable roads in the locality	
			COMPLETED 20 SEPT 2021	
3.	Speeding through Matfield village		SIDS?	
4.	Kippings Cross roundabout at the junction of Maidstone Road with the A21	<p>Problems: Traffic Congestion & Accident Blackspot</p> <p>Congestion on the roundabout preventing vehicles exiting Maidstone Road from joining roundabout to turn right onto the A21 & traffic going southbound blocking the left turn to Matfield causing unnecessary congestion.</p> <p>Highways England installed “Keep Clear” road markings, which have helped, but further improvements required, especially to cope with the growing traffic from additional housing at Paddock Wood</p>	<p>Spring 2021 – hashes installed.</p> <p>Highways England meetings held – aware of traffic congestions and accident hotspot.</p> <p>Aware of cutting through to Pembury via Romford Road.</p>	

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5.	Kings Toll Road	Problem: Very narrow winding lane, unsuitable for large vehicles. It already has, following Pembury PC intervention, a sign at the Western end advising “single track road, no passing places”.	Proposal: Arrange for a similar sign to be affixed at the Eastern end of the road, where is joins Maidstone Road.	
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