

## **Gerrards Cross Parish Council**

### **Highway's Report 2008 – 2009**

Over the last 2 years, the Highways Committee has focussed on making it safer to walk in and out of town, as well as to schools and the station. We have worked to keep footpaths clear and are grateful to residents for cutting back overhanging hedges. We have also installed new street lights to ensure footpaths are lit at night.

A new footpath paid for by a grant from BCC has been installed in Lower Road between South Park and Parkside.

We are currently investigating ways to safely cross the Packhorse Road safely near the junction with Orchehill Avenue by St Mary's School. We are also looking into the possibility of extending the footpath in Mill Lane for access to the Church of England Primary School.

In the town centre, we have cleaned up the area around the notice boards adjacent to the railway bridge, with new paving and the removal of the wall behind the seat. We have also installed a new rubbish bin by the bus stop beside M&S.

We arranged for our BCC Highways Gang has cut back the overhanging vegetation that was restricting visibility and causing accidents at the junction of Bull Lane and Layters Way.

The deteriorating state of the roads has been addressed by BCC, with a program of filling in potholes. We have been reporting these to BCC on a regular basis and have been pleased to see these filled in quickly.

We ask our residents to help to report potholes, blocked drains and street lights not working to Highways on Call on 0845-230-2882 or email [www.bucksc.gov.uk/hoc](http://www.bucksc.gov.uk/hoc). Please copy the Parish office on your emails to enable us to follow up on these.

In response to the many complaints about speeding on the Packhorse Road our Vehicle Activated Sign that indicates vehicles exceeding

the speed limit has been erected on the Packhorse Road by St Mary's School. We also plan to install two Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (TSIDs) in Fulmer Road in early May. If these are successful, we plan to use these on other roads where there are similar issues.

We have strongly objected to the switch-off of street lights on the Oxford Road. The original undertaking by BCC to improve road markings has not been done or maintained and we are pressing hard for this to be done.

The speed limit reductions that we have requested on Lower Road, West Common and the Oxford Road are currently being reviewed and we hope for these to be implemented soon.

The Parish Council has registered for Bike Week, which is from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of June this year. We will be leading a Family Bike Ride to Black Park on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 10am from the Memorial Centre Car Park. We hope many cyclists will join in as it brings attention to the importance of cycling in our area.