



Elmbridge Committee Meeting Update

This year has seen an increase in the profile of Road Safety as a public concern. The launch of the Drive SMART Campaign in September has focused resources into the problems that the community have with the hazards created by road users.

SUMMARY

Anti social driving includes speeding, bad parking, use of mobile phones, not wearing the appropriate seat belt and other road traffic offences. As well as other issues such as the state of the roads and road signs and the need for police activity or engineering remedies to reduce the fears and concerns of the general public and increase the safety for all road users.

1. Roads Police Units in Elmbridge

This year Elmbridge Teams have had the added support of two new Roads Police Community Support Officers (RPCSOs) working with us on directed road traffic issues. They are trained to carry out speed checks and can issue certain fixed penalty tickets regarding obstruction offences.

The Roads Police Units (traffic officers) are also aligned closer to the areas and throughout the year a number of joint road checks have been conducted targeting anti social driving.

2. Roadside Education and Enforcement Days

Two Roadside Education and Enforcement Days have been held in Elmbridge since the launch of Drive SMART.

8 October 2009 Elmbridge held its first REED at a number of sites across the borough. Local police teamed up with colleagues from the Roads Policing Unit and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) team as well as a number of partner agencies including Surrey County Council Safer Travel Team, DVLA and Elmbridge Council to tackle concerns regarding anti social driving.

- 24 Tickets issued for various offences
- 3 Summons Files Completed
- 45 warnings for a number of offences
- 19 DVLA untaxed vehicles
- 6 Vehicle examinations
- 33 Education interventions
- 19 negative breath tests
- Total of 90 vehicles stopped throughout the day

16 March 2010 Elmbridge held its second REED in Portsmouth Road, Cobham

- 60 Education interventions – various offences

- 3 Tickets issued
- 2 Vehicle defect offences
- Total vehicles stopped 64

Drive SMART Days

Excluding the REEDs, there has been 5 other multi agency Drive SMART days in Elmbridge during which 389 vehicles were stopped with the following results:

- 4 arrests various offences including theft of motor vehicle, driving whilst disqualified.
- 5 Vehicle seizures for no insurance
- 8 Vehicle Prohibitions
- 109 Tickets and summons files
- Number of education interventions
- Number of DVLA Interventions

Other enforcement activity across the borough since **Feb 2010**

ACTIVITY	HOURS	INTERVENTIONS	Comments
Problem Profile-Speeding	130	395	RPU/CRO/SNT enforcement
Problem Profile –Anti social Driving	40	49	Panel Prioities
Problem Profile-Parking	3	6	Panel Priorities
School Speedwatch	4	24	St Marys, Long Ditton
Dealing with ICAD's (recorded incidents from the public)	11	14	Re Anti Social Driving/Parking
Community Speed Watch	15	209 Yellow Warning letters	
Standard Patrol Operation	36	49	Mainly RPU and RPCSOs

We aim to hold four multi agency Enforcement and Education days this year and these are currently being planned.

3. Two main Casualty Reduction Routes for Elmbridge

This is a list of routes compiled by the Roads Policing Unit with agreement of the Casualty Reduction Officers for each area.

The two sites agreed for Elmbridge for 2009 to 2010 were;

- The B374 Brooklands Road, Weybridge. (Numerous collisions over the previous twelve months.)
- The A3050 Terrace Road , Walton through to Hurst Road, East Molesey. (This road has suffered a number of injury collisions during the period 2008 to 2009.)

CRO (Casualty Reduction Officer), RPU and RPCSOs have carried out monitoring of speeds and patrols along these roads throughout the year. A number of enforcement days for mobile phone and seat belt offences have been carried out in both locations by the CRO, with assistance from CROs at Woking, Spelthorne, Runnymede and Surrey Heath, and local NSOs (Neighbourhood Specialist Officers) and PCSOs,

resulting in many motorists being dealt with by way of warning or prosecution, and a heightened awareness of these offences by the road users in the area.

These routes have now been re assessed, resulting in the following:

- During 2009 the number of injury collisions in Brooklands Road reduced considerably. It has therefore been removed from the list and replaced by A317 Queens Road, Weybridge between Hanger Hill and Seven Hills Road. This showed a slight increase in the number of injury road traffic collisions over the past year.
- The A3050 Hurst Road, Molesey from Weston Avenue to Hampton Court Way showed a slight increase in injury collisions over the past year and so this section of road will be targeted over the coming year.

4. NEW Equipment

- Three more vehicle activated signs were purchased for Elmbridge bringing the total to 5. These were purchased through SCC and Drive SMART funding. These signs are very effective over the short term when looking at complaints of speed.
- One additional Laser Speed Device has been purchased for Elmbridge for use by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. All 10 Neighbourhood Teams across the borough have now been trained on the Laser Speed Device to enable them to tackle some of the speed issues in their neighbourhoods.
- Two additional Community Speedwatch sets have been purchased for Elmbridge including a sign which displays a vehicles speed when it is being checked. This has been purchased for use by Community and School Speedwatch.

5. Community Speed Watch – Elmbridge

A number of volunteer residents from Elmbridge currently work together with Surrey Police running Community Speed Watch Schemes. The sites they cover are:

1. Portsmouth Road, Cobham
2. Freelands Road, Cobham
3. Stoke Road, Cobham
4. Blundel Lane, Oxshott
5. Steels Lane, Oxshott
6. Goldrings Road, Oxshott
7. Queens Road, Weybridge
8. Pine Grove, Weybridge
9. Heath Road, Weybridge
10. Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge

New Community Speedwatch Schemes 2010 – A new scheme started in Weybridge at the beginning of 2010. They currently have 9 trained members but are keen to recruit more.

School Speedwatch – As part of Drive SMART, we are assessing all the school sites in the Elmbridge for suitability to run School Speedwatch Schemes.

Elmbridge ran its first school speed watch in May with children from St Mary's School, Long Ditton. During the session 24 vehicles were stopped. The drivers were asked a series of pre planned questions by the children about speeding and the Highway Code. The CRO is working with the Safer Travel advisor to establish more of these schemes in the borough.

Junior Citizen- Elmbridge is holding its annual Junior Citizen event at Walton Fire Station from 7 to 23 June 2010. The aim of the event is to teach children about staying safe. The children will receive an input on a number of safety issues including road safety. We anticipate that some 1100 children will attend the event.

6 CONSULTATION

A list of Problem Profile Roads has been drawn up after consultation with SCC Local Transportation Office. These will be reviewed at Casualty Reduction Working Group meetings held six monthly at AO2, Leatherhead to identify further sites and agree action plans between concerned parties (Surrey Police, Local Transportation Dept, Surrey Safer Travel, SF&R etc) All new roads that come to our attention as a result of killed or seriously injured accidents or complaints will be included in this list.

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