

Report from The Charltons Parish Council Speed Management Working Group

Meeting: 8th June 2026

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1. Background

The Traffic Management Working Group was set up in January 2026 to consider ways in which speeding and traffic hazards could be resolved in The Charltons. Somerset County Council Highways data had demonstrated that it was appropriate to have a 20mph speed limit on most roads in Charlton Mackrell and Charlton Adam (map attached). The plan was also endorsed by the police.

The Parish Council approved drafting of the TRO in order to quantify costs of such a scheme. This was shown to be between £10-£11,000.

2. Survey

To ensure the 20mph speed limit was appropriate for The Charltons, the working group conducted a traffic management survey. This was launched at the Parish Council's annual meeting on May 8th and concluded on May 31st.

The survey had 82 responses from residents evenly split across the parish. The results showed that 80% rated traffic problems at 7 or above on a scale of 1 to 10, with the most dangerous roads said to be Kingweston Road into Ilchester Road, Broadway and Broadway Road, and Top Road past the Community Centre.

More than 86% supported or strongly supported a 20mph speed limit on the most affected roads with widespread support for additional measures.

The full survey results are attached.

3. Recommendations

- a. Based on the feedback from the village survey and the SCC Highways data, the working group unanimously recommends that The Charltons Parish Council approves the TRO to implement the 20mph speed limit on all roads covered by the Highways data (see map).
- b. The working group will further investigate other options for speed reduction, including Vehicle Activated Signs, pedestrian and horse road signs, and village gateways, including locations and costs for further consideration by the Parish Council.

