



Pulborough Parish Council

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Update on A29 landslip at Church Hill and traffic impacts on village roads

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West Sussex County Council continues to work to improve accessibility and to address the issues to do with the closure of the A29. The reports from the ground engineers are still awaited with recommendations and the County Council is working on the issue. This is a complex challenge with the A29 at its narrowest point. Banks on both sides are steep, high, composed of sedimentary rock and soil and unstable. Both sides of the road may need reinforcement. Works are likely to be significant, will take time and must be sensitive to a heritage area. The works must prevent further occurrence. We will update you as soon as we can on progress.

Our Pulborough Neighbourhood Wardens continue to try to improve traffic flow and safety around school opening and closing times on New Place Road and surrounding roads. Local County, District and Parish councillors are in constant contact with WSCC highways to improve signage etc on all approach routes to and in the village. Your feedback is very helpful in improving things. Measures to improve traffic flows are being examined. Despite the signage to the North and South of the village on the road closure, we are still seeing light vehicles and HGVs entering the village and then having to turn around. Local businesses have been asked to endeavour to get their employees to park away from the area. The school has been contacting parents on transport and other arrangements. For school parents the Lower Street car park remains an option for parking.

There have been incidences of public breaching the Heras fencing /road closure placed across Church Hill, attempting to gain access to the A283. There is no vehicle or pedestrian access to the A283 via Church Hill currently and alternative routes must be taken. No attempt should be made to tamper with or move the safety barriers. The banks to the road are very unstable and more material could fall at any time. Nor should members of the public attempt to walk around the closed road by trespassing across people's gardens and private land. The alternative foot ways in the village north / south are the "cinder path" from the station to Church Place or the path from Lower Street via the East Glebe field to Rectory Lane. We ask that all residents and visitors to Pulborough comply with safety notices and diversions.

As the situation evolves, we will update our website and social media as soon as possible. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and co-operation in this situation.