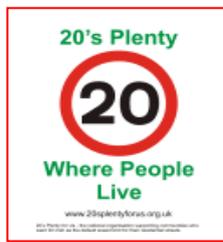


## Traffic Management - Part Twelve



As I write this article, we are three weeks into implementation. The standard of the works completed has been excellent and each site has been left clean and tidy.

The installation of the traffic measures on Station Road were completed ahead of schedule. The new road layout at the Pilgrims Way East and Shoreham Road junction is forcing drivers to slow down as they negotiate the extended curb, and residents are reporting they feel much safer at the new crossing point as they are more visible to drivers who are travelling at lower speeds. The planters opposite

Russell House School are a big improvement on the street scene and will look most attractive once planted. The planters have put a stop to the commuter parking and have narrowed the road and together with the red surfacing will reduce traffic speeds.

You may be wondering how the Shoreham Road plans slipped into the Phase One measures. This was due to a piece of good fortune, and the timing of the road surfacing works, which meant we were able to negotiate having the lining works included. This has helped to balance the books and reduce our funding target making it possible to deliver all the traffic calming measures.

The High Street measures are well underway and are scheduled to be completed on time. If you have had a peak in the enormous whole where the zebra crossing stood, you will have seen the large new drainage pipes for the two new drains that are being installed. The extra drains should reduce the puddling of water on the High Street in heavy rains and prevent passing vehicles soaking pedestrians as they drive by.

The pavement extensions (buildouts) being constructed to form the pinch point at Pickmoss will be finished in the block paving kindly donated by Otford Builders Merchants. As the pavement extensions are going in front of a Grade 1 listed building, we have been given permission to use timber bollards with reflective strips rather than the standard illuminated bollards. The feature when finished with the brick red paving blocks should fit well into its surroundings.

Next week the works move to the pond for the refurbishment of the islands around the pond and the installation of the heritage signs. Feedback on the rest of the scheme will follow next month.

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