

## **Speed Survey results for Framwellgate Moor and Pity Me makes for interesting reading**

### **C100 Front Street, Pity me just south of Bishop's Way**      **30mph**

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Volume (day)</u>	<u>Mean Speed</u>
Average 21/09 – 28/09/07	8,981	31.4
Saturday 22/09/2007	6,387	32.0
Sunday 23/09/2007	4,536	32.5

### **C100 Front Street, Framwellgate Moor, just north of Lund Avenue**      **30mph**

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Volume (day)</u>	<u>Mean Speed</u>
Average 26/09 – 02/08/07	7,612	25.7
Saturday 28/09/2007	5,893	26.2
Sunday 29/07/07	4,859	28.1

Survey results recently carried out in Framwellgate Moor and Pity Me at the requests of residents have thrown up some interesting results. The volume of traffic using the Front Street in Framwellgate Moor on an average weekday is nearly 9,000 vehicles. This is a fairly high volume but reflects the busy nature of the shops and businesses in the area and also the large number of residential properties in the area. Certainly, the extra housing built in the area will have contributed to the extra volume of traffic. **The mean speed of vehicles on Front Street, Framwellgate Moor is 31.4mph.** This is over the speed limit of 30mph for this road and a cause for concern. **It is hoped that the engineering works on the Front Street will have a speed reducing effect and slow down vehicles in the area to make it safer for road users.** Once the engineering works are completed we will carry out another speed survey to see if the mean speeds have been reduced.

The volume of traffic using the Front Street in Pity Me is on average 7600 vehicles per weekday. **Mean vehicle speeds here are 25.7mph. This lower speed is probably due to the close proximity of the mini-roundabout that encourages motorists to slow down.** As can be seen in both sets of figures, mean speeds are higher at weekends. This is due to motorists perceiving it is safer to drive faster when there are fewer pedestrians and other cars on the roads. I am constantly in touch with Durham Constabulary to see if speed enforcement can be carried out in both of these areas. However, the mean speeds are not sufficiently high for them to warrant carrying out enforcement. Nevertheless I will continue to press for action from Durham Constabulary.

### **Unc. 19.12 Abbey Road, Pity Me at exit of public footpath**      **30mph**

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Volume (day)</u>	<u>Mean Speed</u>
Average 26/11 – 03/12/07	7,526	32.2
Saturday 1/12/2007	5,418	34.3
Sunday 2/12/07	3,578	34.9

The above speed and vehicle survey shows that the mean speed is over 32mph on Abbey Road. **This is higher than I would like to see but unfortunately does not meet the police target for carrying out an enforcement campaign in the area.** The high speeds here could be attributable to commuters and shoppers heading to the various business premises in the area and also the Arnison Centre development. The nature of the road, being quite wide open, may confuse motorists into assuming the speed limit is actually 40mph rather than 30mph. I will be discussing this issue with officers of the county council in the near future to see if any improvements can be made to reduce mean speeds.

**Unc. Woodbine Road, Pity Me 30mph**

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Volume (day)</u>	<u>Mean Speed</u>
Average 31/01 – 08/12/08	295	19.0
Saturday 2/02/2008	288	20.0
Sunday 3/02/08	258	20.2

**Hudspeth Crescent, Pity Me 30mph**

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Volume (day)</u>	<u>Mean Speed</u>
Average 31/01 – 08/12/08	484	17.0
Saturday 2/02/2008	541	16.0
Sunday 3/02/08	465	17.7

After looking at the above sets of data it can be seen that there is presently no further action required in these areas to reduce vehicle speeds as they are already at an acceptable level.