

our neighbourhood plan - our future

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Brenchley & Matfield Neighbourhood Plan

Possible policies to improve access and mobility

- Improve environment for non-motorised transport

- Reduce speed and volume of traffic

- Improve parking

- Improve public transport

Possible Mobility and Access policies

OBJECTIVES	POLICY	JUSTIFICATION	POSSIBLE ACTIONS	COST	EVIDENCE
IMPROVE THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT	Measures which improve pedestrian safety, convenience and comfort on public footpaths and pavements will be supported. Support will be given to plans that could link the villages within the parish (Pedestrians and cyclists).	Most footpaths in the parish are not all-weather. Some are uneven and occasionally muddy creating a fall/slip risk. Some roads have narrow or no footpaths making walking dangerous. There is no safe, all-weather link between Matfield and Brenchley suitable for cyclists and pedestrians.	Warning signage where public footpaths meet/cross roads (eg near the Walnut Tree, Petteridge Lane, Grays and Brenchley Manor). New pavements to make footpaths safer - eg near Walnut Tree, Maidstone Road near Invictus. Long term aim: Roadside pavement between the villages	£2,500 per sign (est) Pavements: NA - land issues	Several accidents near intersection of public footpaths and roads.
	Efforts to improve safety at popular crossing points will be encouraged	Popular crossing points in the parish need to be made safer	Additional signage and changed road surface are possible measures. Courtesy Crossings near Hammonds, Brenchley Post Office, Grays/school.	Courtesy crossing: £20k (est)	Accident clusters near school, Grays, Poet, Hammonds.
REDUCE SPEED AND VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGES	Support will be given to extending the 30 mph limit and introducing a 20 mph limit in the village centres	Accident black spots would benefit from lower speeds.	Extend the Brenchley 30 mpg limit beyond Fairmans Lane. Extend Matfield limit beyond Coppers Lane and towards St Lukes. Introduce 30 mph limit in Petteridge and Castle Hill. 20 mph limit in key village areas. More vehicle activated signs.	Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): £6.000	Since 1977, there have been on average 16 accidents a year in the parish, of which four a year were serious or fatal. (Do we have results from speed investigations)
	Support will be given to traffic calming measures that are appropriate to the villages' characters. These could be physical or virtual. The views of parishioners should be sought.	The high level and speed of traffic in the villages is a major concern for residents.	Narrow roads at entrance/exit from villages. Speed tables (or courtesy crossings) near popular crossing points e.g. Hammonds, near bus-stops, Grays, school, Little Bull, Poet, Brenchley post-office. (Speed bumps/tables more effective than road narrowing but more intrusive.)	Speed tables: £20k Road narrowing \$8-16k Courtesy crossing: £20k (est) Speed cushions (4 pairs): £20k	There have been many accidents clusters near Greys, the school, the post office and the Poet crossroad.
	Support will be given to speed monitoring groups			Volunteers: £0	
IMPROVE PARKING	Support will be given to new developments that provide sensitive and appropriate parking.	Will help local businesses and reduce street parking	Consider opening MVH parking during daylight hours when not needed for events?	NA	
IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Support will given for better bus services	Will help reduce traffic levels.		NA	Parish plan showed desire for better local bus service

Traffic calming and safety options



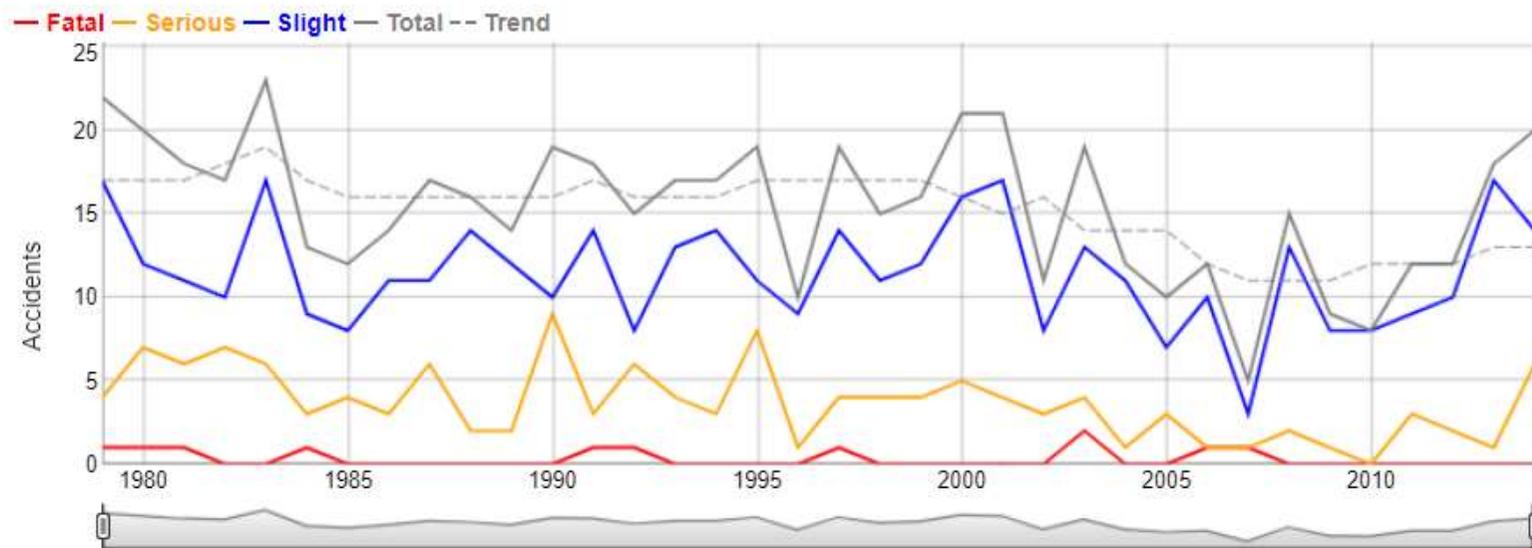


Accidents in Brenchley, Kent

Accidents by Year

Fatal Serious Slight Total Trend

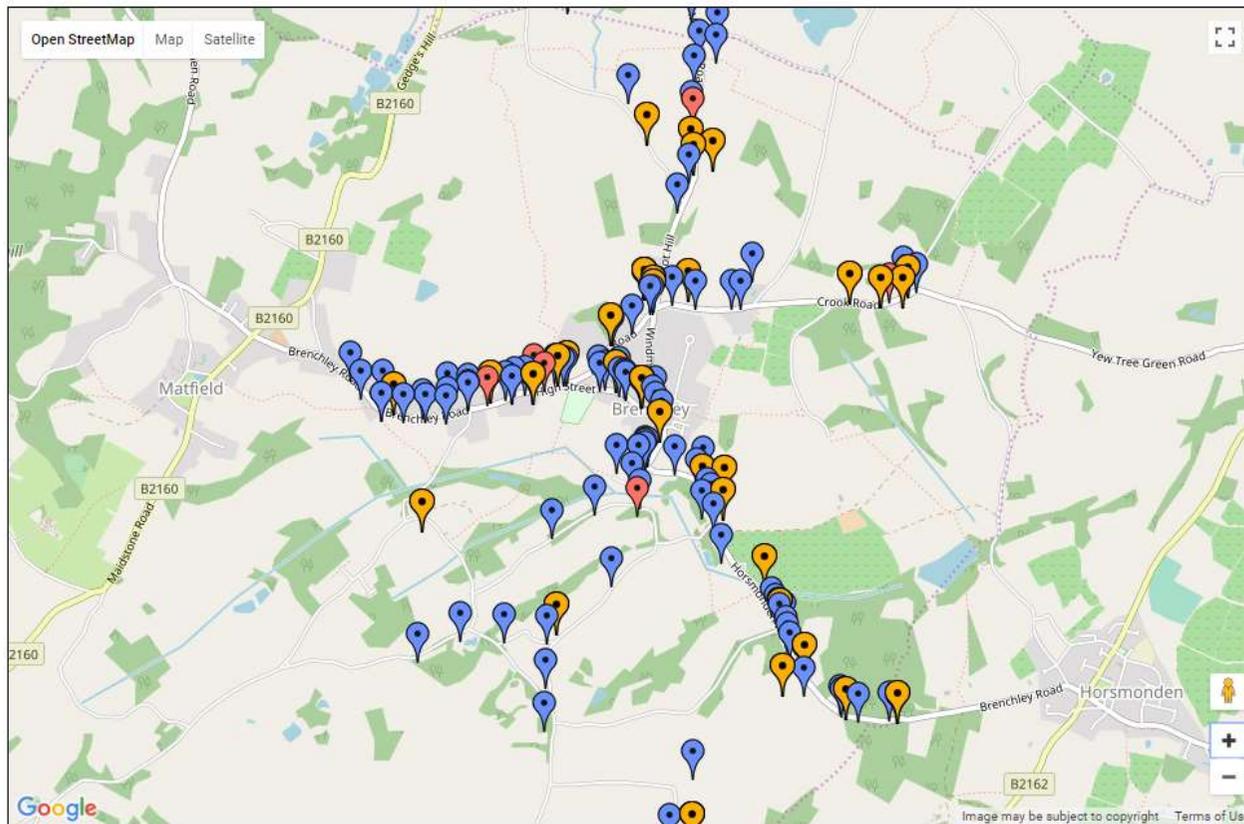
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Accidents near TN12 7AB

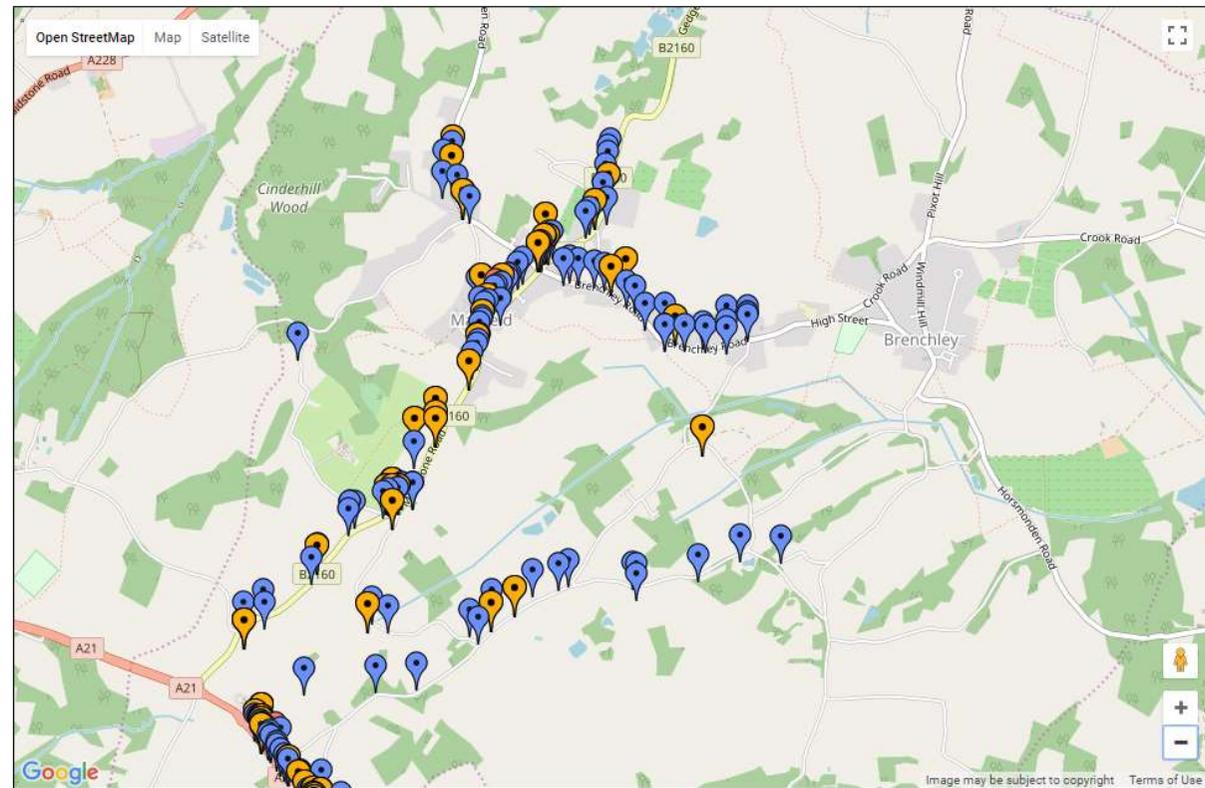
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Accidents near TN12 7HN

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