

## **Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council**

The parish council has been working with Highways at the County Council for a general tidy up and to improve signage at Severn Bank in Severn Stoke village. At the Annual Parish Meeting last spring residents asked for the speed limit on the sharp bend at Severn Bank to be reduced to 30mph. The general rule (not set by the parish council) is that speed restrictions will only be reconsidered in areas with notable traffic accidents. There have been very few reports submitted to the police about accidents in this area. In the past our MP has supported in principle the need for a full review of speed limits along the A38, so that could be our next option. May we remind residents to please report all accidents (either witnessed at the time or observed after the event), so that the statistics exist to support our efforts to make positive changes.

Highways have arranged for some the headwalls to be repaired at Croome Corner/London Arch at the beginning of December 2025. We have also been chasing work on the drains along the road from High Green to Croome.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS). Thank you to residents that let us know when the VAS batteries run out. We do try to change them regularly. If there are any volunteers that would like to help us care for our electronic speed signs please, we would be very grateful. The job involves occasional charging of the VAS battery (approx. £5 a charge – claimable from expenses), donning a high vis, popping along with a ladder, unlocking the VAS, swapping the battery round and giving the screen a wipe with a wet wipe.

**Glamorous!** Our helpers always work in pairs and generally have a bit of a laugh and it really does make a difference to our community. The speed signs have been proven to slow down visitors and also renew the guilt factor for the locals. Our residents in High Green have been helping with the VAS for nearly a decade now and without any of our volunteers we would not be able to use this valuable equipment for the good of the parish. Thank you as always to the National Trust, the Police Crime Commissioner, Highways, our County Councillor and our residents, all for contributing and match funding to provide these signs over the years.

**NEXT MEETING of Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 7.30pm – Croome National Trust Visitor Centre SOQ room. Parish Council Clerk, Lisa Stevens, T: 07950256363, E: [parishclerk@severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk) Your councillors are Richard Hill, Laurence Freeman, Ian Daly, Royston Garrard, Laura McEwan-Hill, Pat Preston & Raymond Williams. We have 4 vacancies for immediate co-option and the additional more recent vacancy advertised as required.