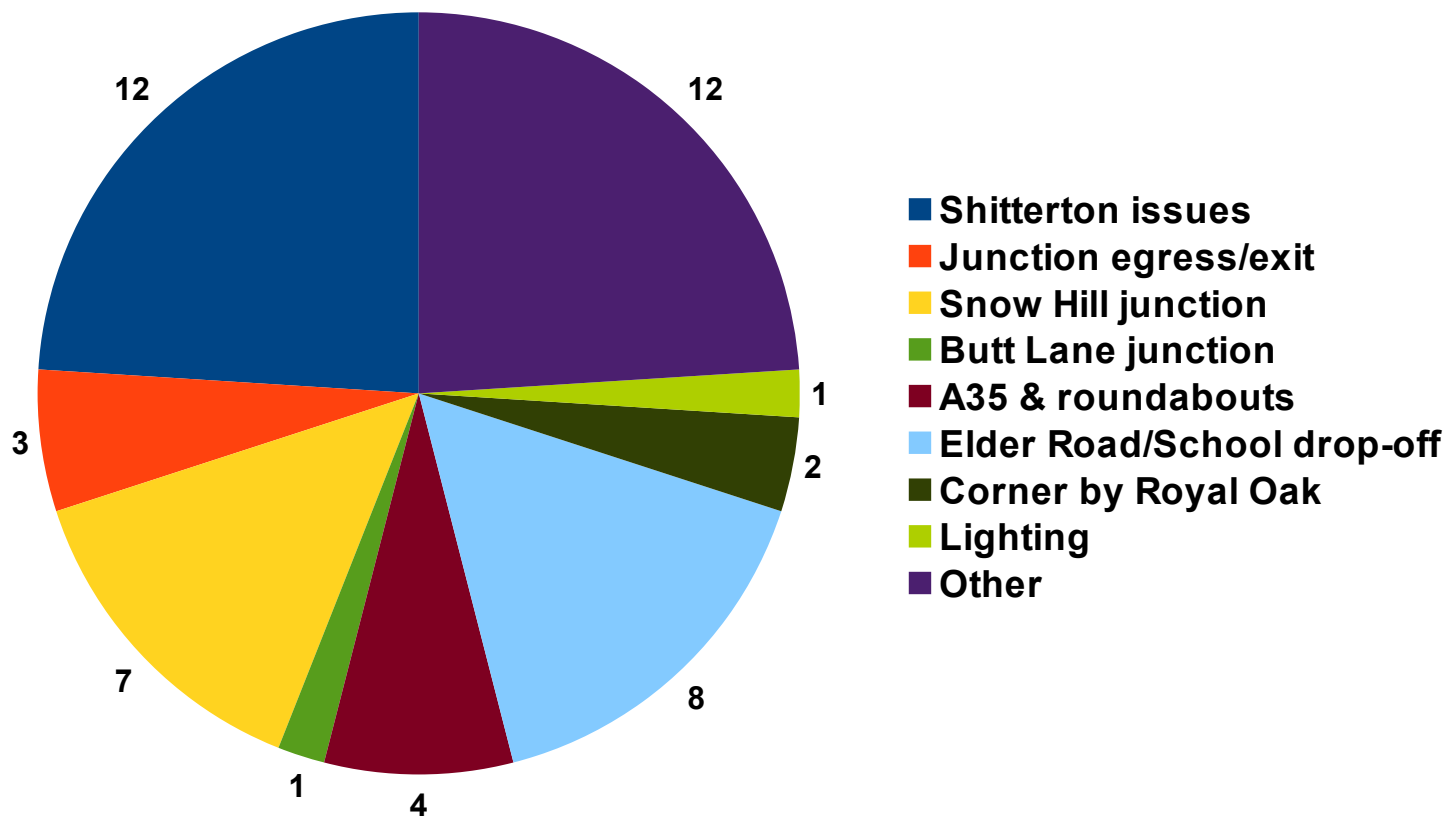




Outcome of the Bere Regis Parish Council Community Survey – April 2024

Traffic and Road-related Results 2 – Your Comments

Some **50** of you took the opportunity to add specific comments to your survey responses concerning traffic issues; these are categorised in the pie chart below, with further explanation beneath. There are also additional individual issues that have been identified that we have noted, and these will also be followed up where possible.



Speeding & Pedestrian Perception: clearly the joint dominant issue statistically from the previous board (with parking) but specifically the major cause for concern on Southbrook and Rye Hill, especially HGVs and agricultural vehicles which feel threatening due to their size and proximity to pedestrians where pavements are narrow.

Junction Issues: apart from speeding, parking and specifically parking at junctions, was the issue most identified by those who added comments. This includes the Shitterton, Butt Lane, Snow Hill and Manor Farm Road junctions with West Street; outside the Royal Oak; Manor Farm Road and Elder Road especially at school drop-off / pick up times.

West Street cut-through: drawing on the comments on measures that could be taken to address issues, it is clear that the other issue of most concern is the way that the West Street is still used as both a “rat run” to avoid the link road and Shell roundabout, and a “sat nav redirect” when the A35 / A31 are backed up. This redirection of traffic takes no account of local parking, the narrow section of West Street by the shop, pub and hairdressers, and the problems that ensue if HGVs divert from both directions. This is in addition to the fairly frequent problems caused by poor parking in the same section of West Street, which hampers local traffic (as above) and also larger vehicles such as buses, HGV deliveries, and larger vehicles travelling to Milborne St Andrew.

Shitterton: a number of Shitterton residents commented on a range of issues including the poor state of the road, worn out signage, speeding delivery drivers and HGV turning. We observe that some repairs to potholes have been undertaken in the last month, and also note that Sitterton Close is not an adopted road, so Dorset Council is not responsible for repairs to that area. We believe that the HGV issues are currently exacerbated by local building development but we understand that efforts have been made to ease the turning situation. Speeding is a generic problem across the village and signage is also a wider issue.