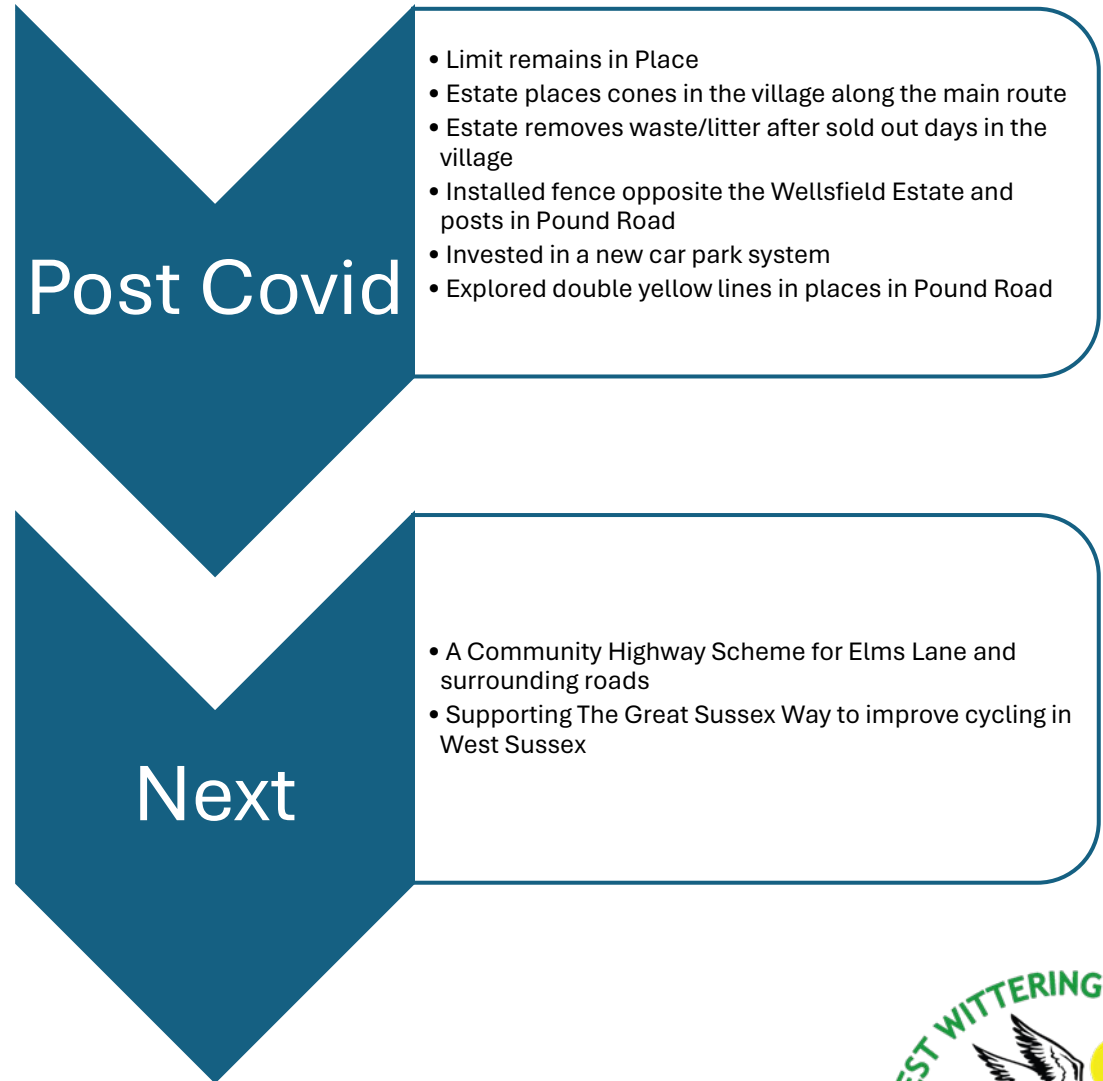
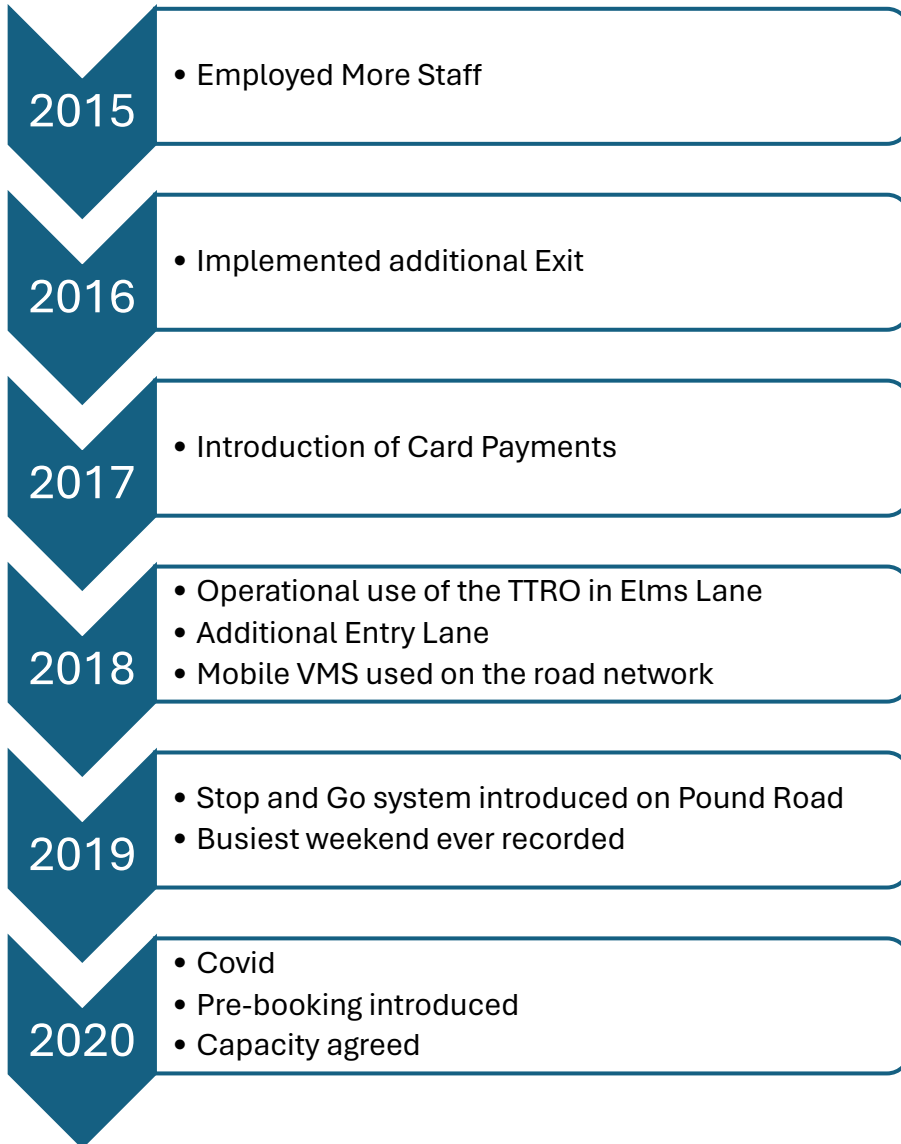


# Traffic



## Community Highways Scheme

A community highways scheme is a type of initiative often led by local government authorities in collaboration with residents and stakeholders to improve local road infrastructure, enhance road safety.

### Elms Lane/ Chapel Lane/Acre Street

- Elms Lane is a single-track country lane starting in the village, which turns in to Chapel Lane before rejoining the main Chichester Road.
- The road is less than 3 metres wide in places with most of the road covered by the national speed limit (60mph).
- Used by walkers, cyclist and horse riders.





# The Issues

- During the summer Elms/Chapel Lane is used as a cut through to avoid traffic.
- Often it is sat nav systems guiding people down the road.
- Due to the size of the road, it blocks very quickly.
- With the amount of traffic down the road it becomes unsafe for walkers, horse riders and cyclists.
- Emergency services are unable to get through the road.



# Potential Improvements

- - Implement “No Motor Vehicles, except for access”
- - Reduce the speed limit to 20/30mph
- This will remove the road from mapping system routes for cars.
- Allow access for vehicles that need to use the road – farmers, residents, deliveries etc
- Safer for cyclist, walkers, horse riders ( Community Aspiration 9 and 14 – Local Plan)
- Enable residents to use their vehicles freely in the summer
- Enable emergency services unrestricted access
- One step further than a quiet lane (Local Plan Policy WW9) as it prevents motorists using the road.



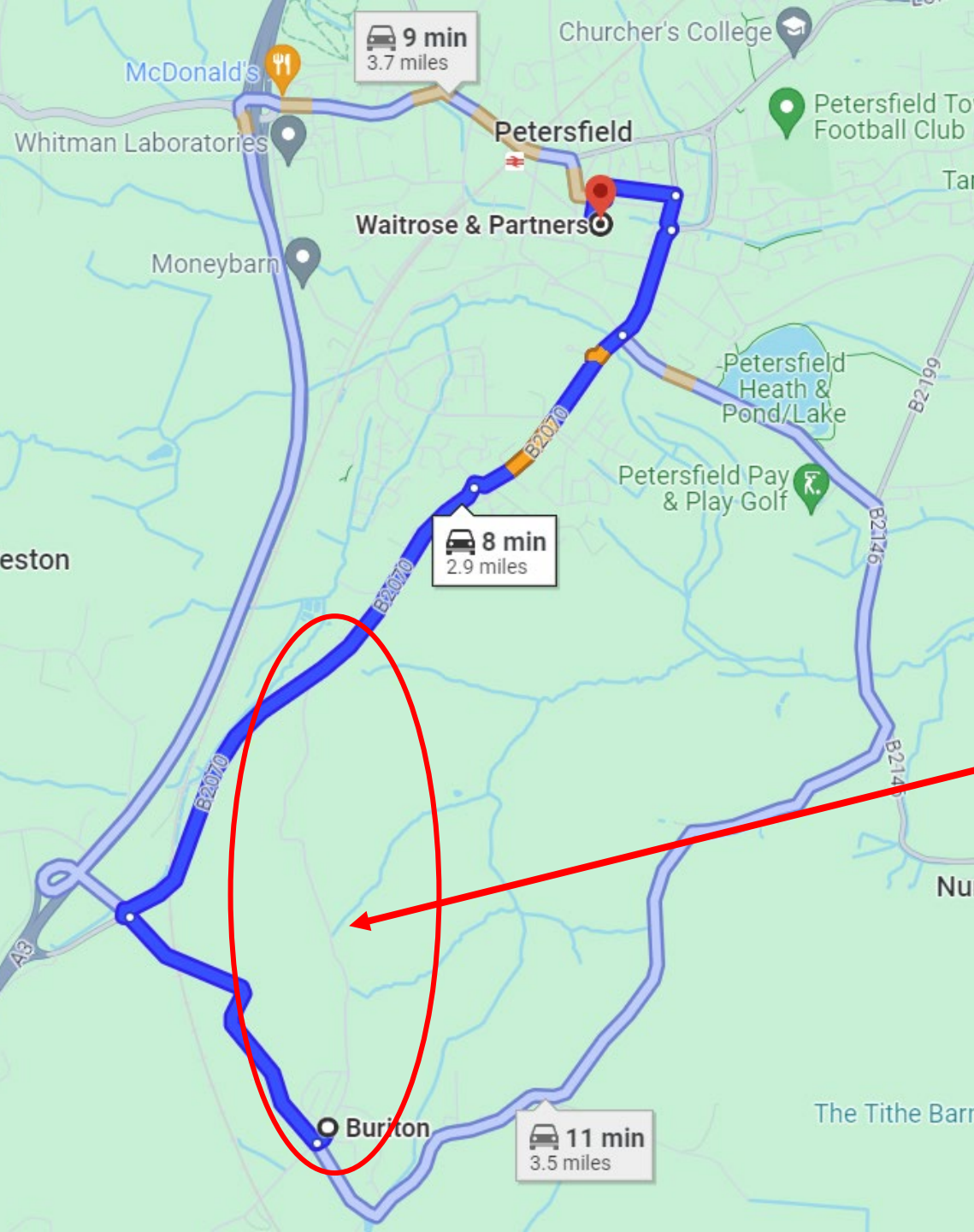




# Case Study

- *Petersfield Road, Buriton, Hampshire.*
- *The road was being used as a cut through to get to Petersfield the 'No Motor Vehicles' has been in place now for 4 years.*





A simple Google Maps instruction for directions –

Buriton to Waitrose in Petersfield

The route suggests 3 separate ways, but ignores the shortest route which would be through Petersfield Road.



# Negative Impact

It must be noted that this may have an adverse effect on other parts of the village. With navigations systems no longer directing people to cut round through Elms Lane, they may take people through Piggery Hall Lane and down Cakeham Road, this traffic then has a right of way into the beach which will hold up the traffic coming directing down from Chichester.

On sold out days we aim to have a Stop/Go system in place to deal with this, but they are usually a resource for the whole of the southeast and may get called away for emergency road closures elsewhere.





What happens next....

Firstly, we need support from:

- Residents and local businesses
- The Parish Council
- County Councillor
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Once support is confirmed, West Wittering Estate Plc will complete an application. The application must be in by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 24 for consideration next year.

West Sussex Highways will then complete their own assessment on the plan.

