

**Report of the Environment Working Party**  
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2007-8 was a relatively quiet year for the Environment sub-group. The programme replacing old concrete streetlights with modern metal ones continued and the sub-group regularly documented and reported problems with uneven pavements and road potholes to WCC but only some of these issues have been dealt with as swiftly as we might have hoped. The Japanese Knotweed in Bull Ring Farm Road was reported to WCC and sprayed. It will be monitored during 2008 to ensure that any re-growth is dealt with. A plan to purchase native daffodils for planting in the village was postponed until summer 2008 after it became too late to obtain supplies and plant them during 2007. A new inventory of 'street furniture' is to be done in order to paint some of it black, in keeping with the lampposts.

The parish council, with the significant help of county councillor Bob Stevens, obtained funding from WCC for a full-scale feasibility study into traffic calming in the village. It is hoped that this study will take place in the late spring/summer of 2008 and that some measures to reduce traffic speeds will be put in place during 2008-9. If required the parish council is prepared to contribute to the cost of this.

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