

SPEED

Safe Pedestrians, Equines
the Environment & Drivers

Who are SPEED?

- The SPEED action group was formed after a public meeting to discuss road safety issues and the tragic accident on the A626, involving a horse fatality.
- Councillors George and Jean Wharmby, local police officers, parish councillors of Charlesworth and Chisworth and approximately 200 local residents attended.
- Local action group with the common interest of improving road safety in the villages for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and drivers

What do we want?

- Safer roads
- More connected bridleway network to avoid road use.
- To make the villages of Charlesworth & Chisworth far better places to live, visit and do business.

Why?

- Increasing volumes of traffic

	<u>Marple Rd</u>	Glossop Rd	High Lane	Long Lane
Vehicles in April	254,351	183,228	127,103	329,803
Ave vehicles per day	8,478	6,108	4,237	10,993
No. exceeding ACPO 35 mph in April	61,715	35,694	11,710	77,253
Ave. No. exceeding ACPO 35 mph per day	2,057	1,190	390	2,575
No exceeding 30 mph in April	174,600	116,010	60,570	241,920
Ave. No exceeding 30 mph per day	5,820	3,867	2,019	8,064

Data from Derbyshire County Council Traffic Survey report from April 2012

- Average of **19,770** incidences of speeding every day
- Less areas are safe to ride

Subgroups

- Bridleways
- 20s Plenty Campaign
- A626 Road Safety – Crossings etc.
- Speedwatch

Bridleways Focus

- Opening previously ridden routes by submitting claims to change the definitive map.
- Open new routes with permission of land owners.
- Work together.

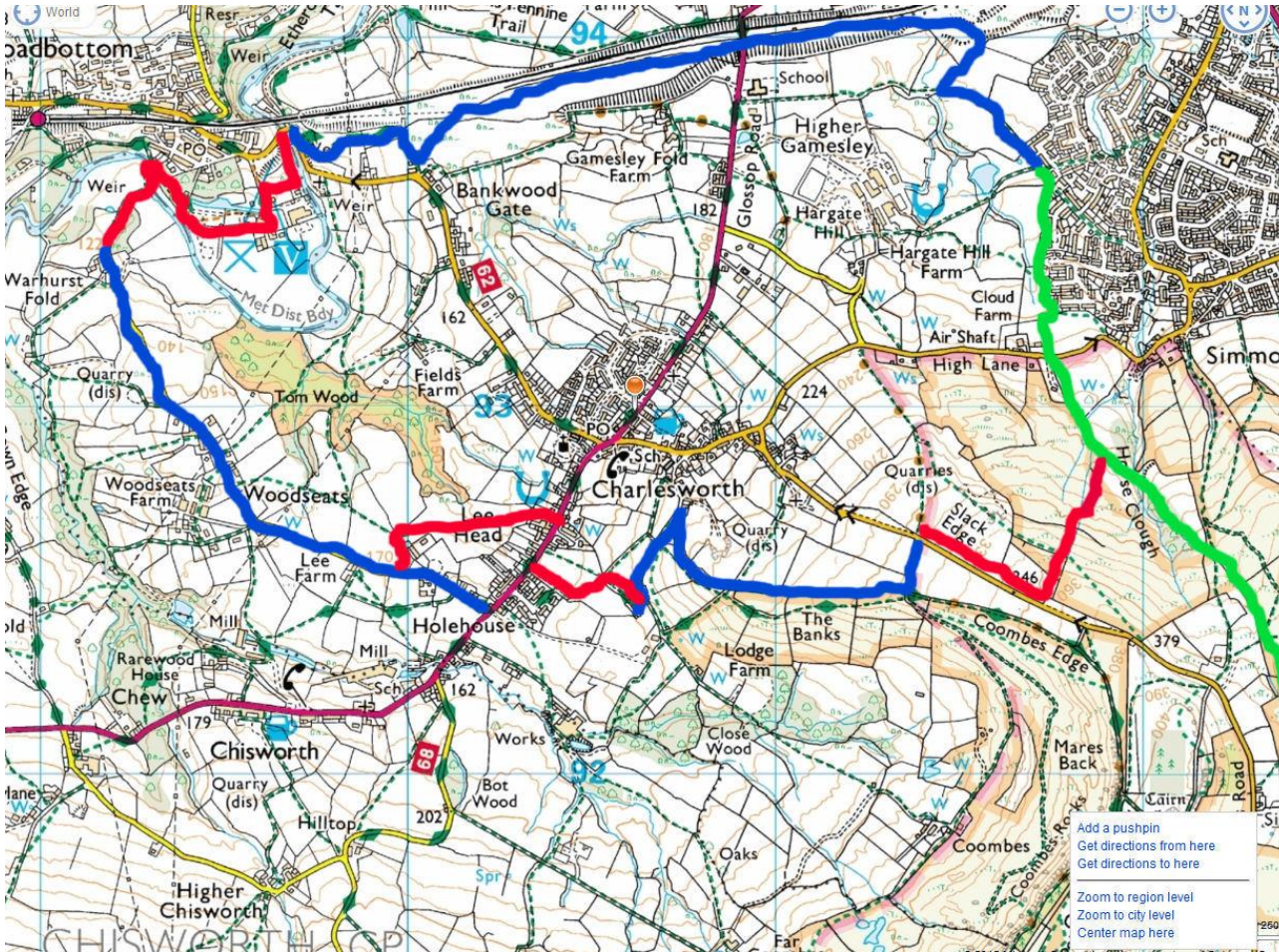
Why focus on Bridleways?

- Leisure horse industries contribute a significant amount to the local economy
- Local shops benefit from the additional custom and many businesses benefit directly from the local equine industry such as farriers, vets, equine dentists, physiotherapists, saddlers, feed merchants, freelance riding instructors, grooms and others.
- Two successful riding schools that attract people from all over Manchester and dozens of land owners who provide livery services; all relying on the leisure horse industry.
- Charlesworth sits on the intersection of the national Trans Pennine Trail and Pennine Brideway. There is a huge opportunity to take advantage of this and create a bridleway network that would be the envy of the country.

The plan

- SPEED is actively supporting the formation of an unbroken bridleway that would circle the village
- The loop would make the most of the favourable position of both villages and would also take horse traffic off the roads
- Create an active Bridleways Association for the area

Proposed Bridleway Loop



Green is a guess of planned extension of Pennine Bridleway

Blue is existing bridleways or quiet lanes

Red is proposed new sections

Bridleways Progress

- Three land owners have been great and offered routes across their land
- Successful fund raising events that raise awareness to local riders
- Petition the council for safer riding.
- There are 3 proposed new routes.
 - Council needed to help create Monks Road to Pennine Bridleway link
 - Evidence being collected to make a claim for Warrastfold Bridge link
 - Different land owners permission being sought for Boggard Lane to Woodseats Lane link
- Application made to become a BHS approved bridleways association

Kinder Loop Connection

- Kinder Loop route through Glossop/Charlesworth relies on use of busy roads.
- The SPEED proposal will provide more off road.
- The proposed link to the Pennine Bridleway will benefit the villages as they offer a potential for overnight accommodation for riders.

Problems

- Some land owners are not interested
- Council difficult to motivate to assist with link from Monks Road to Pennine Bridleway.

Questions?