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Parking

- Numerous residents have contacted the council about illegal and inconsiderate parking – cars blocking pavements, obstructing junctions, ignoring parking restrictions
- Breaston Parish Council have lobbied hard to get Erewash Borough council to take action and this has resulted in the last 12 months with-
  - **618 visits to Breaston by Parking Enforcement Officers**
  - **23 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued**
- The Parish Council will continue to work hard to make Breaston's pavements and roads a safe place for all users

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POTHOLES

- Potholes, and poor pavement and road surfaces are an issue for everyone, everywhere, and Breaston is as badly affected as adjacent areas
- Breaston Parish Council has highlighted and reported 60 instances of serious potholes to the relevant authorities in the last 12 months
- Action has been taken by Derbyshire County Council and many have been filled, but it seems as fast as they repair them more appear
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SPEEDING

- Breaston residents have raised concerns about the speed of traffic coming through the village, with particular areas being known hotspots.
- The Parish Council has established a Speedwatch group (new volunteers always welcomed and needed) which has confirmed a disregard for mandatory speed limits from numerous drivers.
- We have secured a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner to install two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) in the village at appropriate locations with plans to install 3 more when funds allow.
- The Parish Council will continue to work hard to make Breaston's pavements and roads a safe place for all users.

OVERHANGING HEDGES

- It might not seem much, but an overhanging hedge severely restricts pavement width and unnecessarily limits accessibility for all pavement users, people with mobility issues, and people with prams and pushchairs.
- It is inconsiderate and often dangerous, and the Parish council has made 12 reports of this in the last 12 months. Some have been escalated to Enforcement Letters by Derbyshire County Council as a last resort.

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FLOODING

- The impact of changes in climate have been felt in Breaston in the last 12 months with numerous instances of flooding caused by incredibly heavy and persistent rain.
- Breaston Parish Council has identified several areas in need of improvement and have alerted the relevant authorities and requested action.
- This includes clearing waterways and ensuring that drains are kept clear and flowing and can cope with the increased capacity.
- We can’t change the weather overnight, but we can lessen the impact of the rain.