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Dear Resident

**Information Letter**

**Experimental Pedestrian Zone Craster Village**

We are writing to update you with details of the above proposed scheme, which is to be introduced on an experimental basis for 12 months, with a review after 6 months.

Craster Parish Council and County Councillor Wendy Pattison support this proposal, which is being funded jointly though Councillor Pattison’s Members Local Improvement Scheme allocation and Northumberland County Council’s Local Transport Plan funds.

We would like to thank Craster Parish Council for their efforts in carrying out their own consultation into Residents Parking Permits. While we appreciate the scheme, we are introducing is not what many residents voted for during this exercise, the work undertaken by the Parish has highlighted the need to investigate an appropriate scheme for the village.

The scheme details are highlighted on the attached plan. As discussed at Craster Parish Council’s meeting of Monday 25th January, we anticipate that this proposal will benefit all road users, both residents and visitors. You will note that we are also changing the “entry” to the village, with traffic now directed into the car park which we feel will have a positive impact on visitor behaviour. Should the car park be full, vehicles will then be directed to the overflow car park.

For information, and as discussed at the Parish Council meeting, the proposed Experimental Order has a number of distinct advantages over a traditional Permanent Traffic Regulation Order:

* The Legal Process is much shorter and therefore may be introduced more quickly.
* The Order may be changed, if necessary, at any point throughout the duration of the Order
* There is “On-Going” feedback, which forms part of the consultation and review process – details below.
* A review of the scheme will take place between the Craster Parish Council, Local County Councillor and NCC Officers after a 6-month period.
* The scheme processes a number of Road Safety and Environmental advantages.
* This proposal and approach is supported by the ANOB
* It is anticipated that this scheme will be operational by the 4th April 2021.

The County Council, Craster Parish Council and Councillor Pattison would like to thank all residents for their contributions to date. Going forward we do encourage all feedback on the experimental scheme both positive and negative. Feedback can be provided online after 4th April 2021 at the following link:- <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>. Alternatively, you can email any comments to the address shown above, marking the subject Craster Experimental Order Feedback.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

Yours faithfully

Highways Programme