



Dear Residents,

School Streets Trial Project 13th January 2025 - Temporary Road access restrictions for non-essential traffic on Higher Backway, Bruton.

Further to our previous letter on 25 November that you may have received through your door or seen on the Bruton Town Council website. I wanted to provide you with a further update on the 'School Street' trial planned at Bruton Primary School, which is due to start on Monday 13th January 2025.

The purpose of the school street is to provide a child safety zone around the school for children and parents at the start and end of the school day. It enables walking, cycling and scooting to take place in a reduced-traffic environment. It also helps to tackle the congestion, poor air quality and road safety concerns that many schools experience, by restricting motor traffic at the school gates for a short period of time, generally at drop-off and pick-up times. School Streets have been successfully run across the whole of the country, and schools, families and residents have appreciated the vast majority. For more information here is a website that will give you greater details.

[Sustrans School Streets - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Consultation:

Please be aware that the consultation process is still ongoing. The traffic order that will be in place to allow the closure is termed an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO); this is set to run for 18 months, and further consultation will be launched on 13 January 2025, and will run for 6 months. This will be through the Somerset Council Citizens Space portal, and a link will be advertised in due course. The scheme will undergo a full review at the end of the initial phase of the trial period (6 months), and this consultation will further shape the way the street is managed in the future. Therefore, you still have opportunities to shape the project over the coming 18 months. We encourage you to provide feedback as the project evolves via our online survey.

Furthermore, please note that the Project Lead from SASP will be attending the Bruton Town Council meeting on 21 Jan 2025 to undertake a School Streets Q&A session.

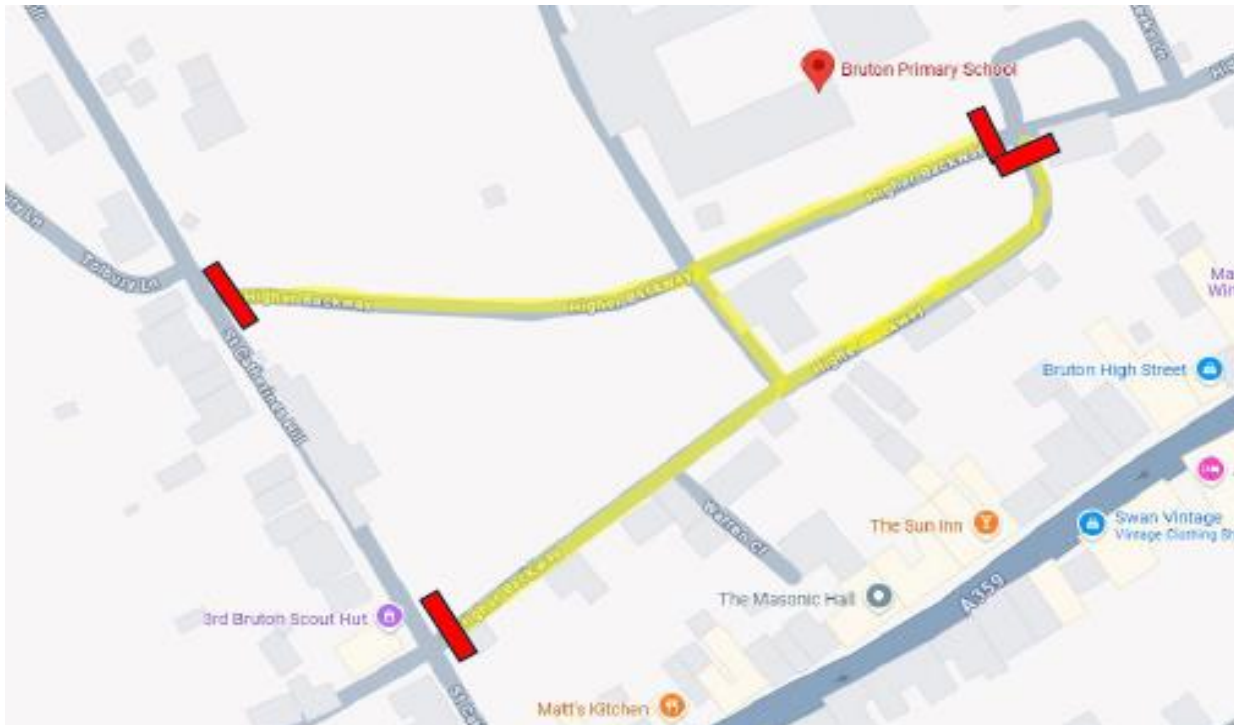
How will it work:

In line with the school opening and closing times, a temporary road access restriction will be in operation at 3 locations on Higher Backway between 08:30-09:15 and 15:00-15:45. The 3 locations are two at the two Higher Backway/St Catherines Hill junctions, and the third on Higher Backway adjacent to Bruton Primary School / Community Kids carpark. The signage has now been installed and will be uncovered and in operation from the 13th of January 2025.

In line with the school opening and closing times, a temporary road access restriction will be introduced at the 3 locations on Higher Backway between 08:30-09:15 and 15:00-15:45. This will be

managed using barriers on the road and trained stewards in high-visibility vests. The barriers will be removed outside of these times. To ensure the School Streets remains a safe environment for those walking, cycling or scooting, we would ask residents to avoid using their vehicles or booking deliveries during these closure times, where possible.

These temporary restrictions will **not** apply to residents/business premises on the street, emergency services, school transport, blue badge holders, deliveries and carers of residents on the road. Any parking restrictions will operate as normal. Please see the map below for restriction details:



Further Information:

Please note that copies of residents' letters sent out are available on the Bruton Town Council website. In addition, we have also created an FAQ sheet which will hopefully answer many of the questions you may have on the scheme. Please see the link for this below:

<https://brutontowncouncil.gov.uk/2024/12/09/school-street-trial-at-bruton-primary-beginning-13th-january-2025/>

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping children to stay safe and become more active. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.