

THE SAFE MOVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF BALTONSBOROUGH

This agreement is in addition to existing road traffic laws which we are all expected to abide by

Maximum speed

All agricultural vehicles when towing trailers or agricultural implements to limit their speed to **20 mph (33kph)** within 'The Village'. 'The Village' defined by the area within the 30mph zone

Appropriate speed

Within the limits set out above, all agricultural vehicles adopt a **speed appropriate** to the time of the day, the condition of the road/the weather and the other road users

Giving way to oncoming traffic

Drivers of **all vehicles** have a responsibility to give way to oncoming traffic when necessary. **This applies equally to drivers of agricultural vehicles who should be prepared to pull in when possible and safe, and allow other road users (vehicles, bikes, horses, pedestrians) to pass.** Where vehicles need to reverse, it is normally easier for car drivers than drivers of tractors with trailers

Age, experience and competence of drivers

All drivers of agricultural vehicles over 3.5 tonnes must receive training and be deemed competent to take the vehicle on the road by the vehicle owner

Timing of journeys

Drivers of agricultural vehicles will whenever possible, avoid journeys through the centre of the village (within 200 metres of the Cross) between **8.30 -9.00 am and 3.00 and 3.30 pm**

Mud and muck on roads

Agricultural vehicles that deposit mud or muck on the road will provide a warning triangle to alert other road users, and as soon as it's safe and appropriate to do so, ensure that the road is cleared

Hedges and visibility

All hedges adjacent to gateways used by agricultural vehicles to be kept below driver's eye-level to maximise visibility and thereby ensure safe egress

Village residents to maintain hedges in such a way that all vehicles, including agricultural vehicles, can use the full width of the road

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER ROAD USERS

Other road users will appreciate that agricultural vehicles have to use the village roads, often have to carry large and heavy loads, and do not always have the same degree of manoeuvrability as other vehicles. Consideration is required from all road users to make sure our roads are as safe as they can be.

Baltonsborough Parish Council, Readopted November 2022