

## A40 Trunk Road

The parish and especially the village of Whitchurch, is split by the A40 trunk road. Although this provides excellent access to the north and the east via the M50 and also to the south and west into Wales and the south west via the M4 and M5, it allows traffic to pass through the parish at speeds in excess of 70mph.

For 3 kilometers from Ganarew to the Old Forge area of Whitchurch, there are 5 access points southbound and 5 northbound on the A40, making this a very busy and potentially dangerous length of road.

In addition, the noise levels from traffic moving at speeds in excess of 70mph, is intense.

## BOATs "Byways Open to all Traffic", other roads

This includes the A4137 which runs north from the A40 at the north of the parish to the A49 Ross-on -Wye to Hereford road. The B4229 from Kerne Bridge to Whitchurch joins the A40 and the A4137 at the Old Forge area of Whitchurch and the B4164 runs from Whitchurch to the Wye Rapids area at Symonds Yat West.

All other roads are either classified as "C" and "U" (unclassified), or as "Byways Open to all Traffic" BOATs.

The surface condition of the "C" and "U" roads are variable, whereas that of the BOATs are generally very poor. Some of these are badly potholed with the edges of the road surface having disintegrated in places.

The number and length of BOATs in the parish is amongst the highest in the county. The settlement of "The Doward" covering the hills of Great Doward and Little Doward in particular, suffers from a road infrastructure of poor quality.

