

## **New Farm Lane**

New Farm Lane runs from Apps To Littleham Cross, Mr C. Withecombe of Ashridge Farm Littleham installed it to enable his farm vehicles to bypass the centre of Littleham. The Parish Council and most of the villagers were very grateful as there was a marked reduction in noise, traffic disruption, roadside damage and improved safety for all village users. In the Parish Plan the main concern was the speed and size of traffic and the lack of pavements in the village and on-road parking.

Unfortunately dust was created by the farm vehicles passing the Archery Centre. Mr Withecombe has planted trees as a barrier, reduced speed and stopped work after 9.00pm but farm work is controlled by the crop to be harvested and weather conditions, and avoiding all archery days very difficult. Dairy Farming is under great pressure due to low milk prices, this lane saves the use of 1 man and a tractor, applying a different surface or spraying with water involves considerable cost.

The Environmental Protection Officer will apply an enforcement closure order unless a compromise can be made. This enforcement takes no account of the damage to the centre of Littleham and I ask for your support in presenting these facts to Torridge District Council Environmental Officer by signing below and/or speak to one of your Parish Council so that your view can be taken forward.

**Ian Atkinson**  
**Chairman**  
**Littleham & Landcross Council.**