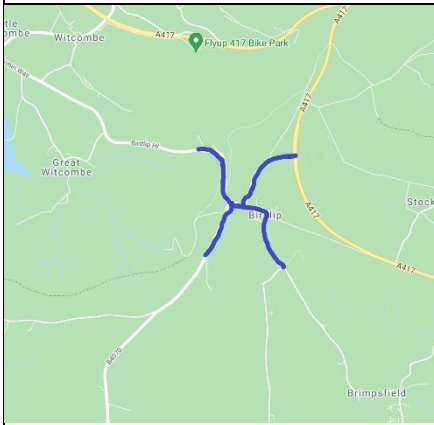



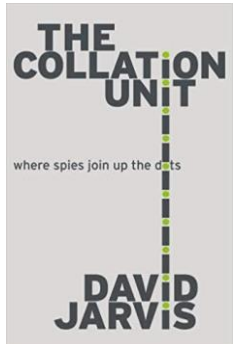


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	 <p>Negotiating the bend on B4060</p>	

<p>Volume of Traffic and Speeding issues Birdlip</p> <p>Regular traffic and speed surveys are carried out in the village of Birdlip. Examples of most recent surveys below</p>			
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<p>See Video</p> <p>“The Birdlip Run Blurred”</p> 	<p>Rat Running through Birdlip and surrounding villages is know as the “Birdlip Run” this has been mentioned in a novel published February 2021</p> <p>(especially physical contact) with Victoria?</p> <p>He saw her occasionally at GCHQ. He saw her even less frequently when he called in discreetly at her rented cottage in Great Witcombe at the bottom of the Birdlip Run. If she wasn't at home, he left a message by adjusting the arrow on the disused, rusting milk-bottle carrier by the doorstep; a simple code of '1' meaning 'tomorrow', '2' meaning 'the day after', etc. The relationship was not going to last if something didn't change soon. She wanted some permanency, to be able to hold hands in public. He wanted his kids to grow up and leave home. She wanted his</p> <p>In the car on the way down, they had talked only of the Falklands and the need for a dual carriageway from the M4 to the M5.</p> <p>“That would get rid of the rat run down Birdlip Hill,” Ross had commented.</p> <p>Jack had said nothing. It was the closest they came to talking about Victoria. The lull before the storm?</p> <p>In a form of diversion therapy, Jack began to fold up his empty crisp packet and place it under the heavy ashtray.</p> <p>“I've left a set of that chap Basil's plans in your drawer. You may need</p> <p>incredible that Jack worked in the Secret Squirrel community, it was equally unbelievable that he was being unfaithful.</p> <p>Driving back to Cheltenham, he cut off the corner at The Air Balloon public house by taking a shortcut down the local rat run. The lane zigzagged down Birdlip Hill. The Birdlip Run. Birdlip Time. Birdlip Space. The one occasion when Jack was free; free to think. Between work and home. Between Victoria and Sarah. Between the devil and the deep blue sea.</p> <p>The young Jack had been average; never picked for the first team,</p>
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Examples of Birdlip Social Media Posts

There are 2 Police patrol cars at the bottom of the A417 - I suspect it won't be long before they close it as I came up it 15 mins ago and it was nearly down to just 1 lane up.

5 w Like Reply

Blues on & SLOW sign flashing in both

5 w Like Reply

Write a reply...

Thanks for the info

5 w Like Reply

Birdlip

An suv/pick up went so fast past me today that it rocked my car! The road from the school to the George is not a sodding race track! This was at 5.50pm. If there was anyone crossing the road you would have killed them and totalled your car and most likely someone else's car and house! There could be children on bikes. There could have been a loose dog. A cat. A child being pushed in a push chair. It's dark, the roads are wet and life is precious don't drive like an idiot. Think.

42 comments

There is a lorry stuck on the corner by the George on the bend coming up he lost some of his load out the back Police guiding traffic

7 w Like Reply

It's not solved yet and nothing is going down at the moment.

7 w Like Reply

Thanks for the heads up x

7 w Like Reply

post

Riding and walking the kids sometimes is terrible. Friday afternoons you won't see any locals even attempting a walk ride or cycle as it is just too dangerous and since lockdown has eased I don't know why but every afternoon seems totally be busy. People drive like maniacs even on blind corners. 😞

Sad Reply 3

Big accident on 417. They caved closed from nettleton and are diverting traffic through brimpsfield. Just to make you aware. X

07:40

Oh dear, the school buses to Cirencester will be caught in that one

07:41

Thanks for that, just leaving for work 🙄 wondered why it is so busy through village 🙄

07:42

Thanks for the heads up - just told so he can go a different way. 👍

07:43

Goodness. There was something going on yesterday too heading east/southbound as it was bumper to bumper then too. X

07:50

Birdlip · 24 Sep · 📍

Just to be aware the roads are mad this morning the muppets are on the loose in their cars !! Have a good and safe Friday xx


Like Comment Send

Seen by 87 people

All comments

Gloucestershire Constabulary · 1 h · 📍

The A417 is currently closed between Gloucester Business Park and the Air Station Roundabout in all directions while officers deal with the concern for the welfare of an individual. Motorists are advised to find alternative routes.



ROAD CLOSURE

51 comments 280 shares

7 w Like Reply

Stand still traffic going up the hill.

7 w Like Reply

They've closed the road into birdlip from a417. Does anyone know why? You can still leave birdlip that way but not come off there

09:33

No but I've just had the longest detour to work 🙄

09:35

Nightmare!

09:35

Hi- no idea why but come can come off and in to the village still as it says for access only. I didn't realise but turned around and came back and you can come in x

09:39

shared a post.

1 Oct · 📍

Gloucestershire Traffic and Travel Group · Join

..... · 1 Oct · 📍

Dangerous driving conditions up Birdlip Hill and on A417 to Cirencester. Fuel spill, several accidents. Take care!

1 Comment

Like Comment Send

Matching comment

Traffic chaos in village

Google maps now showing two crashes b.one outside leverets /sidelands .one up beyond the church. Wet roads/ Friday night rat runners. Surprised it doesn't happen more often

17:48

And it's going to take 2 more years before they start on the missing link

18:01

I just do not get it

18:02

But how many years and how many fatalities

18:05

Too many x

18:06 ✓

01/10/2021

Apparently there's a diesel spill on the A417 and road is closed. School.bus is still trapped in Be Brimpsfield. Worth avoiding for a while if you can.

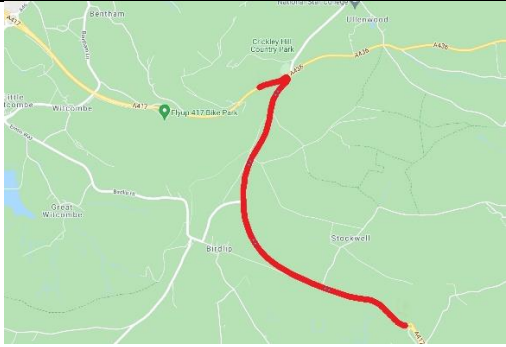

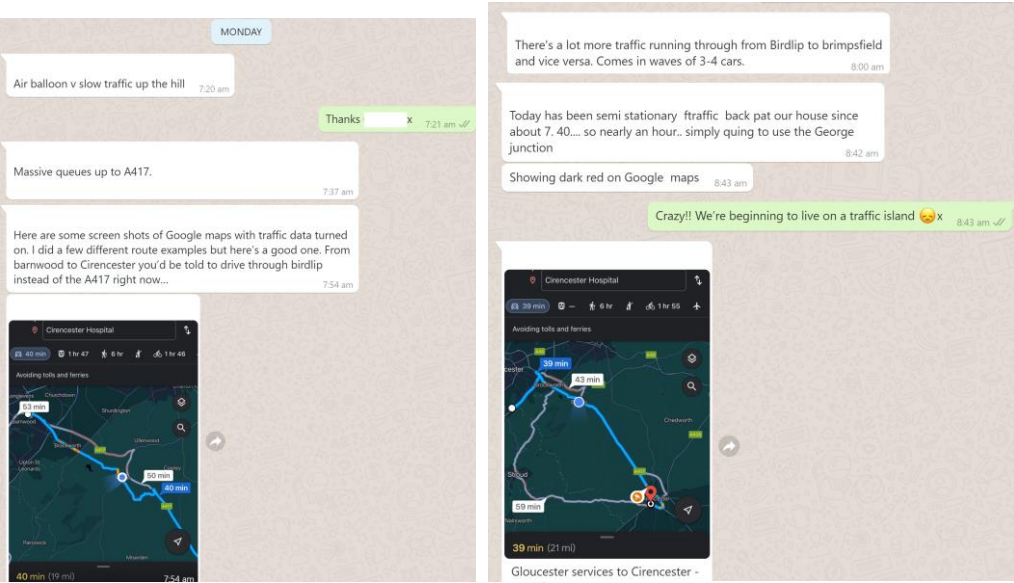
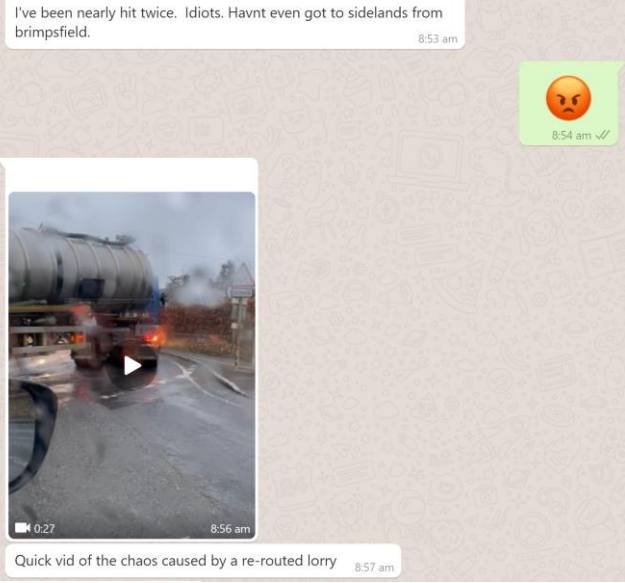

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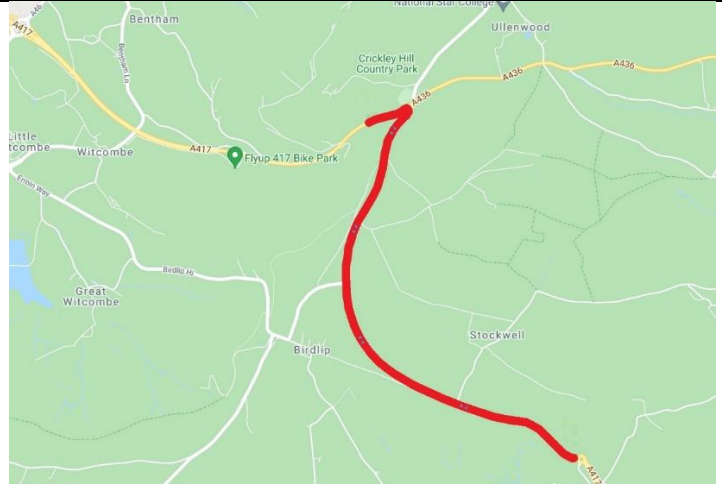
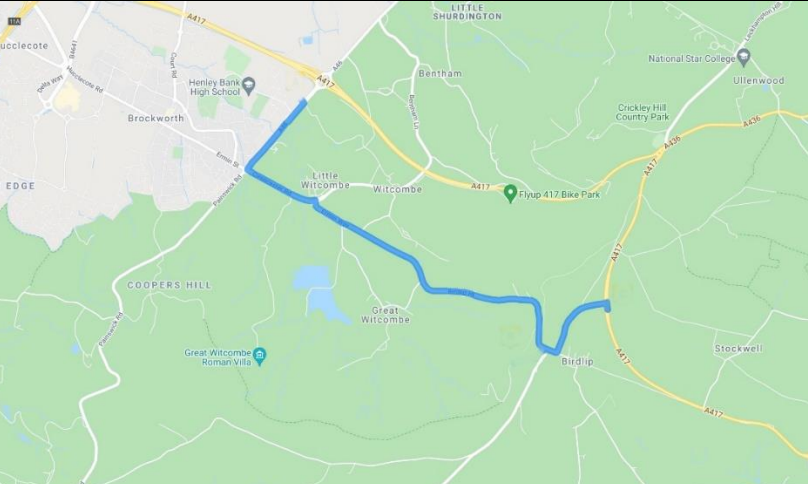
Thanks | xx 8:58 am ✓

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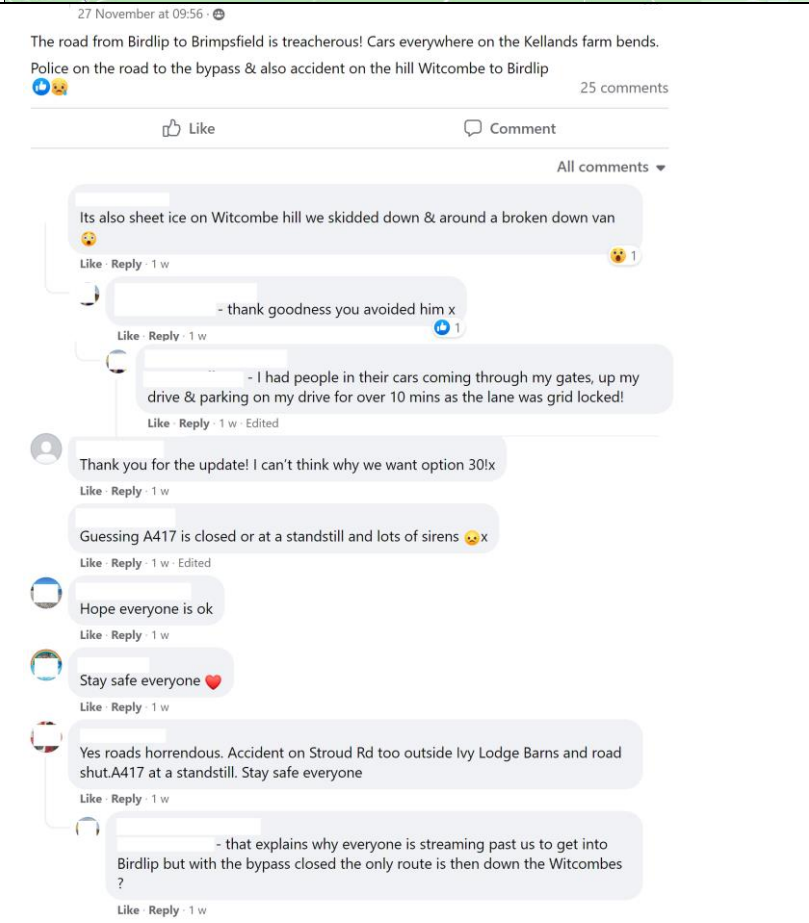
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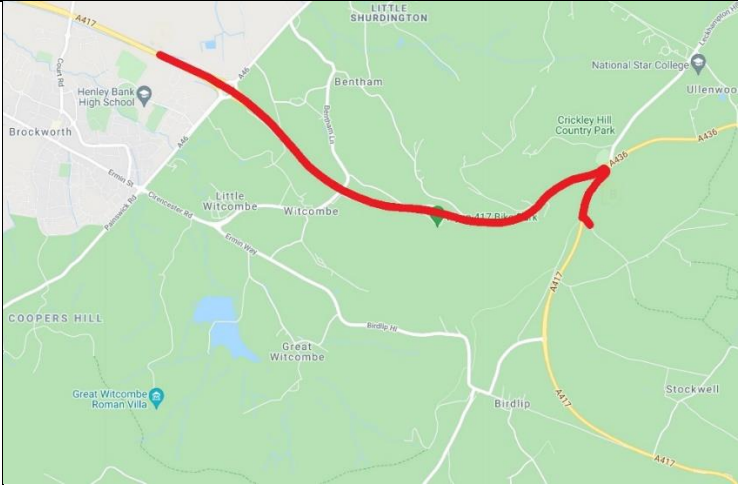
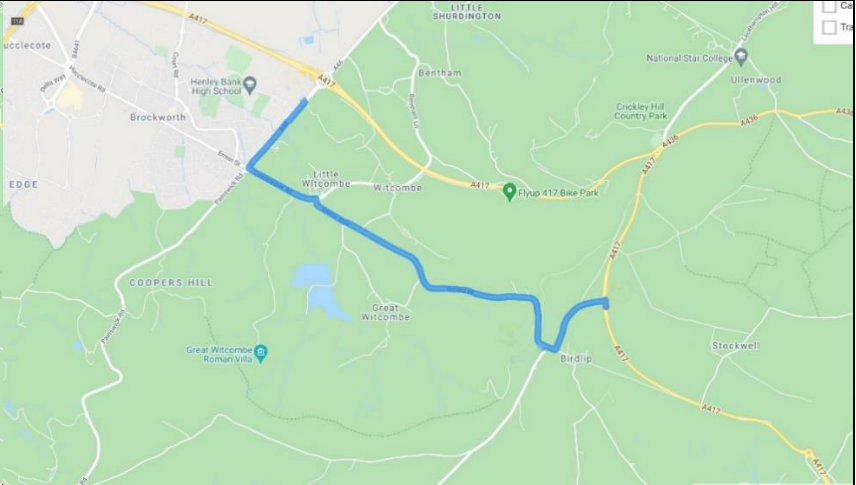
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Impact Evidence	General Congestion A417	Alternative Route taken
<p>See Videos “Crickley Hill Congestion”</p> <p>“Rat Running 6th December Blurred”</p> <p>“Rat Running 6th December 1 Blurred”</p>		
<p>“Rat Running 6th December 2 Blurred”</p> <p>“Rat Running 6th December 3 Blurred”</p> <p>“Rat Running 6th December 2021 Birdlip to Brimpsfield”</p>		
<p>Birdlip Village Social Media Posts</p>	 <p>at 08:49 · 🌐</p> <p>Morning good folks of Birdlip. This was this morning at 7.45 am.</p> <p>0:03 / 0:52</p> <p>26 comments Seen by 95</p>	

Impact Evidence	Accident/Event/Congestion A417 Cowley roundabout to Crickley Hill travelling East or West	Alternative Route taken
<p>See Video “Residents Drive 1 of 3 Blurred, 2 of 3 Blurred and 3 of 3 Blurred” Shows vehicles parking on drive and resident helping to direct traffic as unable to pass narrow lanes between Brimpsfield and Birdlip.</p> <p>Also See Video “Rat Running 27th November” Rat Running through Birdlip Village</p>		

Birdlip Village Social Media Posts



Impact Evidence	Accident/Event/Congestion Brockworth Bypass/Crickley Hill travelling East or West	Alternative Route taken
<p>See Video "Event on Crickley Hill Blurred"</p> <p>Which shows volume of traffic diverting through Birdlip to A417</p>		


Birdlip Village Social Media Posts

23 October

Explains the constant traffic. Yet another serious collision.

Glos Roads Retweeted
Glos Police @Glos_Police · 37m
 The A417 at Crickley Hill is currently closed in both directions between the A46 Shurdington Road junction and the Air Balloon Roundabout following a serious collision.

The collision occurred just after 4am and the road is likely to remain closed for several hours.



4 likes · 10 retweets · 4 hearts · 10 comments · Seen by 100

Sad

That's 3 serious accidents 1 death and 5 closures in 2 weeks. absolutely

Like Reply · 6 w · Author · Crickley Hill still closed (11.30am)

Like Reply · 6 w · This poor guy lost his life

Sad Reply · 6 w · , sadly YET ANOTHER...

23 October

Stay in your homes the traffic is mad !!

3 comments · See all comments

Like

Comment

All comments

23/10/2021


Forwarded
 A417 closed shurdington road to air balloon both directions due to accident.
 8:08 am

8:08 am

Man dies after serious crash involving lorry and car on A417 in Gloucestershire

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Saturday 23 October 2021, 2:25pm

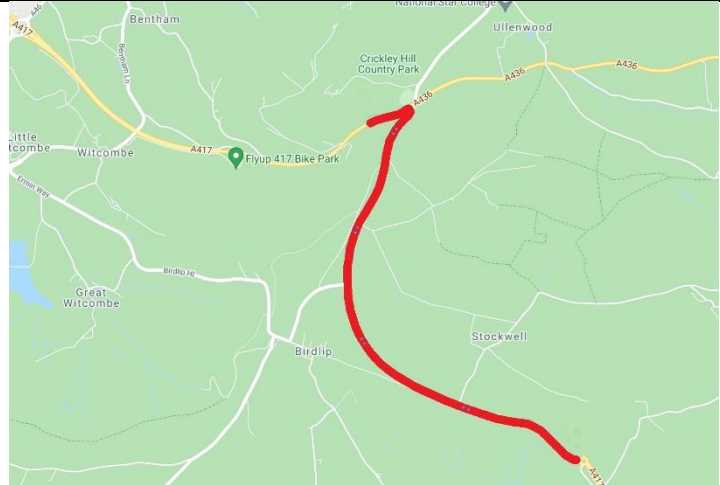


Man dies after serious crash in Gloucestershire | ITV News
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 12:32 pm

12:32 pm

So sad, another young life. 12:36 pm

Definitely need a new road and fast! So sad another young life! X
 3:39 pm

Impact Evidence	Accident/Event/Congestion A417 Cowley roundabout to Crickley Hill travelling East or West	Alternative Route taken
		

Birdlip Village Social Media Posts

Birdlip · 26 Sep · 📍

A417 closed in both directions, air ambulance circulating pray all involved ok x

👍 Like 💬 Comment 📧 Send 7 comments

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
Saw a police car going along with sirens from Air baloon end toward Nettleton direction about 40 mins ago

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
Traffic absolute nightmare through Brimpsfield as everyone diverting off with their sat navs! Avoid if you can!

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
All very sad. They are using the back lanes as a rat run. Apparently, traffic is gridlocked from Brimpsfield to Golden Heart roundabout x

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
It's more or less opposite the brewery. Looks like a bad one

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
yes we heard a bang just before that, think the ambulance is landing down by the Heart 🙏x

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
Oh no , always so sad , lets hope not terribly bad .

👤 [Profile] · 7 w · Like · Reply
oh no how awful

26/09/2021

Another crash on the A417. Helicopter in attendance, road closed 🙄 12:15 pm

Thought there must be - so much traffic coming past! 🙄 12:16 pm

Oh no! Hope they are ok! Where on the a417? We need to come back that way x 12:21 pm

Avoid it if you possibly can. Road closed behind my house, so on the stretch between nettleton bottom and Birdlip turn off. X 12:22 pm

I'll let you know when traffic is flowing again Nicola x 12:25 pm

👍 do you think we can come up the air balloon way? Xx 12:25 pm

Google maps showing closed fro.air balloon to cowley roundabout. Use the old hill 12:26 pm

came up from leckhampton road and it was closed at air balloon so he had to head down crickley hill and up the old birdlip hill. This was about 20mins ago x 12:34 pm

Helicopter just left xx 12:36 pm ✓

They're currently saying opening 2-2.15 xx 12:37 pm ✓

Thank you all- I think we will do the back hill just in case xx 12:41 pm

Opening time currently pushed back to 4-4.15 now x 1:13 pm ✓