

Let us know about a near-miss

If you have a near-miss on the roads or pavements in the borough do you know you can report it to the Council via our new online reporting system?

If you have a close call, either as a driver, a cyclist, a horse rider or as a pedestrian, or if you simply witness a near-miss, please let us know about it. A near-miss for a driver might be if you had to perform an emergency stop or swerve to avoid an oncoming car or pedestrian. As a pedestrian a near-miss would include having to step back on the pavement while trying to cross the road.

The reporting system started in April and will be trialled for at least 12 months. Each quarter we will report findings to the Highways Authority, Kent County Council.

Community Safety Manager Terry Hughes said: 'Minor incidents and near-misses often go unreported. Now you can quickly and easily let the Community Safety Unit know about any close calls on our roads. This may subsequently generate awareness-raising opportunities in repeat locations which could contribute to safer roads in Tunbridge Wells.'

Currently, the statutory requirement for Kent County Council is to review and validate injury-only collisions and so near-miss reports do not guarantee that road or footway improvements will be made.

The reporting tool can be found at **twbc.online/nearmiss**

At the end of the trial an assessment of the scheme will be carried out to decide if it should remain in use.



Residents without internet access can make near-miss reports by calling **01892 526121**.

