

Roads and Transport

The major road in the Parish is the A23 London to Brighton Trunk road. This runs north-south and splits the village of Handcross into two sections. Pease Pottage Is located mainly to its west, but includes properties to the east on Tilgate Forest Row and Old Brighton Road. A variety of A and B roads run roughly east-west in the Parish, and are joined by a network of rural lanes.

In addition to motor vehicles, the networks of rural roads are popular with horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians. There is a riding stable in Warninglid that also generates equine traffic, posing a risk to cars and the cars to the horses and riders. Excessive and inappropriate speed of cars and lorries is also a problem on these roads.

Coos Lane, the road between Handcross, Slaugham and Warninglid is a narrow twisting country lane that in some places cannot even accommodate two cars. Speeding through the villages and on the country roads, along with the lack of footpaths or cycle paths compromises pedestrian, equine and cyclist safety. High Beeches Lane (B2114) leading away from Handcross to Balcombe is an accident hot spot.

- Some Parish Transport statistics :
- 90 households with no car (8% v 26% England)
- 425 households with 2 or more cars (38% v 25% England)
- 6% households travelling to work using public transport (v 11% England)
- 5.8km to nearest secondary school (v 2.1km England)
- 2.2km to nearest GP (v 1.2km England)
- 1.8km to nearest post office (v 1.0km England)

Public Transport

Public transport within the Parish is very limited as there is no railway station, and bus services are insufficient and decreasing.

Hourly bus services to Brighton and Crawley run from Pease Pottage, taking in Handcross and Warninglid. There is no bus serving Slaugham village.

Handcross also has a community bus with a variety of regular routes to local towns. This is run by volunteers and is dependent upon grants from the district council and local charities as well as fare paying customers. A large number of passengers are in receipt of a bus pass.

Public transport within Slaugham Parish is not suitable for commuters; therefore any new developments will need to take account of employment, transport and parking needs.

The closest mainline railway stations as measured from the Handcross Post Office in the High Street are Three Bridges (6.9 miles), Crawley (5.3 miles), Horsham (7.6 miles)