

# Life in the fast lane no fun for Woodhurst man

A LOCAL man claims that living in his village home is as noisy as life on a railway platform because of heavy lorries hurtling by.

Norman Lloyd, of "Church View", Woodhurst, has been a prominent campaigner for traffic restrictions since 1985. During that time the traffic flow through Woodhurst has increased by 60

per cent, but still there are no traffic calming measures.

Woodhurst had been considered for 7.5 ton weight restriction on traffic, but overwhelming objections were raised by Oldhurst and Pidley parish councils who feared it would result in heavier traffic through their own villages.

Heavy lorries are frequently causing damage to Woodhurst. On one occasion a tanker skidded 50 meters down Church Street, before mounting a grass verge, and demolishing a road sign.

Mr Lloyd said: "It's a real fear that people are going to be killed before long. We half expect lorries to hurtle onto pavements, and that's probably why there have been no serious injuries so far."

Council traffic engineers say that Woodhurst is no worse off than other villages.

Roads have become over congested because of local development. Cambridgeshire traffic has increased by 78 per cent since 1981 and there are not sufficient funds available to make adequate road improvements.

Mr Lloyd said: "This situation looks like chaos to me. These smaller roads aren't designed for heavy traffic. Our houses are cracking and people are losing sleep."

Mr Lloyd has written to local MP, John Major.

"If this is a general problem it must surely be Mr Major's responsibility," he said.

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Collins, with Auntie Jean and Uncle Dennis.

Collins, of St Ives, won squeals of laughter from their young audience.

Fun included Punch and Judy acts, and magic tricks for children.