



# An Introduction to CANS

(Communities Against Noise & Speed)

**The aim of CANS is:** To improve consideration and safety by all road users along the A32/A272 and surrounding villages. This will be achieved by lobbying, calling the authorities to account and engaging with local communities to support such action.

**And the story is:** Living in the South Downs National Park is a privilege which, like many areas of natural beauty, is blighted by a small minority of inconsiderate road users.

CANS was established in late 2017 to represent the communities along the A32/A272 and surrounding villages to create change and bring pressure to bear on the authorities to enforce the laws of our land, something they seem very reluctant to do because they see it as very low priority.

At the same time, we want to positively engage with relevant road users to highlight the impact they are having on others, and how if their behaviour was applied to them how unhappy it would make their lives.

It may not be all about motorcyclists because there are many examples of poor driving from cars, vans and lorries, and even cyclists, where they exceed the speed limits and drive without due care and attention. However, analysis of available figures show road casualty statistics in the A32/A272 area are shocking. The official Hampshire statistics indicate 29% of all 2016 accidents concerning the killed or seriously injured (KSI) involved motorcyclists. Other figures for the past 5 years in the A32/A272 area (obtained from [crashmap.co.uk](http://crashmap.co.uk)) show KSI accidents involving motorcycles was over 50% of all recorded accidents, considerably higher than the county average.

**And fundamentally we do not want people dying on our beautiful roads!**

**The impacts are:**

- The loss of tranquillity through excessive noise
- Excessive speed and reduced safety
- Social disruption for residents and other road users