Cherry Tree Drive development narrow road and narrow garages, Junction of ChTr Drive and Rectory Rd can be difficult exiting large circle area prone to flooding
marks difficulty in exiting East Crescent and North Crescent onto Manorham Rd.
Cars park on the pavement on Manorham Rd and travellers park all day at the bottom of Manorham Rd when they get lifts up and down the motorway.

There has been a fatality on the junction of St Andrews Rd and Tom Lane.

At morning rush hour and t-time traffic is bumper to bumper through the village 8 am - 9 am pm.
Grandad's fears of speeding drivers

A grandad says he fears for his granddaughter's life as dangerous drivers are speeding through his village.

Phil Reddish, of Markham Road, Duckmanton, said since junction 29a on the M1 was opened traffic is coming off the motorway and tearing along his road.

Mr Reddish, 47, is so fed up with the problem he is threatening to park his car in the middle of the road and leave it there.

He said: "Drivers still think they are on the motorway and carry on speeding. It has been getting worse over the years. "There are lots of kids in Duckmanton and cars speed past the park. It's not going to be long before someone is killed."

Mr Reddish said his neighbours had also complained and he was concerned for his four-year-old granddaughter Lily.

He added: "I won't let her go to the park and I'm worried to death in case she gets off the garden."

A Derbyshire County Council spokesman said they hoped traffic problems on Markham Road will be reduced following the opening of the western link road.

Police looking in to a speed watch scheme

A police spokesman said: "We have received a number of concerns from residents in Duckmanton who have raised concerns about speeding traffic, especially along Markham Road during peak hours. Traffic officers have been in the area to carry out speed checks, and police patrols will be paying attention to the area to carry out enforcement and advise motorists. Safer Neighbourhood policing teams are also looking into whether the road would be suitable for a community speed watch scheme."

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TRAFFIC WOES: Duckmanton traffic protestor Phil Reddish and his granddaughter Lily Evans.4.
Junction 29a is killing us

SINCE junction 29a opened, I have had several near-misses with speeding vehicles whilst attempting to reverse onto my drive.

One vehicle even mounting the pavement and going around the back of me.

We have complained to the Police, Derbyshire County Council, and a local councillor, John Webley, with regard to park and riders, speeding vehicles and heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village.

Another recent incident was where an illegally parked vehicle was too close to a junction, and a bus driver decided he could not get through.

The Police were called and the Police Officer said: "We do not enforce the parking regulation anymore." So we now have vehicles parking opposite junctions, too close to junctions and on pavements.

Mr Reddish is quite right with vehicles speeding through the village. It is only a matter of time before someone is killed.

It is no good the Police having a small purge on the problem, the villagers need to unite and campaign to stop these problems.

The people that manage Markham Vale, and Derbyshire County Council, need to solve the problem that they have created by having junction 29a at a small village that is ill-equipped to deal with the volume of traffic now either speeding through it or using it as a park and ride, which is causing major access problems for residents.

I now call upon the residents of Markham Road to park their vehicles legally on the road, staggered from one side to the other, to restrict the flow of traffic but to allow free flow of buses and emergency vehicles, to physically reduce the speed of the vehicles and the flow of traffic through the village, as we do at the bottom of Markham Road.

Stephen Collier
Duckmanton

May 9th 2013
NEW COUNCIL NEEDS TO LISTEN
Duckmanton needs help

I FEEL that I must respond to Mr Collier's letter of last week - 'Junction 29a is killing us'.
About a year when the bus could not get through because of parked cars at the bottom of Markham Road, Duckmanton, I spoke to a police officer and encouraged Mr Collier to write, as would I, to Cllr Simon Spencer the Conservative Executive Member for highways at Derbyshire County Council. I am still waiting a response to my letter.

Like Mr Collier, I live beside the road through Duckmanton, and have raised the issue of increased speeding traffic, both on Markham Road, and on Tom Lane, at Staveley Town Council meetings.

There is also the issue of heavy transporter lorries ignoring the sign at the end of Rectory Road, and driving on to the narrow Duckmanton Road before they end up on West Crescent, obviously through faithfully following a SatNav system.

They then spend time reversing out of the tight spot before heading off back to junction 29a.

Perhaps now that Derbyshire County Council is under new management, we might get something done about the traffic problems in Duckmanton.

John Webley
Staveley Town Councillor
Flooded 2007 and 2014 - bringing her garden wall down.
Madge had the wall built to re-inforce it.
She had to get flood protection measures across her doorway to satisfy insurance claims. Water seeps through brickwork also, in flood conditions.