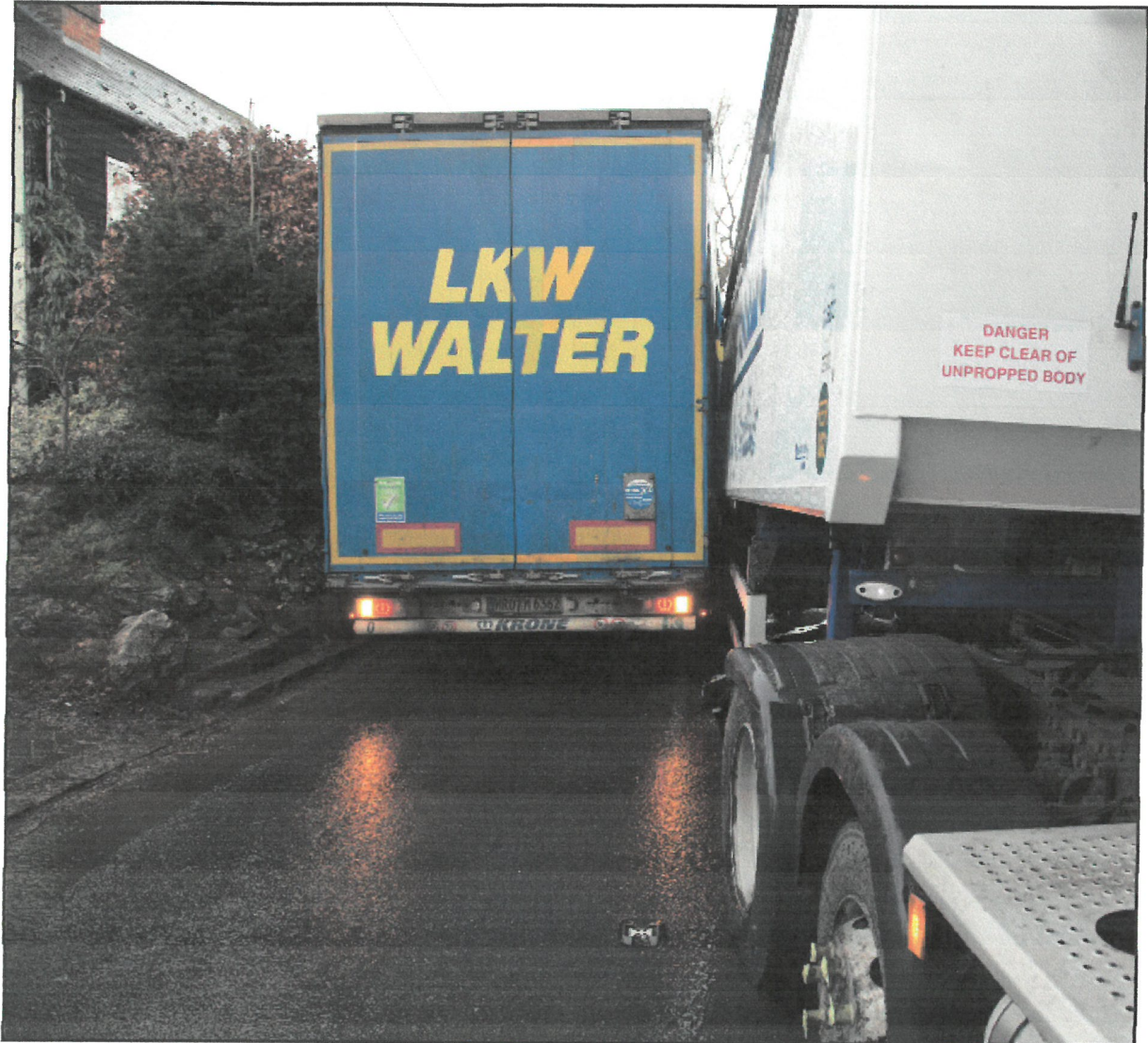


A507 through Cottered



These photos were all taken in Cottered's historic Conservation Area during one hour on 18th January 2018.

These two lorries got wedged where the village road is only 5.1 metres wide. HGVs are up to 2.55 metres wide, plus wing mirrors. The following photos capture what happened next.

Vehicles are getting bigger, but the road through Cottered isn't! Implement the A507 7.5-tonne weight limit urgently!



HGVs of all sizes lined up outside Cottered's 37 vulnerable listed buildings, parking on pavements and verges as the wedged lorries (see front cover) stopped traffic for over an hour.



We spoke to many of these HGV drivers. They had been diverted off the M11 and were looking for an alternative route. **Their SatNavs showed them an 'A' road with no weight limit - the A507!**



The delay to journeys caused many HGV drivers anxiety because of their need to ensure tachograph requirements were not breached.



Other non-HGV traffic was also blocked by the queue of HGVs and chaos ensued as many cars sought to turn round on this narrow road. Several of the car drivers we spoke to were on the school run and concerned they could not complete their journeys.



Some of the HGV drivers we spoke to had come from as far away as Poland and other European members states. They thought that taking an 'A' road as an alternative route in England would mean they were on an HGV-appropriate road.



After over half an hour of complete traffic standstill the Police were finally able to make their way through the traffic from both directions to reach the wedged lorries. Some 40 minutes later the blockage was at last being cleared.



The view over this flatbed, taking up the whole of the pavement as it parked, shows the damage to one of the wedged lorries.



Pedestrians could not use the pavements, as lorries drove over them and then simply parked up when they could move no further.

**HGVs frequently get stuck on
this road!**

**Please don't let this keep
happening to this most
attractive of Hertfordshire's
historic built environments!**

**Residents are required by
conservation laws to
maintain our County's built
heritage to high standards.**

**The County Council must not
allow it be destroyed by
HGVs.**

**DON'T DELAY ON THE A507
WEIGHT LIMIT!**

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