

## **Notes on the Process for obtaining speed indicator devices (SID's) within the Parish**

I had assumed Somerset County Council informed Parish Councils on the type and style of the SID but they are actually quite flexible, although they do prefer the ones that indicate speed.

Locations do need to be approved first. It was recommended to download the app "What Three Words" and send the three words to Traffic Management as it gives a much better accurate location.

The SID requires a suitable post, existing posts can be used but they tend to be quite short. If there are no suitable posts, one has to be installed at a cost of about £190 per post. If there are existing posts, extension pieces can be purchased for about £75.00

Ashwick Parish Council would need to look at possible locations, each side of the road can be used with the SID pointing in different directions, this gives more flexibility and the SID spending less time in storage.

There are various options, prices and companies that produce SID's – this would need to be looked into if the Parish Council decided to go down this route. Prices are about £2,500.00

A Community Speed Watch Team is also recommended so it could tie in with all the data collected.

SID's can be shared with neighbouring Parish Council as SID's can only be in one location for 14 days before being moved. Informal agreements can be drawn up.

Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust provide grants for SID's, grants are issued quarterly and are applied for online. All costs can be applied for.

The difficult part is obtaining Chapter 8 Training as this is a must for people who are moving the SID from location to location. Volunteers can move the SID (not necessarily Councillors) but training is required. Chapter 8 does cover all aspects of work on the Highways but the volunteers would only be replacing the battery and hanging the SID on the post. I have been warned that a lot of the course is not required, it is quite easy, the questions are multiple choice and the answers are fairly obvious. The cost is about £300 per person, it would be advisable having a couple of people with the qualification.

An agreement also needs to be signed with Somerset County Council; I do have a copy.

## **Auto Speed Watch**

A new system is about to be implemented called Auto Speed Watch. This is a solar powered system that can be permanently attached to posts on the highway. It collects data of speeding vehicles and those without tax or MOT during daylight hours. It is a camera system that photographs rear number plates. The information is relayed to police so that they are able to target repeat offenders.

This is not an enforcement camera; it does not issue fines or directly penalise a speeding motorist.

Information can be found here [https://store.autospeedwatch.org/about\\_us](https://store.autospeedwatch.org/about_us), the cost is about £549.00 + VAT for the unit and £87.50 + VAT for the Solar Boost Option.

This is fairly new project, so agreements with Somerset County Council about siting them and ongoing maintenance costs are not yet known.