

## FUNDING

Amey Herefordshire and Herefordshire Council are unlikely to wholly fund the purchase and installation of certain traffic calming measures. The Parish Council may need to top up funds. Your Community-Led Plan, as a piece of quality evidence, will support your funding bid.

Funding may be available from other Sources, for example:

- Herefordshire Council's Community Project and Pride Grants (Tel. 01432 260753 or email [delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk))
- Cargill Meats Europe (Tel. 01432 362116)
- Awards for All ([www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk))
- Your local school's Safer Routes to School budget
- Developer contributions
- Local fundraising
- Precept

The Delegated Grants Team at Herefordshire Council will be able to advise you further on funding streams and provide support with completing funding bids.

Parish Councils will be able to reclaim the VAT on any purchase providing they place the order, receive the goods (including an invoice in their name) and pay using their own funds (including any grant monies).

## CONTACTS

Parish Council and Steering Group members wishing to find out about Community-Led Plan implementation should contact Herefordshire Association of Local Councils on 01432 353492 or 01432 355701 or email the Community Action Plan Implementation Officer (CAPI) on [mel@halchereford.gov.uk](mailto:mel@halchereford.gov.uk)

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## Community-Led Planning in Herefordshire

# REDUCING VEHICLE SPEED IN YOUR PARISH



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Vehicle speed is a frequently raised concern in Community-Led Plans. This concern may manifest itself in different ways, perhaps residents are nervous about vehicle speed because there is no footpath or safe place to cross the road. Perhaps there is a school nearby or there are vulnerable residents.

It would be useful to think about the following:

- what is the current speed limit?
- are there any other restrictions on the road?
- what is the accident record?
- have near misses been recorded?
- what is the condition of signs and road markings?
- are there good lines of sight at junctions?
- are safe places to cross the road needed?

The Parish Council needs to think about these factors and agree to contact Amey Herefordshire (Herefordshire Council's highway contractor). It will be useful to speak to your ward member to gain their support. The Watchman Team at Amey will appoint an Officer to deal with your enquiry.

The Watchman Team at Amey Herefordshire can be contacted on 01432 845900 or email [insightteam@amey.co.uk](mailto:insightteam@amey.co.uk)

## TRAFFIC CALMING

The appointed Officer will organise speed monitoring of the identified sites to determine whether traffic calming will have an impact on vehicle speed and which type of measure will be most effective.

Once the speed monitoring data and the Officer's recommendations are received the Parish Council should discuss which measure they would like to pursue. The results from your Community-Led Plan may favour one measure over another.

Types of traffic calming available for discussion include:

- Improved signage and road markings
- Flashing speed signs
- Speed Indication Devices
- Village gateways
- Road width restrictions or build outs
- Reducing the speed limit
- Speed humps or speed cushions

All of these measures have to be installed by Amey, acting on behalf of Herefordshire Council, who then take ownership and responsibility for the on-going repair and maintenance costs. In many cases there is a waiting list for speed monitoring and for the installation of equipment.

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 30 gives Town and Parish Councils the power to financially contribute to traffic calming schemes. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s. 72 allows Parish Councils to provide certain traffic signs.

## SPEED ENFORCEMENT

Your Parish Council can request speed enforcement in certain areas. This may be done through your Local Policing Team or by contacting the Safer Roads Partnership directly, in writing to PO Box 446, Worcester, WR2 4YR or via email at [info@srpwestmercia.org.uk](mailto:info@srpwestmercia.org.uk).

Speed enforcement often reveals that local people are responsible for some of the speeding. You could try to engage and educate your community about the problem of speeding in the parish.

## OTHER SOLUTIONS

The Road Safety Unit at Herefordshire Council (Tel. 01432 260946) will be able to advise on education campaigns, Speed Indication Devices (SIDS), and accident investigation and prevention.

You could ask your local school if they would like to run a 'design a road safety poster' competition, the Parish Council could donate a small prize and judge the winner. This would highlight the issue of road safety and the implications of excessive vehicle speeds.

If signage is overgrown with vegetation, needs cleaning or repairing, speak to your Parish Council who may have a lengthsman they can direct to undertake these works.

Inconsiderate parking can cause safety hazards, your Local Policing Team should be able to deal with this issue.