

Community Speed Management

Community Speed Management is a process to support communities in reducing the impact of excessive or inappropriate speed on their local roads.

Background

Excessive or inappropriate speed, whether real or perceived, is an issue for many communities and Community Speed Management is a coherent and systematic approach to help communities address this.

Community involvement is important to the delivery of Community Speed Management and the Road Safety Engineering team within Transport & Planning will help the formation of local Community Speed Management groups and support them in delivering community-led actions.

The Process

This is based on a step-by-step approach; steps 1 to 3 are delivered by community groups.

1. 'Road Safe' - A community-based 'pledge' that seeks to inform residents about the issue of speeding and other Inappropriate driving behaviour and invites them to sign up to a pledge not to exceed speed limits. Whenever action is requested, communities will be directed towards the 'pledge' approach as an initial step.
2. Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment - An informal speed management device operated by volunteers in accordance with a defined process and initiated by an identified community group.
3. Community Speed Watch - An informal speed management process involving the use of speed guns at the roadside. Volunteers are trained and supported by either the Police, PCSOs or Safety Wardens. Vehicle details of those exceeding the relevant speed limit are recorded with drivers receiving warning letters.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) or Community Support Wardens may assist groups to operate SIDs and will assist in operating Speed guns

The following options will not normally be carried out unless steps 2 & 3 have been carried out by community groups. Options 4 and 5 are subject to agreement with Cheshire Police.

4. Mobile Enforcement - The deployment of mobile speed enforcement cameras; speeding drivers will face prosecution. A conditional offer may be made which could include driver training, a fixed penalty or a court appearance.
5. Driver Engagement Day - Enforcement and engagement of a broad range of criminal and anti-social uses of the road. Co-ordinated by the Fire & Rescue Service with Cheshire Police and Council staff. Stopped drivers are given an option to participate in education or receive a Fixed Penalty Notice.
6. Local Highway Scheme - Evidence gathered through this process or evidence of high collision/ injury rates may result in development of a local highway scheme to address any issues identified and is based on specific criteria for implementation.

'Road Safe' leaflets are available to Parish / Town Councils for distribution.

The Community Speed Management process was developed in consultation with the Police, the Community and Environment Policy Development Board and the Community Initiatives Working Group.

Indicative intervention levels within 30mph speed limit

Intervention	Road Safe	SIDS	CSW	ENFORC DRIVER ENGAGEMENT	EMENT LOCAL SCHEME
Average Speed	30	35	40	45	

Indicative intervention levels within 40mph speed limit

Intervention	Road safe	SIDS	CSW	ENFORC DRIVER ENGAGEMENT	EMENT LOCAL SCHEME
Average Speed	40	45	50	55	

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