

Parish Council Plans Vehicle Activated Signs on the Street

West Clandon Parish Council has come to an agreement with Surrey County Council Highways Department and the Police which will see the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign which will warn motorists who are exceeding the speed limit with the message '30mph – Slow Down'. The signs have been proven to be effective in other locations in the area.

The sign will initially be erected on the approach to the railway station, regarded by many residents as a particularly hazardous junction combining as it does the blind turning from the station approach, a number of side turnings with too often speeding traffic entering the village from the north.

The decision follows a presentation to the Parish Council by the Police Casualty Reduction Officer and subsequent discussions with Highway Engineers on options for improving safety in the area.

The equipment will be funded by the Parish Council with a 50% contribution from Guildford Borough Council, using grant funding already secured for this purpose. Installation is likely to take place early in the New Year.

A previous initiative to introduce such signs to the village was not progressed as insufficient volunteers to maintain and move the equipment and charge the batteries were forthcoming. The new scheme however uses a solar powered sign and a fixed location thereby overcoming the problem.

In addition to the 'Slow Down' message the equipment will also monitor the extent of the speeding problem which could be used to help the police target their law enforcement activities in future. Additional speed recording equipment is being purchased by Surrey County Council for use by Parishes which could be made available from time to time.