

Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)



Speed Indicator Devices support the effort to reduce speeding across the County. SIDs flash the current speed limit (e.g. 30, 40), if a vehicle approaches in excess of that limit.

The signs are attached to any existing post by the side of the road for a period of time and then recharged and relocated. SIDs can help to break persistent speeding habits by reminding drivers of the speed limits in different locations.

Community Speed Watch in conjunction with Somerset and Avon Police prepare a schedule for the deployment of SIDs throughout the County. There are a limited number of units and operatives who can deploy them and collect the data. Units are placed at specific points where speeding has been reported. The data collected over 2 weeks is analysed for various Average Speeds. If these figures exceed the limits set, the site is placed on a schedule so that the test is repeated twice a year.

The data is graphed and the results distributed to the Police, County, District and Parish Councillors.

How can we get a SID for our area?

Applications for SIDs must be made through your local parish/town council. Applications are not accepted from individual members of the public.

Community Speed Watch Team and the Avon and Somerset Police will then check the site meets the current criteria by collecting speed statistics.