

Tackling Speeding in Moulton

(Information taken from Suffolk Roadsafe website - <https://suffolkroadsafe.com/>)

Speed Enforcement

Speed enforcement is the responsibility of Suffolk Police.

There are four different ways a Parish Council can approach the problem of speeding:

1. Request Police Enforcement from the local policing team or ask for a visit from Suffolk SafeCam's Community Enforcement Team.
2. Form a Community Speed Watch (CSW) group to help educate drivers.
3. Purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and have volunteers move it from site to site.
4. Request to be included on the County Council's Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (TVAS) programme.

Proactive speed enforcement only takes place in Suffolk at locations where there is an on-going risk of collisions, where a number of fatal or serious injury road traffic collisions have occurred or where there have been substantiated complaints.

The SafeCam Team operates a number of mobile enforcement vehicles, which are deployed across the county of Suffolk. Requests for their deployment are discussed at a monthly tasking group.

Speed Management through engineering

Suffolk County Council can introduce measures to try to encourage motorists to drive within the speed limit. However funding will only be available for this type of work where it can be justified in terms of accident reduction. Before any works are carried out, the existing signing and road markings are checked to ensure they meet the current standards.

The personal injury record for a location is checked to see whether funding can be made available to carry out works.

Speed management can include:

- Entry Treatments/Gateways;
- Rumble Strips;
- Carriageway speed limit roundels;
- Road narrowings;
- Priority Systems;
- General signing and road markings;
- Vehicular Activated Signs.

All of the above may have some success in reducing speed, however, all of these measures can have negative effects on the environment in terms of the visual appearance and noise pollution.

Notes:

Funding is only available if there is a proven history of accidents

Vehicle Activated Signs/Speed Indicator Devices

These remind drivers of the speed they are travelling and are used to raise awareness of speed limits. Data can be collected from them to help communities gain information about how many vehicles are speeding. They can only be used in 30mph zones.

Moulton Parish Council has purchased two VAS which are deployed along Newmarket Road, Dalham Road and Chippenham Road (near the Primary School).

The speed camera on Newmarket Road Moulton has recorded on average 1,000 vehicles (entering the village from Newmarket direction) a day with approximately 150 of them travelling at 35mph or more. This data has been passed on to the Police who say that it does not meet their criteria for enforcement by their Mobile Camera team.

Community Speedwatch

This initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment. The aim is not to catch as many speeding drivers as possible but to reduce speed in areas of concern. It informs drivers that excessive speed is socially unacceptable and helps to re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding while addressing concerns from residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods. The intention is that Parish and Town Councils will purchase their own speed gun which is often used in conjunction with a Speed Indicator Device (SID), enhancing the CSW activities.

Note

Moulton has already signed up to CSW. The CSW team monitors speeding along Newmarket Road, Dalham Road, Gazeley Road and near Moulton Primary School.

ANPR cameras

Suffolk County Council in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Suffolk Police (the Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership), will be trialling the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to tackle speeding hot spots across the county. The pilot which is funded from SCC's 2020 fund will run for 2 years. The cameras will be used to help detect and deter speeding offences that have been highlighted in towns and villages and educate drivers on the importance of road safety.

Note

Moulton PC has already registered its interest in the scheme.