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Play your part to prevent speeding

Speeding traffic is a big concern for many communities across Suffolk and often local motorists are the worst offenders.

Suffolk County Council is working with the police, town and parish councils and local people to create safer communities and reduce accidents by improving road safety.

To help tackle speeding problems, many communities have brought in SID – the speed indicator display that reminds motorists of their speed with a smile or sad face. As well as providing useful data about traffic speeds and acting as a speeding deterrent, it is estimated that using SID reduces traffic speeds by an average of 14%.

Suffolk Police is helping town and parish councils to tackle local speeding problems by setting up village speed watches and warning motorists.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams are working with their communities to buy a police-approved hand-held speed gun and train local volunteers to record speeding cars. The police can then identify the owner of the vehicle and either send a first or second warning letter or make a personal visit on the third detected offence.

Did you know that one missing 30mph repeater sign within a signed speed limit prevents the police from carrying out speed enforcement?

You can play your part to improve road safety by reporting speeding motorists, as well as defects such as potholes, blocked drains, missing or obscured road signs.

Contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit www.suffolk.police.uk. Report road defects to Customer Service Direct on 0845 404050 or www.csduk.com. For more information about SID and road safety, visit www.suffolkroadsafe.net, or call