

Hi Claire,

Since the recent annual PC meeting I have been making some enquiries about carrying out speed enforcement at Queens Head. I have spoken to the Safer Roads Partnership, Community Speed Watch and also our Traffic Management dept.

It transpires that prior to the speed limit being reduced from a 60mph to a 30mph, Shropshire Highways carried out their usual speed monitoring checks in the area which resulted in an average travelling speed of about 45mph. Therefore, West Mercia Police opposed the suggestion of a 30mph limit unless 'other measures' were put in place, and recommended a 40mph zone, which was closer to the actual travelling speed of the traffic. As you are aware, apart from the 30mph signs in place at Queens Head, no other measures have been utilised there.

When I spoke with the Safer Roads Partnership, they stated that due to police opposing the 30, it would be unethical to position one of their speed camera vans in Queens Head as they could be accused by the public of being a 'cash cow' against motorists as, due to the previously highlighted travelling speeds of 45mph, the camera van could be issuing numerous enforcement fines or driver awareness course fees on a daily basis. So, for them, it would be easy money - but its their policy not to carry out speed enforcement in areas that were not supported by police for that reason. I must admit, when that was explained to me, and from a motorists point of view, I personally agree with that policy.

The other option you have is to seek six volunteers from the parish to carry out 'Community Speed Watch'. Again, I've spoken to the CSW co-ordinator, a Mr Adnan Ali about this and he states that CSW was suggested to West Felton previously, but at that time the Parish Council were unable to find enough volunteers to meet the criteria. Perhaps this is something you might want to discuss with the Parish Council and try again to find six volunteers?

I hope this helps, Claire. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

*Regards,*

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