



# Andover Town Council

To **consider** options for Speed Indicator Device purchases.

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No.  
**16**

**Produced for:** Full Council

**By:** Town Clerk.

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## Background:

The Town Council has already decided to purchase an extra 3 Speed Indicator Devices for deployment around the town. The purchase of the equipment has been delayed for the following reasons:

1. Lack of extra capacity of the current contractor who moves the devices periodically around the town.
2. Scarcity of suitably qualified contractors to take on the extra workload.
3. Complicated training for any new employee to take on the role.
4. Investigating the possibility of using AutoSpeedWatch cameras instead which may provide a better outcome.
5. Difficulties getting the Police to approve the use of the AutoSpeedWatch devices in Test Valley.
6. Awaiting decisions of Hampshire County Council (HCC) with regards to the use of AutoSpeedWatch in Hampshire.

The Town Clerk has now received information from another AutoSpeedWatch user in Hampshire, that HCC have now approved the use of AutoSpeedWatch in another area. We have been passed blank copies of the s.178 Licence agreement with HCC and HCC's guidance on use. It is very similar to the current agreements we have.

## Proposal:

A meeting with the Police will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September. If Councillors are in agreement, discussions could be started at a high level to gain approval for AutoSpeedWatch in Test Valley.

## Recommendations from Officers:

To progress with AutoSpeedWatch project to see if it can be launched.

## Councillors to decide which option to progress:

### Option A - [Autospeedwatch](#)

#### Delays:

HCC agreement (s.178 licence.)  
Police agreement

#### Ready to go:

Installation can be done once by a competent person.

PURCHASE COST PER UNIT	
1 unit (including a tamper alarm)	£ 589
Data Connectivity 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Free
Solar Boost & Fixing	£ 101.35
Signage	£ 32.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 722.85 ea.</b>
YEARLY EXPENSES AFTERWARDS	
Data Connectivity for subsequent years	£ 148 pa

### Option B - [Westcotec](#)

#### Delays:

Finding a licenced contractor for installations and moves.  
Employing someone to handle inhouse.  
Ongoing costs for periodic movement.

#### Ready to go:

Use same supplier as previous units were supplied by.

PURCHASE COST	
<b>Cost dependant on power source</b>	<b>Indicative cost based on previous purchases in Oct 2022:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mains</li> <li>• Solar</li> <li>• Battery (portable)</li> <li>• Portable solar</li> </ul>	<b>£8,088 + VAT for 2 units.</b>
YEARLY EXPENSES AFTERWARDS	
Cost of moving the units	TBC – employee / contractor.



**AutoSpeedWatch**  
Making Communities Safer

My AutoSpeedWatch    Verify vehicle

Berkley NEbound; 53 mph in a 30 zone.

This page allows the verification or removal of a logged speeding event. Use the photograph to verify or correct the registration details. Speeding events can also be individually removed using this page.



Registration (no spaces)    KE JA 53 mph

Verify    Remove    Flag vehicle

See following page for a draft proposal of how the units could be operated by the Town Council.

**Output from Autospeedwatch.**



My AutoSpeedWatch    Persistent

**Persistent speeders**

This page lists vehicles that have multiple-verified speeding records. Unverified license plate records are not shown on this page.

Show 30 vehicles, and order by # of offences, then speed, then # offences.

Between 2020-04-19 and 2020-04-26    Submit

W X 7 times Max: 51	C IJ 7 times Max: 50	H J 7 times Max: 47	W PO 6 times Max: 59
W S 6 times Max: 56	C U 6 times Max: 53	EI R 6 times Max: 49	T L 6 times Max: 46
C Z 6 times Max: 42	B D 5 times Max: 59	M F 5 times Max: 53	H J 5 times Max: 53
B C 5 times Max: 50	R M 5 times Max: 50	W C 5 times Max: 48	K C 5 times Max: 48
W IK 5 times Max: 47	M X 5 times Max: 45	Y V 5 times Max: 44	GI PX 5 times Max: 44
Y J 5 times Max: 43	F C 5 times Max: 40	H L 5 times Max: 34	W A 5 times Max: 32
W V 5 times Max: 30	C P 4 times Max: 57	W F 4 times Max: 57	L N 4 times Max: 56
	M C 4 times Max: 51	O M 4 times Max: 50	

See next page for a draft proposal to be discussed with the Police.



# ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

## Test Valley Autospeedwatch (TVA) Proposal

### Aims

To significantly reduce speeding and increase safety for pedestrians and other road users in Andover and the surrounding villages.

### Background

Residents in Andover regularly ask what the Town Council can do to combat speeding in certain areas. There are several known "spots" around town where vehicles far exceed the existing speed limits, often these are in front of schools or parks. Experience has shown that Community Speedwatch is effective whilst volunteers are visible, but speeding behaviour returns as soon as the volunteers in hi-viz jackets leave.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) have limited resources to implement traffic calming measures, and consequently require robust data to prove that highway improvements need to be made to combat speeding.

### Current situation

The Town Council has two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which are being rotated around Andover and are having a significant effect on most drivers' behaviour. (Data is available on our website.)

The Council has funds available to spend on more devices, but wish to formulate a plan to use these funds to best effect.

Councillors are cognisant that the Police have limited resources to handle the administration demands of following up after Community Speedwatch and targeting repeat speed offenders.

### Proposal

#### ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL (ATC) TO:

1. To use [Autospeedwatch](#) devices already approved by Gloucestershire PCC and Gloucestershire County Council. ([Gloucestershire PCC report](#)).
2. To set up and lead "Test Valley Autospeedwatch" (TVA) with Police and HCC backing.
3. To be the TVA sole point of contact for Police and HCC.
4. To invite other Parishes to join group. (initial approaches made to Romsey Town Council and Nether Wallop, Thruxton, Broughton, Monxton, Charlton, Barton Stacey and Longstock Parish Councils who are all interested.)
5. To collate information from Andover (and the other areas) to be passed to:
  - a. Hampshire Police
  - b. Hampshire County Council.
6. To obtain keeper name and address details from DVLA.
7. To produce and post letters to vehicle keepers.
8. To keep a list of letters sent so that persistent offenders can be reported to Police.

## Costs and Responsibilities

### Expenditure / Costs

	Police	ATC	Parishes	HCC
Autospeedwatch devices		✓	✓	
Installation of poles		✓	✓	
Administration cost of letter preparation		✓	✓	
Paper and Postage cost		✓	✓	

### Responsibilities:

Installing poles on roadside				✓
Maintenance of poles		✓	✓	
Maintenance of devices		✓	✓	
Insurance of devices		✓	✓	
Reporting on letters sent		✓		
Compliance with GDPR		✓		
Follow up with repeat offenders/locations *	✓			
Follow up with data review & traffic calming solutions *				✓

\* Nature of follow up to be discussed.

## Decisions to be made:

1. First letter and subsequent letter templates.
2. If photographs should be included with offence data.
3. Which offences should be targeted. E.g. Top 10%? speeds 10/15/20 mph over limit?
4. Who should access DVLA data, and how can this be legally structured?

### Options:

Options:	Legality:
a Police Administrator – costs contributed to by TVA	✓
b ATC Town Clerk – via Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) arrangement.	To be clarified
c ATC Officer – as above	To be clarified
d TVBC Officer – to on pass to ATC (depending on time requirement)	✓

## Expectations and desired outcomes

What follow up is appropriate / desirable / achievable in the long term? All below for discussion:

### Police Options

#### Repeat Offenders #

- Door knocking and a chat.
- Speed awareness course.
- Fines (possible?)
- Prosecution (possible?)

### Police Options

#### Locations with many high speeds at regular times

- Speed gun team visit

### HCC options

- Road lines painting
- Road narrowing
- Flashing signs (e.g. school)
- Installation of a crossing
- Other traffic calming measures

# - A "repeat offender" to be defined so there is no ambiguity regarding this expectation.