

Pile-up renews safety appeal

A THREE car pile-up has spurred a Kilmington resident to call on the Highways Agency to sanction traffic calming measures before someone is killed.

Jenny Heathman is urging the Highways Agency to introduce safety measures after the latest accident.

The accident, at Whitford Cross, off the A35, occurred on Friday, April 3, at 1pm, and involved three cars – just a couple of yards away from a busy bus stop used by school children.

A red Ford Puma sports car

was crunched up with its bonnet collapsed and a couple of people were taken to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital with minor injuries, it has been confirmed.

The stretch of road is an accident blackspot and residents fear lack of a speed limit is putting children's lives at risk and killing numerous pets.

Ms Heathway set up a residents' group calling for a speed limit, or at the very least signs, a couple of years ago after a car hit the local bus shelter.

Ms Heathway, who has lived at Hillcrest, Kilmington, for five

years, said: "The traffic is whizzing by you so fast and drivers have no idea people are living there – after the big crash at the bus stop, where my daughter stands every morning to go to school, I had had enough."

The group was set up to persuade the Highways Agency to introduce road calming measures to prevent any more accidents and potential loss of life.

However, the agency said it would rather deal with the parish council than a residents' group.