

## **Update: 20mph Limit to Replace Central 30mph Limit**

Devon County Council recently provided the following update on our application to reduce the speed limit through the central residential area of our village. As stated below, the scheme and the extent of the area has already been approved, and we are now awaiting the funding to implement the new signage. The latest release suggests that of the 169 requests, Kilmington Parish Council secured a top six assessment. This means that whilst we did not get 2024 funding, funding should be available through 2025/26 and 2026/27. In the meantime, we will look for other options to try to bring forward the scheme and we will keep you informed.

### **This is DCC Information Release:**

In January 2024 members and communities were again invited to express their interest in new 20mph limits for their communities. A further £150,000 had been secured in our Road Safety Capital Allocation for the 2024/25 tranche.

Expressions of interest submitted were scored and prioritised along with those that had been received in previous tranches, in total 169 submissions were assessed in this process. It was anticipated that up to 6 further communities (depending upon the size of the schemes) could benefit from new 20mph limits in this Tranche. However, scoring has presented a dilemma, the top 5 submissions attracted scores of 13 and 12;

13 - Central Ward, Barnstaple

12 - Cheriton Bishop, Totnes, Cullompton, Buckfastleigh

The 6<sup>th</sup> position was occupied by 12 submissions all attracting a score of 11; Dartmouth, Halwill, Kilmington, Kingsbridge, Kingswear, Lamerton, Langtree, Lynton and Lynmouth, Milton Abbot, Lydford (School Road), Sydenham Damerel and Thurlestone.

Therefore, it is proposed that these 12 submissions are progressed through 2025/26 and 2026/27 (dependent on funding). Opportunities for communities to self-fund would of course remain.

Following Parish Council discussions and negotiation with Devon County Council Highways, we have agreed the extent of the proposed 20mph speed limit and signage has been agreed by them. Inevitably there have been some compromises but the area almost covers the whole of the existing 30mph zone. We have now received the estimate for the cost of introducing the 20mph speed limit - the legal work and the erection of signs. Road Traffic legal procedures demand that the intended change must be published to enable the public to make objections, should they so wish. Parish Council discussions continue as to how we source the funding. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact Councillors Peter Ball or Stafford Seward.

