

CARA Traffic Timeline

AUGUST 2016

At the first open meeting of the reformed CARA it was obvious that traffic speed and volumes through the village were a major concern for the majority of residents. Concerns were also raised regarding the single-track road with passing places at the western entrance to Croyde on the B 3231.

During SEPTEMBER 2016, a meeting was held with our County Councillor and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to discuss CARA concerns and the possibility of setting up a community speed watch programme and establishing a 20-mph speed limit for Croyde.

In DECEMBER, a follow up meeting with our County Councillor was held to discuss the 20mph speed limit and single-track priority signage when entering Croyde from a westerly direction on the B3231.

Contact was made in JANUARY 2017 with PCSO Andy Frisby to discuss the possibility of establishing a Community Speed Watch for Croyde similar to the systems currently operating in Braunton and Knowle. PCSO Frisby is the person with responsibility for establishing and supporting these programmes and explained the procedures required. These procedures were explained to our members at the next open meeting. An e-mail sent to Devon County Highways Department requesting (1) A change in signage for single track section of B3231 when entering Croyde from a westerly direction. (2) A reduction in the speed limit for Croyde Village from the current 30mph to 20mph. This communication was registered with the Highways Dept. Discussed with our County Councillor at PC Meeting the e-mail sent to Highways, she offered to follow up.

In MARCH 2017 PCSO Andy Frisby advised that due to uncertainty and possible cut backs he could not commit at this time to establishing a Croyde Community Speed Watch Programme.

After following up with Highways Department in APRIL regarding signage on the single-track section of the B3231 to the West of Croyde they advised that in their opinion any changes to existing signage on this section of road would result in a proliferation of signage and clutter along this route, however, it would be looked into. After further follow up PCSO Andy Frisby regarding the Community Speed Watch programme he advised that his team will monitor traffic speeds in Croyde as and when resources are available and then decide on setting up a Croyde speed watch team. At this point the CARA Committee decided to investigate the possibility of purchasing and installing a radar speed sign.

At the MAY 2017 CARA Committee meeting an appropriate radar speed sign was agreed upon which would cost in the region of £ 3,000 and it was agreed that this should be presented at the next Parish Council meeting and a request made for a financial contribution towards the cost.

At the JUNE PC meeting a presentation was made by CARA on the Radar Speed Sign. The idea was well received and PC Chairman agreed to discuss the matter at next Monthly meeting.

The PC agreed at their JULY meeting that they would fund 50% of Radar Speed Sign costs. However, they want to purchase the radar speed sign as they can claim back VAT. They were advised that their decision would be discussed at the next CARA next open meeting.

During AUGUST 2017, a member of the CARA Committee attended a meeting between our County Councillor and 3 District/County Council officials. Problems relating to traffic speeds and volumes were discussed including having a 20-mph speed limit in the village. At that time, the County Council were collecting traffic data on Croyde Road and also Moor Lane. CARA asked for a copy of this data once it had been analysed, we were informed we could obtain a copy through our County Councillor in due course. Following this meeting we received an e-mail from the Devon Highways Department saying our concerns would be taken into consideration at the next speed complaint action review forum. This location is on the agenda. This will be followed up by CARA Committee.