

APPENDIX E

Notes of the ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP held on THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2023 at 10.00am in the Ditchburn Room, Newton's Place.

In attendance: Councillor Mike Joyce (Chairperson) and Speed Watch rep
Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk/RFO
Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator
Councillor A Hall (Vice Chairperson) Bradley Ward
Councillor Mike Ryan. Brunel Ward
PC Will Heather Devon & Cornwall Police

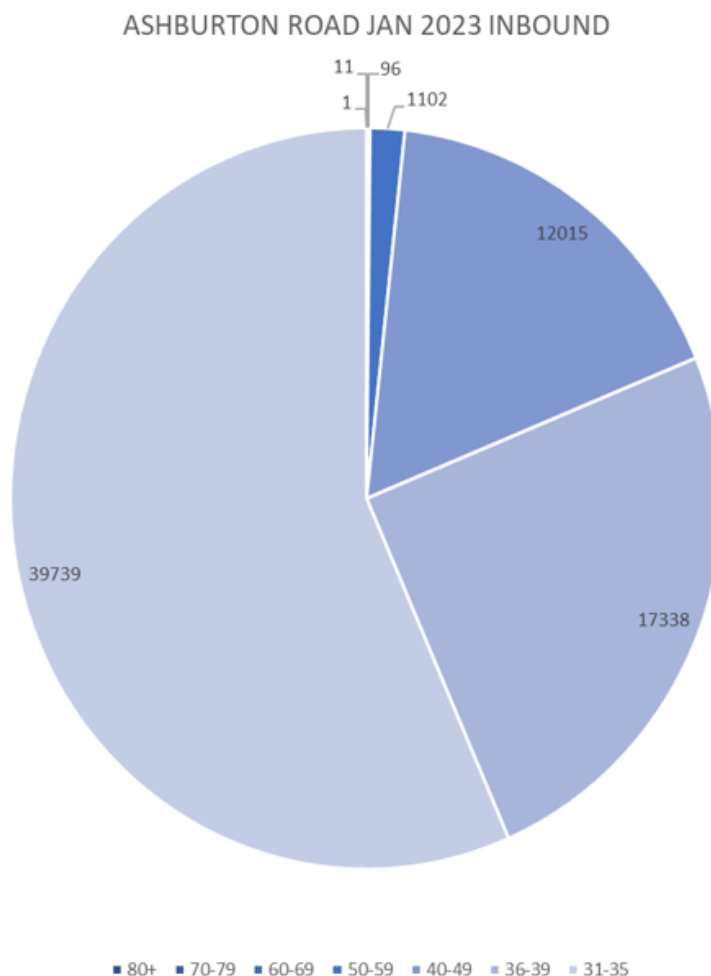
RS(9). WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Chairperson, Councillor Mike Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from Councillors C Bunday, A Jones and C Parker.

PC Will Baker was welcomed to the meeting.

RS(10). VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS) DATA FOR THE PERIOD 4th to 31st JANUARY 2023

Councillor Mike Joyce circulated the data that had been downloaded from the VAS for the period 4th to 31st January 2023, as shown below:



Members reviewed the data and noted that one vehicle had travelled at a speed of 86mph. The data will continue to be monitored to see if there is a pattern for this behaviour. Councillor Joyce advised that there is a huge amount of data captured by the VAS and that the methods of presenting the data are being reviewed and improved.

RS(11). SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Councillor Joyce reported on the recent work of Speed Watch. Recently the Speed Watch group had been joined by a Police Speed Detection Officer who had caught 32 drivers travelling over the speed limit, one vehicle was travelling in excess of 50 mph. Those caught will receive a penalty notice, the driver travelling over 50 mph will be summoned to attend to court. In addition, several drivers who were caught by the Speed Watch volunteers will receive a letter which will be issued by the Police. Several drivers were witnessed ignoring highways signs and will receive a separate warning letter.

Councillor Joyce informed members about the Speed Watch equipment and confirmed that he will bring the equipment to the next meeting for members to see. The current equipment includes 2 x Genesis on tripods and 2 x Bushnell handheld devices. The Police have approved 10 sites in Newton Abbot for use by Speed Watch.

Councillor Joyce expressed his thanks to Newton Abbot Police for their support.

It was noted that Cllr Alex Hall is the new Deputy Speed Watch Co-ordinator for Newton Abbot.

RS(12). POLICE UPDATE

PC Will Heather updated the group on local Policing priorities which are based on reports from the public, direct intelligence and Officer led intelligence.

One of the current issues being addressed by the Police is the anti-social behaviour taking place in the Multi Storey car park, 8 drivers have been issued with warnings. If drivers receive a second warning their vehicle can be seized. Another area being robustly targeted is the anti-social behaviour in coach road car park, drivers are damaging the car park surface.

There is a spate of Moped thefts across South Devon. The key focus is crime prevention and liaising with owners regarding security.

There is a commitment to Vision Zero South West to reduce fatal collisions by 50% by 2030.

The group discussed reporting issues to the Police and how the Police prioritise actions. PC Heather confirmed that unless people report an issue the police cannot act, priorities are evidence based.

RS(13). ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Joyce circulated a list of the current VAS sites and highlighted the list of new sites which have been approved by DCC Highways. Cllr Joyce is receiving requests for new sites which require investigation. DCC has granted permission to install new posts, Cllr Joyce advised that NATC will be covering the cost of the posts and installation.

Cllr Joyce will liaise with Linda regarding the new locations.

Cllr Mike Ryan volunteered to assist where needed.

RS(14). DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Group to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 10:30am

Chairperson..... Date.....