South West Wiltshire SID programme

South West Wiltshire Area Board (Wiltshire Council) has been operating one SID (Speed Indicator Device) across the area. Cllr George Jeans' firm has obtained insurance for the fitting of SIDs and Cllr Peter Edge has become a voluntary employee to the firm in order to assist.

From November 2015 the South West Wiltshire Area Board will be operating a total of three SIDs. The distribution of the three shall be as follows:

- One for the Mere Community Area.
- One for the Tisbury Community Area.
- One for the Wilton Community Area.

Each SID will be initially be moved up to six times a year; in order to do this the Area Board require a few more volunteers to simply take the SID from an existing location to a new location in their area. Volunteers will need to:

- be reasonably fit, able to use a short step ladder on private property to access the SID, unlock a padlock and lift it off; no tools are required.
- become a voluntary employee to Cllr Jeans' firm (**not** Wiltshire Council), registering the following information in writing to george.jeans@wiltshire.gov.uk; *name, address, date of birth, national insurance number, passport or driving licence number* (latter is required to display a right to work in the UK).

Volunteers will be issued with work tickets for all movements of the SID from Cllr Jeans' firm and will be required to let the private land owner know he/she will be on their private property with their authority to do so. Training will be given by Cllr Jeans and/or Cllr Edge and volunteers will be provided with:

- High visibility jacket.
- Goggles.
- Hard-hat.

Volunteers will be required to change/charge the battery before fixing the SID in its new location. Further guidance will be provided during the training.

Volunteers will not be permitted to set the speed at which the SID flashes or take data from the SID by electronic means. The speed limit varies on roads across the three community area and the Area Board wishes to keep the scheme simple in order to enable the recruitment of volunteers. The scheme is primarily aimed at law abiding citizens, slowing them down as they realise they are over the speed limit, rather than those intent on breaking the speed limit regardless.

How to register a SID request

Requests will be considered by the Area Board from Town/Parish Councils (including Parish Meetings) in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis, subject to Area Board approval.

Requests should be sent to the Community Engagement Manager, Steve Harris (stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Any proposed site will be visited by Cllr Jeans and/or Edge to assess whether it is acceptable. A fixed pole is required to host the SID and must meet the following criteria (required for insurance purposes):

- A galvanised scaffold pole in good condition.
- 12 ft long minimum; the bottom of the SID bracket is not to be less than 8 feet from the ground, to avoid potential vandalism.

- Sited within South West Wiltshire, on **private property** (not on the public highway).
- Hole dug into the ground to at least three feet, depending on ground material. Set in place with post-crete.
- Good visibility for vehicles approaching the SID (i.e. on a straight, clear of foliage) for at least 50 metres in both directions, not on a junction.
- On the same side of the carriageway as vehicles approaching the SID.
- In a location where the local community have identified a speeding issue.

Once a site visit has taken place and Cllr Jeans and/or Edge have confirmed the location is suitable, the pole must be purchased and installed by the local community.

Cllr Jeans and/or Edge will then fit the combined bracket and battery storage box. This bracket will then become a permanent fixture to the pole.

The site will then be added to the SID programme schedule.

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