

# Speed Indicating Devices (SID) Notes Initial Research Notes

## Kettleburgh Parish Council

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The clerk initially requested information from Suffolk County Council Highways Department and received advice that they're SIDs are now overused, currently returning to participating parishes every 9 to 12 months for only 3 weeks. Highways advise that parishes should purchase their own devices and arrange for volunteers to recharge and reposition the sign, which also gives greater local control on device use.

Brandeston Parish Council (BPC), whose device prompted this investigation, have done exactly this. They purchased a battery powered, rechargeable MiniSID with a data recording module adding £200 to the price. The total price for the device was £3,860 which was fully funded by County and District Cllrs but BPC are responsible for all revenue costs.

Mounting positions are strictly defined by SCC Highways and their contractors will check proposed pole sites and install poles when sites are approved. KPC will not have to pay for the mounting poles to be installed. Full details of how the approval process for Local Councils to implement SIDs are in this document:

<http://www.suffolkroadsafe.net/assets/Road-Safety-in-Suffolk/Speeding/TVAS/pdf/Working-Together-To-Reduce-Speed-FINAL.pdf>

BPC chose their MiniSID as a minimalist device, with just the speed indication display and recording module, so as not to have excessively bright signage. There were 2 suppliers and they were advised that the supplier from Norfolk was more responsive, which they then found to be accurate.

BPC currently have two volunteers only, who mount, unmount and recharge the device, to no fixed pattern, which is considered more effective. They intentionally have the sign not in use for some periods as well. When the data recording module comes into regular use they intend to increase the number of volunteers and produce a rota.

The suppliers advised that 2 volunteers would be needed to unmount, recharge and remount the device every 30 days or less. Snape Parish Council found that the battery did not last for that period, especially with the data recording module in use, due to high traffic levels.

BPC have been very helpful and offered any further assistance that could help.