

**30mph Speed Limit sign report**

Image	Detail	Cost
	<p><b>TMW Traffic Control Systems</b>  <b>MINI 300 Speed Display Signs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battery Powered</li> <li>• Fully enclosed anti-vandal unit</li> <li>• 230 or 12-volt operation</li> <li>• Virtually No maintenance</li> <li>• High performance LED output</li> <li>• Lightweight robust polyethene casing</li> <li>• Weighs just 6kgs (without a battery)</li> <li>• Lasts up to 3 weeks without charge (some restrictions apply)</li> <li>• Aluminium clips on the rear for easy installation</li> <li>• Quick &amp; easy mounting facility for moving around sites</li> <li>• Solar powered option</li> <li>• Optional data recording facility</li> <li>• Optional remote access facility</li> <li>• SLOW DOWN safety message option</li> <li>• Sad/Smiley face option</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.twmtraffic.com/signs/speed-display-signs/mini-300-speed-display-signs/">https://www.twmtraffic.com/signs/speed-display-signs/mini-300-speed-display-signs/</a></p>	
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**From Andrew Maliphant of Longhope Parish Council**

...we used Elan City, kit actually made in France, UK contact a very good guy called Alan Mackie.

The sign has been very good, and we have gathered useful statistics on vehicle speed levels.

We went for the moveable, battery option between three different locations in the village (so we only bought one piece of kit), rather than fixed or solar panel. The only fly in the ointment has been the need to change rechargeable batteries each fortnight, but we have a cunning plan to deal with that - Cheers! Andrew

We got our sign with a grant from the Police Commissioner's Fund a couple years ago, when one of the themes was safer driving. The application process was quite burdensome but proved worthwhile.

**From Bob Wolfson – Rudford and Highleadon Parish Council**

Our sign is a SWARCO MVAS - this is a link to their website:

<https://www.swarco.com/products/electronic.../moveable-vehicle-activated-signs>. We also pay an annual maintenance fee of £200 (I think).

The sign cost around £5000 which included batteries (two sets), the connectors to attach the sign to the poles etc. We also have a dedicated laptop for a further £500, which we use to download the data. We then analyse it separately by moving it into an Excel file.

We had to negotiate quite extensively with the County Council to agree on where the posts we use could be located, and had to sign a legal agreement with GCC to undertake we would locate the sign appropriately, move it regularly and take appropriate safety precautions in so doing. It has proved demanding to keep up with moving it one time etc - we have three 'pairs' of Councillors who do this every 18-20 days.

We do analyse the data, but it more or less tells us what we expected, and doesn't change much - there is relatively little speeding at Church Lane and Buttermilk Lane, a bit more at Highleadon Green and a lot more at Trioscape travelling north. We regard this as helpful, as it means we are slowing down traffic as they move from the 50mph to the 40mph and approach the Trioscape and Highleadon Green turns. We believe, but cannot prove, that the sign has helped reduce the likelihood of accidents.

We have provided the data to the County Council and to the police, who have shown, at best, limited interest. We were promised by a PCSO that they would do a speed check (with penalties) at Highleadon Green but it never happened. We can also use the sign to do vehicle counts, which has been quite helpful in relation to the recent Severn Trent proposals, and we are currently analysing the impact of the school run.

I imagine that if you decided to buy one for yourself, the biggest issue would be getting the right permission/s from GCC, as well as affording the sign. It would not be essential to have the laptop and analyse the data - Maisemore has the same sign and just uses it as a reminder to people.

I hope this is helpful and would be happy to provide more or to meet with you if you want to do so.

**From Andrew Cooley - Chairman, Maisemore Parish Council**

Our VAS was supplied by SWARCO and we have been very pleased with it. Of course it doesn't stop the speeding, but it certainly does slow some drivers down.

We move ours from time to time so that it appears at different ends of the village on the A417. I think this helps to raise awareness of it.

We chose a version that also shows a Thank You message when drivers are within the limit - a bit of carrot as well as stick.

The County Council paid half the cost - plus the whole cost of installing the poles to which it is fixed. That was a big help.

If there's anything else I can help with, please just let me know.