

**UPDATE ON REPORT REGARDING
SPEED MANAGEMENT DEVICE
(FOR OBPC MEETING 03.12.24)**

In a report to the September Parish Council Meeting, David Warren who leads our handypersons work group suggested that the batteries in our speed management device were aging and no longer holding charge for a suitable period of time. In further communication with David Warren by councilor Leigh-Jones, he questioned the suitability of purchasing new batteries as he believes the utility of the equipment is to be questioned as the “recording system in the equipment is defunct.”

In communication with Hursley Parish Council who use their device intentionally and consistently the following information has been gathered which may be of help to OBPC.

- The device was purchased from ElanCity. The current cost is approximately £2500-£3000 ex VAT.
- Hursley Council gathers data from their machine which is then processed and communicated by the clerk.
- A small company is used to move the device, they send the data to the parish council and charge batteries (we can get a quote from this company if we pursue the idea of purchasing and installing our own).
- Hursley use their device in the following manner: Moved every two weeks, the batteries charged and swapped (it would be recommended to purchase two sets of batteries, preferably the more expensive longer lasting batteries).

I think the above description of Hursley Parish Council's use of their speed management device is a model of how OBPC would use their own speed management device. Our decision, therefore, revolves around discussion and consideration of three things:

1. Are we willing to spend the initial amount necessary to purchase one device and two 'longer lasting batteries' (approx. £3200-3500 ex VAT).
2. The ongoing monthly costs of device management/movement/data collection (unless we can coordinate this with volunteers).
3. The value/impact of a high quality, efficiently managed Speed Management device for OBPC and if such value/impact necessitates the above costs.