**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2025 9:16:38 AM
**To:** barntonpc@gmail.com <barntonpc@gmail.com>
**Subject:** Speed Monitoring- Townfield Lane o

Delighted that a speed monitoring device has been placed on Townfield Lane, Barnton outside Barnton primary school. Fingers crossed that this leads to a speed enforcement camera to a stretch of road that contains two schools and a library.
I ha e resided at 108 Townfield Lane for the past 20 years and as a retired police officer who spent most of his service on the traffic department.. I can give an accurate opinion on speed. At weekends especially, this stretch of Townfield Lane has become a drag strip used by cars and motorcycles with illegal exhausts travelling at speeds of 40 to 50 mph. I am sure that they average speed of cars along this stretch of road is 35 to 40 mph. The majority of offenders reside in Barnton and treat the 20 mph limit with contempt. I ensure I drive at 20 mph along Townfield Lane and through the (lock estate) and have witnessed the pent up anger of drivers behind me who want to speed,
I hope the presence of the device doesn't become common knowledge as it needs to achieve its purpose.
I hope the Parish council will support and pursue the insertion of a two way speed camera between the junctions of Whitehall Close and Laurel Close.

Regards

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 30 September 2025 09:45
**To:** barntonpc@gmail.com
**Subject:** Fw: Speed Monitoring- Townfield Lane o

To Barnton PCC/Parish Council Clerk

Have you received my email as shown below,  dated 12th September 2025? If so please extend to me, a parishioner, the courtesy of at least, an acknowledgement.

Thank you

[redacted]

**Sent:** 06 October 2025
Good Afternoon

Apologies for the delay – I have been on annual leave.
I acknowledge receipt of your email and can assure you that we work with Cheshire Police in support of speed enforcement measures.

*Kind Regards*
*Toni Critchlow*
Toni Critchlow
Clerk/RFO to Barnton Parish Council

**To:** barntonpc@gmail.com
**Subject:** Re: Speed Monitoring- Townfield Lane
**Sent:** 06 October 2025

Hi, Barnton PC..., That does not answer the question I asked. It is an evasive, disingenuous answer, the sort of answer provided by politicians. The question is simple but I will rephrase it, "Will the parish council actively support the installation of a speed camera on Townfield Lane between the junctions of Whitehall Close and Laurel Close". Please put this matter forward to the parish council at the next meeting, I expect it to be discussed, minuted and an answer provided to me.

Regards

[redacted]

Good Afternoon

Thank you for clarifying your request.
My response to your email may have fallen short of your expectations, however, my response was respectful.

Speed monitoring and enforcement comes under the jurisdiction of Cheshire Police.

The parish council will certainly actively support the installation of a speed camera on Townfield Lane between the junctions of Whitehall Close and Laurel Close, however am I correct in assuming that you wish the council to fund the installation via the precept?

Parish councils wishing to use speed enforcement cameras must follow a structured protocol to formally identify need, provide evidence, consult with the community, raise funds, obtain CW&C highways permissions and work with local police.

If you can confirm that you wish the parish council to fund the installation of a speed camera on Townfield Lane between the junctions of Whitehall Close and Laurel Close? I will be more than happy to add your request to the next council meeting agenda for consideration.

*Kind Regards*
*Toni Critchlow*
Toni Critchlow
Clerk/RFO to Barnton Parish Council

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** 07 October 2025 14:38
**To:** barntonpc@gmail.com
**Subject:** Re: Speed Monitoring- Townfield Lane o

Thank you for your reply,

In terms of funding, CWAC and the Police and Crime Commissioner can provide funding for speed cameras. I realise of course that Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Warrington Borough Councils are more or less bankrupt because of mismanagement and poor financial investment. However, if you don't ask you don't get. I am not aware that anyone has seriously looked at speed control measures on Townfield Lane, where two schools and a library are present within a short distance of each other on a road that is regularly used as a drag strip.

I wonder what the point is of a speed monitoring device outside Barnton Primary School, if, as you seem to imply, that funding is probably a non-starter… Perhaps, the Parish Council can request the actual data recorded by the device. I for one would like to see the data, rather than have a cursory conclusion from the Local Authority.
The rapid expansion over recent years of Barnton Primary School and the large increase in post curricular activities at the School has hugely increased the risk to anyone attending the school and walking from car park along Townfield Lane to the single pedestrian gate on foot . The school grounds and car park are now in use every weekend and 4 out of 5 weekday evenings, by youngsters attending to play football. The school playing fields are now community playing fields with children and parents from all over the Cheshire area.

A cheaper alternative could of course be one or two humps on the road to slow traffic down? I would be happy to have one right outside my property. The added advantage as well is that it would slow the Number 4 Bus down from 35-40 mph to nearer 20 mph as it passes my house.

The Cheshire Police are unable to slow traffic down in Barnton whether by enforcement or advisory means. They don't have the will or the means.

I would be grateful if you could agenda this subject for the next Parish Council Meeting and if you notify me, I will do my best to attend.

Regards