

A1079 SAFETY CAMERAS TO GO LIVE

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Humberside Safety Camera Partnership will be switching on 13 new fixed cameras along the A1079 from the evening of Friday, July 7.

The partnership has installed seven fixed Truvelo cameras on Beverley bypass, from Killingwoldgraves roundabout, near Bishop Burton, to Dunswell roundabout. A further six are in place at Arras Hill, Market Weighton, and along the town's bypass.

From 2000 to 2004, 190 people were injured and seven were killed on these two sections of the A1079.

Mick Harris, safety camera project manager, said: "Safety cameras have a proven record of reducing casualties, crashes and speed and we hope that we will quickly see the benefits of installing them along the A1079. Regular drivers along the route have probably been held up by incidents in the past."

Sergeant Graham Johnstone, who runs the collision investigation section for Humberside Police, said: "I have attended a number of horrendous collisions where these cameras are now placed and I cannot begin to describe the human cost of a fatal collision - it literally destroys families.

"I truly hope that the cameras lessen the calls to service for my staff who have to try to pick up the pieces as a result of these tragic incidents."

Councillor Symon Fraser, East Riding of Yorkshire Council's highways portfolio holder, said: "Let's remember just what these cameras are for, to improve driver behaviour and reduce death and injury from road accidents.

"We judge success not by the number of drivers penalised for speeding but by the reduction in accidents."

Research undertaken by the partnership showed more than half of drivers are unaware of what the national speed limit is on single and dual carriageways.

Along these sections of the A1079, the single carriageway has a 60mph speed limit and the dual carriageway has a 70mph limit for cars and motorcycles, less for other types of vehicles. The three-lane section of road at Arras Hill, south east of Market Weighton, also has a 60mph limit.

The partnership has been working closely with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to manage the casualty problems along different sections of the A1079.

Truvelo safety cameras are triggered by a series of sensors in the road and can take pictures of the front or rear of a vehicle. Their flash is covered by a coloured filter which lasts for one millisecond, meaning most people do not notice it has flashed.

Both sections of the route will be supported by enforcement from the mobile safety camera units, which can be positioned almost anywhere along these sections of the A1079.

Background to the routes

A1079 - Beverley bypass

This site was the scene of 41 injury crashes from 2000 to 2004. There were five people killed, 12 people seriously injured and 60 people slightly injured along this section of road. The partnership will enforce the speed limit along the length of the road from Killingwoldgraves roundabout to Dunswell roundabout.

There are two speed limits - the dual carriageway has a national speed limit of 70mph for cars and motorcycles (less for other types of vehicles) and the single carriageway has a national speed limit of 60mph for cars and motorcycles (less for other types of vehicles). Speed monitoring at different points along this section of road shows that between 26 per cent and 50 per cent of the traffic exceeds the speed limit on a daily basis.

A1079 - Market Weighton

This site was the scene of 63 injury crashes from 2000 to 2004. There were two people killed, 28 people seriously injured and 90 people slightly injured along this section of road.

The partnership will enforce the speed limit at Arras Hill and along the Market Weighton bypass.

The speed limit along this section of road has a national speed limit of 60mph for cars and motorcycles (less for other types of vehicles). Speed monitoring at different points along this section of road shows that between 48 per cent and 57 per cent of traffic exceeds the speed limit on a daily basis.