



## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Thursday 20 February 2020

**1. QUESTION FROM MR BENNETT-GREEN (IN ATTENDANCE)  
Re: Traffic through Halberton**

Cars over the past few years have increased significantly through Halberton, in Mid Devon and at certain times of the day attempting to walk through the village can be a most unpleasant and daunting experience. There have been attempts to slow the traffic down by the use of 20 mph 'flashing signs', for example, which seemingly have now ceased to function, and apparently Devon CC now say they are too expensive to replace.

Therefore, I have contacted the prospective Labour Party Police Crime Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson, who, in the first instance, suggests Speedwatch is the 'way to go'.

Consequently, to start the ball rolling, Halberton Primary School have been approached to come up with a 'Traffic Plan', which children and parents will formulate, in order to give feedback on their experiences going and returning from school. This will be an initial project to gain an understanding 'on the ground', of experiences from our younger residents.

Can you as Devon CC respond to our concerns, and advise please?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES**

DCC have recently had a meeting with Halberton Parish Council who highlighted many concerns. As you say Halberton Primary School have been asked to provide a school travel plan which is a living document, updated every year, that sets out how a school will promote safer, active and sustainable travel to and from school. The main emphasis is on reducing the number of children being driven to and from school, therefore reducing traffic congestion outside the school.

It was also identified that Halberton has a Community Speedwatch which has not been active due to lack of volunteers, you may wish to approach the Parish Council with a view to reinvigorating this community initiative.