COMMUNITY ACTION ON ROAD SAFETY REPORT, AGM 2021

A COMMUNITY PRIORITY

In summer 2020 a community survey of the Tyninghame area showed that 82% of local residents are concerned about road traffic and speeding. A traffic survey conducted by local residents provided evidence of the need to reduce traffic speed on the A198 showing that around 60% of the traffic exceeded the 40 mph speed limit.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The introduction of 20 mph zones in larger settlements in East Lothian was extended to all villages by the Spaces for People initiative in 2020. However, their funding expired before they could implement this in Tyninghame. So Tyninghame Village Hall Committee secured £4,000 funding from Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership to implement three traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of traffic passing through Tyninghame.

1) create a 'gateway' on the B1407 entering from East Linton
2) reduce the speed limit on Main Street from 30 mph to 20 mph
3) instal rumble strips at the entrance to Tyninghame from East Linton and from each direction on the A198.

In March 2021 an official from the East Lothian Council Roads Department visited the village to discuss the practicality of these measures. In the short term he agreed to commission traffic speed monitoring on Tyninghame Main St and the A198, to install bollards to highlight the T junction with the A198, to reverse the speed reactive sign on the A198 and to explore options for appropriate road surfacing in the village.

He also agreed to continue to lobby for the widely requested 20 mph zone through the village, although he regards the lack of street lighting in Tyninghame as continuing to pose a potential barrier to Council agreement. He also emphasised the potential value of obstructing sightlines and having simple visual indications of entering a different driving zone, such as distinct road surfacing between the café and Village Hall and speed signs painted on the road.

Daniel Wight, Dunpender Community Councillor