

# Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

## Report 2020/2021

The MVAS was purchased and first deployed in March of 2015.

It may be helpful at this point to outline some of the conditions that cover the use of the sign.

It can only be deployed on agreed lighting columns.

Two people are required to move the sign, a platform was to be used (no ladders) and hi viz tops must be worn. Only one person is required to take data off and/or change the battery.

The MVAS has five pre-programmable settings for speed ie 30 or 40 mph and also for display, the display can be turned off to give the appearance that it's not working. I should mention at this point that the sign also records vehicles going in the other direction.

The MVAS records vehicle speeds in both directions and as many people will have noticed "flashes" speeds at oncoming traffic, amber with a "smiley face" if within the limit and red with an "exclamation mark" if above the limit.

In addition to the above, the distance settings (when it first "clocks" a vehicle) can be changed, from 60 to 220 yds however it is necessary to connect to a computer to do this.

The sign is normally moved on a fortnightly basis, and this will take approx. 40 min.

The locations for 30mph are the A51 at the school and the Coopers Arms. The locations for 40mph are the A51 Lindops, and the A51 Crossways

In addition to the MVAS we now have two fixed VAS's supplied by Shropshire Council (one at Priory Gdns the other on Newcastle Road). I'm pleased to report finally that the Newcastle Road sign appears to be working and we've received the data from SC who are responsible for its collection. This is supplied on a quarterly basis.

Data is transferred from the MVAS to a computer via a USB and software produces various information including graphs showing speed, time and date. This information (which includes many instances of vehicles travelling at twice the speed limit and some over 80 mph), in all areas, is then forwarded to the Safer Roads Partnership, the Police, Cllrs and Clerk Shropshire Council and the Shropshire Star.

Additionally, the data is “posted” on WPC website along with links to various information.

We have been advised for years that speeding was not a problem (despite the data supplied) and further enforcement could not be justified.

However, when asking for a Community Speed Watch, we’re told the roads are too dangerous due to high speeds.

Due to Covid restrictions the sign has not been deployed as normal, however when deployed still shows excessive speeding.

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