

Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, March 2010

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2010 Haxey Parish Photographic Competition

Good prizes are on offer in this year's Competition. There are only a few weeks to go before the closing date so why not start snapping and preparing your entries.

£50 Children primary school age

£50 Children Secondary School age

£75 Adults

£50 Camera Club members

Basic rules for the competition are as follows:-

1. All entries must have been taken after the 1st January 2009.
2. Entrants for the Adult and Children's section must live in Haxey Parish.
3. The minimum size of each print not to be less than 7" x 5".
4. Entries to be left at Haxey Library between 29th March and 12th April.
5. All entries must have the "Title of the Print and the name, address and phone number of the author printed on paper and then glued onto the back of the Photograph.
6. Further details from John Smedley 01427 752199 or George Fiddler 01427 754117

Speeding Traffic in Haxey Parish

Speeding traffic is a major concern throughout Haxey Parish and the Parish Council has regularly been in communication with North Lincolnshire Council Safer Roads Team and Humberside Police about this road safety issue. There has been some success in reducing speeding traffic following surveys, traffic monitoring and speed camera monitoring, however, reductions in speed are generally temporary and Parishioners regularly raise this topic which is high on their list of priorities for action.

The Safer Roads Team has installed flashing vehicle activated signs on the A161 at Haxey Lane and Epworth Road and speeding surveys were carried out on Akeferry Road and Doncaster Road. These surveys showed that on Akeferry Road the average number of vehicles per day was 2112 and of these, on average, the number of offenders per day was 1235, this means the total offending rate over 35mph was 58%, also more than 30 vehicles a day travelled in excess of 55mph. In the case of Doncaster Road on average about 500 vehicles per day exceeded 45mph and about 20 vehicles a day exceeded 60mph out of an average per day of 3712 vehicles.

In order to address this problem, the Parish Council has hired two vehicle activated flashing signs for a 6 month period and one has been installed on Akeferry Road and one on Doncaster Road. They have been strategically located with the approval of NLC Safer Roads Team on selected lighting columns and it will be possible to turn them around after 3 months to pick up traffic travelling in the opposite direction.

As well as 'flashing' the actual speeds at which vehicles are travelling, these signs collect data on vehicle numbers, dates and times and speeds. The dates and times are recorded to allow police patrol vehicles to be placed at specific times to observe repeat offenders.

We hope that when this data is retrieved it will show that they have had the desired effect of reducing speeding in the Parish.