

Dear Penny and Knockin Parish Council

I'm very aware of how many hedgehogs are being killed on the increasingly busy and fast road through our village. This morning's victim made me particularly sad as it was one of this year's babies which has been feeding in our garden in readiness for its first winter hibernation.

I wonder if the attached notice, being sold by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, would make drivers more aware of their speed (a very good thing in all respects) and possibly also encourage them to pay more attention to the road they're about to drive over. The signs are a reasonable size and we'd be happy to put one on our boundary fence, though I think that once vehicles had reached our house the damage would be done.

A better idea might be to have a couple of signs at either end of the village, perhaps near the 30mph signs, and possibly one at the junction with Kinnerley Road. I see that permission from landowners is required and I presume that if the signs were actually planted on the verges, this would be Shropshire County Council?

Anyway, please could you raise this subject at your next meeting? If Knockin PC are happy with the idea of 'slow down, hedgehog area' signage I would be willing to pay for 4 or 5 signs, if the Parish Council could arrange permissions, erection and posts (if necessary).

Best wishes and thanks for all you do

