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DESIGNER SPEED SIGNS UNVEILED IN STOKE GABRIEL

TOMORROW, **Thursday 25th October at 11.00am**, new speed limits will come into force in Stoke Gabriel with the unveiling of individually designed speed signs at Rydon Cross.

Abby and Jessica Wills, pupils at Stoke Gabriel Primary School, designed the panels at the bottom of the new 20mph zone signs following a Devon County Council competition earlier this year. Using images of hedgehogs, ducks and snails, the panels urge drivers to "Please Slow Down" and "Kill Your Speed Not Us." The third winner, Naomi Pearce, is unfortunately unable to attend the event.

This is the first time such signs have been used in the South Hams and it is hoped to extend the scheme to other areas where 20mph zones are introduced.

Previously there was no speed limit in Stoke Gabriel and at the request of the Parish Council and members of the community, a 30mph speed limit will be introduced through the village with the 20mph zone focusing on the village centre.

Also attending the launch will be Devon County Councillor, Jonathan Hawkins, local member for Dartmouth Rural; Chairman of the Parish Council Richard Tully; Devon County Council's Local Service Officer John Halliday; the County Council's local Highway Technician Sharon Payne, District Councillor Rosemary Rowe; PC John Hodgson and further representatives from the Parish Council.

Notes for News Editors:

Media representatives are welcome to attend the unveiling of the speed signs.

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