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What is Devon's Countryside?

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DEVON County Council is one of just four Beacon authorities across Britain to have received a £1.5million Department for Transport grant to explore safety on rural roads.

A large rural area between Exeter and Barnstaple, bordered by the A361, A377 and A396 roads, has been selected for the Devon project which will gather detailed information about key problems facing all users of rural roads, and develop innovative methods to improve their safety.

This area was chosen because it offers a wide range of road characteristics as well as presenting various challenges to rural drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, horseriders and pedestrians.

Existing data shows the area includes the types of road users, traffic flows, speeds and collisions typical for most of rural Devon, and further data is already being collated in these areas through development of new and innovative analysis techniques. Overall, the project has made a good start, and in coming months, residents and road users throughout the Countryside area will increasingly see the benefits of intensive work in the key areas of road user education, highway engineering and enforcement measures. All are central to the project's strategy to build a new and detailed knowledge base aimed at significantly improving safety on Devon's rural road network.

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Fact File (2007/2008):

Devon provides "good community leadership and value for money" - The Audit Commission

- Budget £750 million
- Population: 741,000.
- County Councillors: 62
- Next County Council elections: May 7, 2009.
- Schools: 364
- Pupils: 96,500
- Children looked after: 584
- Adults helped to live at home: 17,090
- Roads: 12,800 km (7,954 miles)
- Bridges: 3,500
- Residential Care: 4,500 adults
- Libraries: 61 (11 mobiles)
- Streetlights: 71,000
- Illuminated road signs and bollards: 10,917
- Recycling Centres: 20
- Recycling rate: 45.7% (national average 26.7%)

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