

# Youngsters fighting to slow traffic

CHILDREN have joined a campaign for a speed limit to be cut through their village.

Pupils from Morton Primary School have designed posters asking drivers to slow down on the A15 through the village.

They now plan to write to Lincolnshire County Council's highways department to call for the speed limit to be cut from 40mph to 30mph.

Parish councillors have been pursuing the campaign and headteacher at the school George Trafford said people there have had concerns about traffic for some time.

He said: "The parish council has done a considerable amount of work looking at similar villages to Morton which have a 30mph zone.

"The worry is that there is going to be an accident at some point and I don't want an accident to happen before

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action is taken."

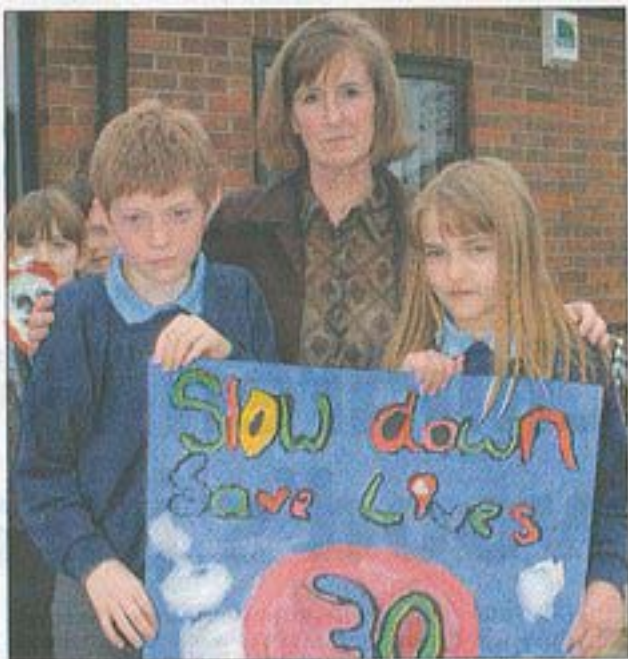
Mr Trafford said the school had considered employing a lollipop lady to guide youngsters across the busy road, but found it was "difficult to attract someone" to take on the responsibility.

Chairman of Morton and Hanthorpe Parish Council David Creasey, 62, of Stainfield Road, Hanthorpe, said the council also wanted to see a zebra crossing.

He said: "There have been a lot of bumps and scratches and a lot of near misses because at the A15 crossroads there is poor visibility because of the King's Head pub.

"We know that getting these changes won't happen overnight but hopefully if we keep the pressure on we will get there in the end."

The parish council is undertaking its own speed sur-



**Campaign - Morton Primary School pupils Brendan Lawrence, 11, and Chloe Howlett, 10, join Coun Sue Woolley to campaign for a 30mph speed limit.**

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vey in May to look at the amount of traffic coming onto and off the A15 from the village.

Coun Creasey said: "We have chosen the least cost options and I am hopeful."

Lincolnshire county councillor Sue Woolley (Con), who lives in Victoria Grove, Morton, is backing the campaign.

She said: "I want to support the parish council and

the school in any way I can. It is a very dangerous road."

Area highways manager Kevin Brumfield said the county council was reviewing speed limits following Government guidance. "We are undertaking this work in priority order and as the A15 through Morton is a principal route it will be considered in the first tranche of reviews," he said.