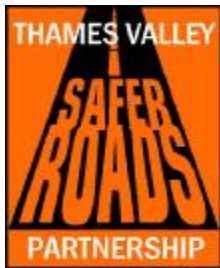


STATEMENT



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Speed Cameras Account for Fewer Crashes

Safety Camera Partnership Accounts for 2004/05 show that Thames Valley Safer Roads has returned £1,000,457 to the Treasury.

Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership makes no profit from the operation of speed cameras. All money generated in excess of the costs of operating the cameras is returned to Treasury.

The main reason why Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership has returned £1,000,457 to the treasury is the casualty-led installation of cameras to date. In five years of operating, most of the collision hot spots in our area have already been covered, so we have installed no new fixed cameras in the last year.

Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership deploys cameras based on police collision reports, in order to reduce speeding where it is causing the greatest injury or loss of life. The latest report for the Department for Transport shows that speed cameras are reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured at camera sites by 44.7%.

Cameras are only installed as a final measure, when all other options have been considered. Our target is not to generate income, but to reduce the numbers of crashes taking place on our roads each year.

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The Highways Agency

Notes to Editors:

The figure returned to Treasury for this year represents 18% of the total income from speed enforcement.

Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership

To reduce the number of people being killed or seriously injured on our roads, Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership was formed in 2000. The partners are committed to reducing casualties by deterring drivers from speeding, and informing the public through road safety education and publicity.

The Partners

Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Milton Keynes Council
Oxfordshire County Council
Reading Borough Council
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Slough Borough Council

West Berkshire Council
Wokingham Unitary Authority
Thames Valley Police
The Crown Prosecution Service
Thames Valley Magistrate's Courts
The Highways Agency

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