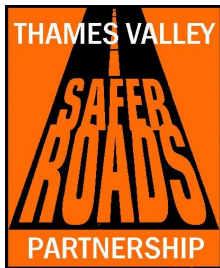


STATEMENT



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Thames Valley Welcome Year 4 Results

The Secretary of State for Transport, Alistair Darling, has published an independent report today evaluating the contribution of Safety Cameras to road safety nationally. The report includes encouraging news on the significant contribution that cameras have made in the Thames Valley area.

At camera sites in the region the number of people killed or seriously injured is down by 44.7%, which is better than the national average¹.

The report did not include every site from the Thames Valley, but this figure is consistent with our overall reduction of 44% of collisions in which someone was killed or seriously injured, across all camera sites since 2000.

The report also demonstrates a reduction in the total number of injury crashes in the vicinity of safety cameras.

The Department for Transport have also promised to deliver further improvements to the signposting of cameras. Thames Valley already has some of the most highly visible enforcement in the country, and will be looking to implement the guidance over the coming year.

Chris Scroxtton, Partnership Project Manager commented "This independent academic study backs up our own research which shows that cameras deliver significant improvements to road safety. These results represent literally hundreds of families that have been saved from the trauma of dealing with a road traffic collision over the last few years."

¹ The national average for reductions at camera sites is 42.1%

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The Highways Agency

Notes to Editors:

About the Report

The report is an independent study conducted by University College London and compiled by PA Consulting, a copy of which is available here:

http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_rdsafety/documents/page/dft_rdsafety_610815.hcsp

The report was announced in a written statement to the House of Commons at 9.30am from Secretary of State for Transport, Alistair Darling.

Highlights from the National Report

The number of people killed or seriously injured at camera sites fell by an average of 42.1%

The number of people injured at camera sites fell by an average of 22.3%

Speeds at new camera sites have fallen by 6% nationally (2.2mph), with a 31% reduction in the number of vehicles breaking the limit.

Vehicles traveling more than 15mph over the speed limit fell by 51%

Across all camera sites nationally, 100 fewer people were killed per year.

Changes in the partnership structure & funding arrangements

There are currently no detailed plans on how the funding arrangements will be worked out.

Until we are in possession of these plans and have been able to consult with our partners we will not be able to give any details on these changes will affect operations in the Thames Valley.

Available for comment is Dan Campsall, Communications Manager, Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership by contacting TVSRP office on 01295 731810.

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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