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Councillor and PCSO surgery

Tuesday 15th September, The Exchange, Niton 10.30 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 22nd September, Cuppa and Chat, Chale Hub 2-4pm

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Island residents facing unexpected financial difficulties are being reminded that help is available through the Fund (CRF).

The fund, which replaced the Household Support Fund in April, is designed to provide fast, practical assistance to low-income households experiencing a sudden financial shock, while also helping people access longer-term support and advice.

How to apply

For more information and eligibility details, visit: www.iow.gov.uk/CRF

By phone:

- Crisis payment applications: **(01983) 823660**
- Housing payment applications: **(01983) 823950**

In person: Appointments can be booked at the Newport or Ryde Help Centre, where advisers can assist with applications and supporting evidence requirements.

Copy of my question to the transport committee regarding the speed review changes to be made to Whitwell Road and how residents can report their concerns about traffic issues.

**MQ 22/26 Economy, Regeneration, Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting
– 23 July 2026**

Written question from Cllr Claire Critchison to Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (Chair)

I would like to request a timeline for the completion of the speed review priority areas already identified. One of Which is the Whitwell to Ventnor Road. This road has recently yet again had further accidents on it. The speed limit does not reflect the road layout and leads to many driving faster than is safe on this stretch of road. Residents want to know when the consultation will take place as many would like the limit to be lower than suggested in the review and the speed limit changes to extend to Godshill.

I receive many requests for speed limit reduction on the rural and village roads. Could the highways team advise how they would like residents to report their concerns about roads in their area, to ensure they are considered for future reviews and changes.

Response from Cllr J Jones-Evans

The previously agreed recommendations of the Island Wide Speed Limit Review are being progressed by the recently appointed project manager. Though due to the scale of the proposals (with an estimated 4–5-year delivery period), they are being prioritised into a meaningful programme.

Addressing some of the existing anomalies on the network and rural speed limits are being included within the initial phase, as these should be the easier to implement, with anticipated progress in the next 6-12 months. With later phases focused on more complex proposals that require specific engineering measures to manage traffic speeds to ensure conformity to a revised speed limit.

In the interim, we do anticipate requests for further amendments, and these shall be assessed annually to determine if they need to be prioritised within future reviews or as a standalone. To start this process these requests should be submitted to Island Roads as the Highways PFI Service Provider via info@islandroads.com or via the Fix My Street App.