

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

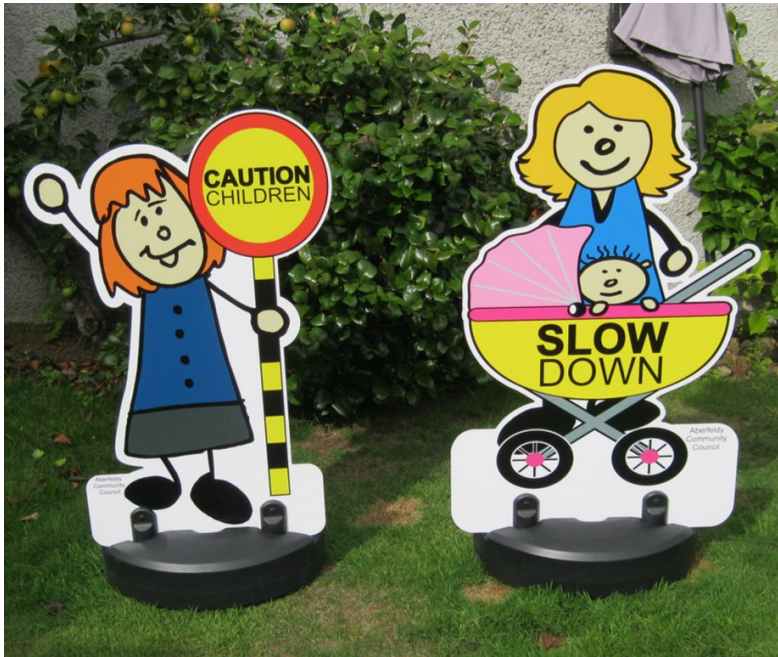
Road Safety Working Group

POP-UPS: Information sheet

Objective: Summarise group learnings to provide some guidance for other community councils.

Pop-up Purpose: try to make drivers think about their speed management by an artificial reminder that there are consequences in driving at inappropriate speed: the potential to be fined, but more importantly the potential to hurt a pedestrian. Above all this is about self education.

Characters in use in Aberfeldy: We have two policemen (referred to as “Jim”) and two kiddies or bairns.



Sources of Supply and costs: Jim comes from Caledonia Signs Limited; we paid £484.54 for our two Jims. You may need to pay a delivery cost on top of that or collect from the supplier based in Kirkaldy. Contact info on separate page. The kiddies came from Signs Direct; we paid £358.14 for our two, including postage and packing. Again, contact info on separate page.

Dimensions: Jim: 1.8m tall by 0.6m across at widest point. Jim comes in two pieces and clips together in the middle (picture below). He weighs just over 5 kgs. The kiddies vary in size depending on design, but are in the range of 0.55-0.70m wide by 1.1-1.2m tall. They are in two parts, held together by two threaded knobs. The plastic base can be weighted to stabilise with sand or water. Weight highly dependent on amount of fill. Very light empty.



Fastenings: Jim is supplied with two bits of chain for each half to enable him to be attached to a street pole of some description. The two pieces of chain are linked by padlock. We found the chain links on the supplied chain too small for the padlocks we are using and had to replace the chains at a cost of c.£6.00. You may find padlocks to fit. We bought lengths of chain to secure the kiddies. This may not be necessary, but we concluded they should be secured in the course of our risk assessment. They are only secured by linking the chain through the base and a padlock. There is no way of securing the top to the base and the malicious or fun lovers can easily remove the top.

Padlocks: we bought “keyed-alike”, high quality, weatherproof padlocks, on line. This approach enables every member of the deploying team to have their own key and open any of the locks. This helps with deployment patterns as there is no need to hand over the key to the next person in the rota. One of the series of padlocks will eventually secure the central store once this is acquired. Supplier details on the separate page.

Risk Assessment: This was required. Our document has an overview part and a site by site assessment. All sites are documented. A copy of the front end with one example site is attached for guidance, however, you should make your own.

Deployment plan: In the document. Note the two Jims are deployed together, back to back, so he is working for drivers from either direction, as recommended by the Dundee police officer who advised us. While there is no fully established practice, because we do not yet have our central “store”, we are working towards a pattern of a volunteer deploying in the morning, a second volunteer taking them in in the evening, either placing in the store or holding onto the character overnight, deploying in the morning and the next one in the rota carrying on this pattern. Long term plan loose at present, but they will not be out everyday. Will have breaks, maybe 1-2 weeks, so they do not become just part of the landscape. We move the m around so never two days in succession on the same site. The kiddie characters are two sided.

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