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Mr Clive Bradbury  
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Dear Mr Bradbury

Thank you for your letter regarding the speeding problem in Newton. May I start offering my genuine sympathies that your dog was killed as a result of a speeding driver. As a long term dog owner I can appreciate just how distressing this must have been, especially given the circumstances that you outlined.

I fully agree with you that speeding in small villages is a problem and must be tackled. In light of this I have recently launched the South Cambs Speed Team- a small group of officers lead by the Special Constabulary who focus their work solely in South Cambs and just within small villages that do not normally attract the attention of mobile camera vans or have fixed camera sites. We have made it possible for the residents of South Cambs to request speeding enforcement in their village by going to the website <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam> and filling out a very quick form- so far in the last month 130 requests for speeding enforcement have been made.

This obviously means that we have a lot of work to do to tackle the problem but we are committing time and resources into it and more officers are being trained in the use of the laser devices (speed guns) to allow more drivers to be stopped. As a direct result of your letter I have had myself trained in the use of the laser device and this morning (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July) I was in the village of Newton where, along with a colleague we reported ten motorists for speeding offences.

Rest assured that this is only the start of our work and we will return to Newton to carry out more enforcement. We are also in contact with the Parish Council and will be urging them to consider a speed plan for the village and possibly setting up a local speed watch group.

In the meantime I hope that I have provided some reassurance that we are taking this matter seriously and will do all we can to reduce speeding in the village of Newton.

Yours sincerely



**T/Chief Inspector James Sutherland**  
**Area Commander - Cambourne**