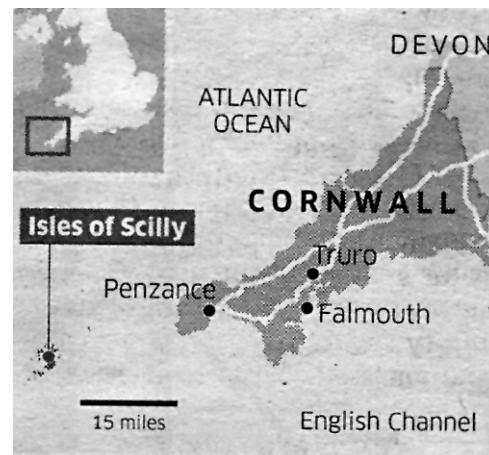


No roundabouts, just nine miles of road – and now one speed gun

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1 THE ISLAND of St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly is something of a motoring 14. With just nine miles of road, no roundabouts or traffic lights, the biggest irony was once that aspiring drivers could take their test there. That was until this week when the island woke up to news that authorities had introduced the island's first-ever speed gun.



2 The move is a milestone for sleepy St Mary's, which until now, was one of few places in Britain where drivers could travel speed-trap free. It is also quite a firm measure for a rural island, that according to the DVLA¹⁾, has only 823 registered vehicles. Most people travel around the island on a bicycle. And the roads are so difficult to navigate by car that it is almost impossible to move beyond second gear and gather speed.

3 Official figures showed that the fastest vehicle clocked by the speed gun since its introduction was a lonely moped whizzing by at a miserable 34mph. Yet police remain determined of the speed gun's necessity. "There is an element that thinks Scilly isn't in the UK and the laws of the UK don't apply on Scilly," Sgt Craig argued. "Sometimes people need reminding that the laws of the land do apply here." 17 that it was unlikely that motorists could actually break the speed limit, Sgt Craig justified the purchase of the gun by saying it would be used for gathering evidence of inconsiderate driving in certain areas, particularly the island's main centre in Hugh Town.

4 The reception among islanders remained mild. "I suppose you do get the odd person driving like a muppet," said Rhiannon Manning, 34, who works at the island's local taxi office. "There's a road in the centre of the

island, but it winds so heavily if you did try to creep beyond 60mph you'd probably crash. That said, it's probably a good deterrent for dangerous driving in the long-run, wouldn't you agree?" she said, seeking the thoughts of her 56-year-old mother. The response? "Don't ask me, dear. I never go beyond 20."

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Tekst 7

- 1p 14 Kies bij 14 in alinea 1 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A abnormality
 - B challenge
 - C nightmare
- 1p 15 'authorities had introduced the island's first-ever speed gun' (einde alinea 1)
- In welke alinea wordt de reden gegeven voor deze actie?
Noteer het nummer van deze alinea in de uitwerkbijlage.
- 1p 16 What becomes clear about St Mary's from paragraph 2?
- A It is a peaceful and quiet island with hardly any motorised traffic.
 - B It is hard to avoid going too fast on some of its downhill roads.
 - C The islanders themselves have asked for stricter traffic regulations.
 - D The number of car-related problems there has been growing steadily.
- 1p 17 Kies bij 17 in alinea 3 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A Admitting
 - B Forgetting
 - C Hoping
- 1p 18 "Don't ask me, dear. I never go beyond 20." (paragraph 4)
What does this remark make clear?
- A It emphasises how dangerous it is when older people drive cars.
 - B It illustrates that having a speed gun on the island is ridiculous.
 - C It points out that locals are afraid of getting caught speeding.
 - D It proves that the driving lessons on the island are of poor quality.

Bronvermelding

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