POLICE failed to catch a single 'boy racer' in Aberystwyth town centre on Friday night, but a prominent Ceredigion councillor has challenged parents of young drivers to check whether their vehicles - often fitted with noisy, large-bore exhausts - are correctly insured.

Cllr Ceredig Davies has asked the police to mount a speed check exercise in Aberystwyth, accompanied by Cllr Davies, Aberystwyth Town Cllr Beverly Shann and some residents.

"We're watching you" - PC Mark Rogers with his scanner. DPJ12088

In a 90-minute stint on Friday 6 October, in Bridge Street, Great Darkgate Street and North Parade,速度 checks using a hand-held scanner failed to detect any speeding motorists. But the exercise was brought to an abrupt end, when the officer had to attend an accident in North Parade where one car had run into the back of another. Police, and Cllr Davies, are unrelenting in their bid to reduce anti-social driving which affects the quality of life of residents in the town.

Cllr Davies said: "Whilst I appreciate that some of the cars were exceeding the 30mph speed limit, boys and girls were still driving too fast for that area. "I am still receiving complaints from residents so I asked the police for a speed check exercise in the town. Speeds in Bridge Street, Great Darkgate Street and North Parade were monitored using a hand-held scanner. Many residents wanted to take part as they suffer from the noise these cars make. Drivers do not appreciate how they affect the quality of life of so many residents."

"I would ask them if they race their cars around their own homes in such a reckless manner and at all times of the night. And, most importantly, parents of young drivers should ask if their sons and daughters are correctly insured - the fitting of alloy wheels, large-bore exhausts and expensive sound systems without notifying insurance companies nullifies their insurance cover."

"And how much of any claim would fall into the lap of the parents?"

"Although no 'boy racers' were discovered, it was a worthwhile exercise if only to remind young drivers that they are not invisible and that they are being watched and monitored all the time by long-suffering residents."

Temporary Chief Inspector Kevin Davies said: "We are constantly monitoring the activities of drivers. And with the fire service we are educating young drivers through Road Traffic Collision Reduction courses, from which we have had positive feedback."

"I can confirm that on Friday night no excessive speeds were noted. But officers are regularly in town looking to enforce the law in relation to the speed of cars. Offending drivers are issued with formal written warnings under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, telling them that if he/she uses the vehicle in a careless or inconsiderate manner on another occasion in the next 12 months, police can seize the vehicle."

If you have information about those responsible for 'anti-social driving', contact Dyfed Powys police on 0845 330 2000, and ask for the relative Ceredigion police - Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Llanp补 or Aberaeron.

Do you think there is a problem with boy racers in Aberystwyth? If so, contact our newsdesk on: 01970 615000 or e-mail us at: edit@cambrian-news.co.uk