

RESIDENTS DEMAND BETTER TRAFFIC CALMING AS VEHICLE FLIPS OVER SEA WALL

Car flies on to sands

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ROSSALL residents are calling for better traffic calming measures along the Promenade after a car collided with another vehicle, flipped over the sea wall and crashed on to the beach.

The driver of the black Renault, a 17-year-old boy, and 16-year-old girl had a "lucky" escape after the vehicle careered off the road and landed 15 feet away from the sea wall – and next to a group of fisherman.

They were taken to Blackpool Victoria Hospital with minor injuries, along with a third person who was in a stationary car involved in the collision.

Problem

Concerned residents say the accident only highlights the need for improved road safety initiatives.

One resident of Rossall Promenade who did not wish to be named said: "It's a common problem, cars racing up and down the Promenade. This is probably the worst crash I've seen.

"A car took off on a hump in the road, lost control, hit a parked vehicle with an occupant in it and flew over a foot high sea wall on to the beach narrowly missing some fishermen. They were quite close because the tide was in.

"There must have been six emergency vehicles. The driver went off wearing a neck brace. The car was a

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write off. They were very lucky."

Firefighters – one crew from Bispham and one from Fleetwood – were called to the incident at around 11pm on Saturday to make the vehicle safe.

A spokeswoman for the ambulance service said: "They were all walking wounded. They were complaining of neck pain from the impact of the crash so were taken to hospital for a precautionary check-up. A car had flipped on to the beach."

The crash comes after campaigners wrote to Lancashire Police, Wyre Council and Lancashire County Council with a petition signed by 67 concerned residents requesting traffic calming measures.

David Hewitt, secretary of Rossall Beach Residents' Association, says the problem lies with motorists driving over a hump in the road, which is part of the sea defences, too quickly.

He added: "One of the issues residents have been campaigning for the past two years is traffic calming measures due to boy racers.

"On a number of occasions they have been seen filming themselves on their mobile phones to see who can get their car the highest over a hump in the road which is for sea defences.

"What happened on Saturday night



CALL FOR CALM: Concerned residents on Rossall Promenade in Cleveleys
Picture: ROB LOCK

shows that something needs to be done. If a car flies over the wall, it's horrendous."

Residents say they would like to see CCTV cameras put up in the area.

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "A car was speeding along the

Promenade and skidded. It flipped over and went on to the beach. The police are looking into road safety measures in that area."

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