

## **SPEEDWATCH ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

**Presented by Cllr Helen Andrews**

We started Speedwatch in our village on 30th April 2015 with the intention of making our village a safer place to live and since then have recorded 22,400 vehicles passing by us.

All volunteers are police checked and have training by the Community Police Officer before they can do it. We usually go out twice a week weather permitting, and it certainly has been extremely cold on some occasions. We can't do it in the rain or fog as the device doesn't work properly in such conditions. We've been given the locations we are allowed to do it by the police and they are North Street by the hall, Bere Road on the corner by the old chapel and West Street by Kingston Barnyard. We've not targeted West Street as much as it is a much quieter road traffic wise.

I have to notify the police not more than 24 and not less than 12 hours prior to us going out, giving details of the time and location. They then give me an incident number which authorises us to carry out Speedwatch.

We record any vehicle travelling at 36mph or above with this device (SHOW), noting the registration, make and colour of the vehicle. To date we've recorded 451 speeding which isn't a huge amount of the more than 22,000 passing us, but we do find that us just being there tends to slow them down. Of course, we get lots of waves and other gesticulations but on the whole people seem very supportive of what we're doing.

I, as co-ordinator for the village, then have to type the report detailing each vehicle speeding, the date and times of the sessions and the names of the volunteers doing it. This has to be forwarded to the police within 48 hours of the session. At the end of the month, I have to send a report of the number of vehicles recorded and the number and times of the sessions we've done.

Of course, this does mean a fair amount of work for me but I couldn't do it without the volunteers. Unfortunately, several of the original ones have dropped off the list due to family commitments so I'm always looking for more people to help. If any of you are interested or you know of anyone, please contact me.

Helen Andrews.

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