

## Speed watch report

### Annual Parish Meeting 2018



Community Speed Watch is a partnership initiative, using the combined efforts of local residents and parish councils. By working together, Community Speed Watch enables local people to become actively involved in helping to slow down traffic in 30mph zones within their community.

Motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods are often unaware of the impact their actions have on other road users or the dangers they pose. Speed checks show that drivers exceeding the speed limit are often local to the village or surrounding area.

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Evenley speed watch has been running since 2012 with Mike Boshier at the helm until April last year when he retired from the role of co-ordinator.

As no volunteers came forward to take the project forward, the parish council stepped in temporarily with the clerk taking on the role of co-ordinator and Cllr Jeff Peyton-Bruhl supporting.

Unfortunately, quite a few road side volunteers also retired at the same time as Mike (quite rightly so as they had been participating for years) and so the parish council promoted the project by sending flyers out to all households in Evenley. From this, three roadside volunteers came forward giving us a total of 13 volunteers.

We held a six-week session over February and March this year but unfortunately quite a few days had to be cancelled because of the weather. You can see the latest figures for this session on the village website. During this time, we generated 43 Police warning letters.

Evenley Parish Council decided to temporarily suspend the speed watch project last month due to the financial impact on the council and lack of volunteers, whilst agreeing to concentrate all our efforts on installing traffic calming along Broad Lane.

Since then, two volunteers have very kindly come forward to co-ordinate the project; Zelda Carr and Sue Waller. They are hoping to have the camera back at the end of May when hopefully they won't have to cancel days because of the snow!

Evenley Parish Council continues to monitor the data of the vehicle activated sign (VAS) on Broad Lane. The figures are available on the village website: [www.evenley.pc.org](http://www.evenley.pc.org)

Thank you so much to all past, present and future volunteers of speed watch.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this worthwhile project, please contact Sue Waller: [sue@martinandsue.com](mailto:sue@martinandsue.com) or Zelda Carr: [zelda@cgc-ltd.com](mailto:zelda@cgc-ltd.com)