

Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 3rd April 2017

Speed Watch Report

VAS

The VAS sign is currently sited along Broad Lane facing in to the village.

Latest figures are as follows:

The VAS sign whilst positioned top of Broad Lane facing towards the A43 from Saturday 19th November to Monday 27th Feb 2017 captured the following traffic speed data:

- Total number of vehicles recorded 156214 over a 101-day period average per day = 1546
- Top speed 76 mph
- Average speed 29 mph

Although it's worth pointing out that over 44% of vehicles are exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

The 'Smiley Face' VAS continues to greet those considerate motorists approaching the green with a smile and those exceeding the speed limit with a sad face.

Community Speed Watch update

For those of you who are unaware of what Speed Watch is about

Community Speed Watch is a volunteer programme, run between the Police and Northamptonshire County Council. The program aims to

increase the awareness of the dangers of speeding through education. Drivers detected for speeding receive a Police Warning letter and their records are held to identify any repeat offenders. Repeat offenders (2 or more) can also expect a visit from the police. The programme currently has more than 600 trained volunteers with others regularly joining the scheme. The 2016/2017 calendar had 48 communities participating, all enforcing in 30mph limits across Northamptonshire. The 2017/2018 scheme will also include 20mph and 40mph limits.



The current format consists of 6 groups with up to 12 communities in each. These groups are trained and operate a speed gun device roadside, for a 6-week period, week on week off. Before and after this period there is a week of speed data collection. There is then a planned programme of Interactive Signage (VAS), visits from the Speed Indicator Team (SID), Speed Awareness Signs and Police support with enforcement.

We are currently at the beginning of a new session, with dates as follows:

- Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd April
- Monday 10th April to Sunday 16th April
- Monday 24^h April to Sunday 30th April

We have been issued with the equipment and will share alternate weeks with Croughton.

Reported for speeding in the first week ending Sunday 2nd April were 48 with a top speed of 52mph.

Speed Boards

These are due to be put up:

- 15th May 2017 - 18th June 2017
- 28th Aug 2017 - 25th Sept 2017

These are displayed for short periods otherwise they lose their impact, again this is agreed with the Community Speed Watch team.

This will be my last session as coordinator for Speed Watch - I was the instigator of this community initiative for Evenley back in 2011, and I feel that it is time for someone else to take on this vital role within our village. Presently there is no one from the existing team of volunteers wishing to take over the role of coordinator, although most of the team will probably continue to support the initiative.

May I conclude by offering my thanks to all those villagers who have given up their time in supporting me and the village especially my number two Tony Stevens.

Mike Boshier