

Moulton Speedwatch Group – May 2025

The Moulton Speedwatch group continues to be active carrying out checks in various locations around the village. I would like to thank all members of the group for their continuing support.

Recent checks seem to average out at around 7 vehicles being reported for being over the threshold reporting speed of 35mph. However, many vehicles are approaching that speed and have definitely passed the warning speed sign asking them to slow down. It is disappointing that more attention is not taken of the signs.

It should be considered that a vehicle travelling at 35mph has 25% more impact energy than a vehicle travelling at the speed limit of 30mph.

During our checks we do see a significant number of vehicles notice us with the speed gun and attempt to reduce speed so we at least have a deterrent effect which is positive. Some motorists make no attempt to slow down and are either oblivious to us or just don't care.

A recent check near the school logged 2 vehicles coming from the village and travelling past the school at 40mph.

We are sometimes asked why we have to be so visible during our checks, it is really a compromise between reporting speeding vehicles and the deterrent effect. Also we are obliged by the Speedwatch rules to remain visible including the use of warning signs.

I hope as many people as possible have signed the petition organised by Nick Timothy, I placed copies in the shop and have forward the signed pages.

Whilst speeding in the village is a major concern it is also a serious issue on the roads approaching the village, some of the speeds logged by the VAS signs at the entrance to the village raise a real concern regarding the speeds they are travelling at on the approach roads.

As part of Speedwatch I analyse the data from the speed signs and whilst on average 80% of vehicles adhere to the speed limit the numbers that are breaking it significantly are a concern.

For example Newmarket Road Sept last year to May 1st 18,381 incoming vehicles exceeded 35mph with 2,749 exceeding 46mph and a maximum speed of 90mph. Outgoing showed 33,374 exceeding 35mph and 3,732 exceeding 46mph with a maximum speed of 85mph

Dalham Road for a similar period showed 14,044 incoming vehicles exceeding 35mph and 1,159 exceeding 46mph and a maximum speed of 75mph. Outgoing showed 39,350 exceeding 35mph and 2,705 exceeding 46mph and a max of 86mph.

Kennett Road data was measured from 22nd Feb to 1st May and showed 3,940 vehicles 35mph and 294 exceeding 46mph with a maximum speed of 66mph. Outgoing showed 27,223 exceeding 35mph and 2,918 exceeding 46mph with a maximum speed of 92mph.

All measurements are based on an average speed measurement taken when the vehicle is first registered by the sign to it actually passing the sign. Vehicles exiting the village are registered when they pass the sign and logged until they are out of range.

We are always looking for new volunteers for the Speedwatch group so if anyone is interested please contact me.

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