

Moulton Community Speedwatch Report

The Speedwatch group continues to monitor traffic speeds at approved, risk assessed sites in the village. Speeding traffic is a significant concern of residents in the village and we try to help reduce speeds by a visible presence and reporting of vehicles travelling over the speed limit.

Our checks log significant numbers of speeding vehicles, many of which exceed the speed limit by a significant margin.

We try to carry out regular checks at our sites which have increased to a total of 8 sites in the village. In view of the excessive speeds logged by vehicles leaving the village we have an additional site at the school drive through exit on Kennett Road.

All our sites have recently been re-assessed by the police and we have had to change our site position by the school itself. We can no longer use the section of green on the corner of school road and Kennett Road but are able to use the pavement near the pedestrian entrance to the school car park, which does allow us good visibility of all adjacent roads.

A significant problem the Speedwatch group had during the year was the withdrawal of permission to use two people on a check. We are now obliged to use three people on every check. This has unfortunately reduced our ability to carry out more regular checks. During the year two members resigned from the group due to leaving the village, although we have recently signed up two more volunteers.

Recruitment is still a major problem to the group's success. We carried out a leaflet drop to every household in the village at the end of last year but unfortunately, we had no response at all to it which was very disappointing considering the concerns of speeding in the village. I would like to thank Joanne for her help in producing the leaflets with the council support.

I have produced a report from the VAS data obtained over the last year from the three signs around the village, the full report has been circulated to the council.

In summary the report shows the following information:

Dalham Road

Incoming 19% over the limit with max speed of 78 mph.

Outgoing 27% over the limit with max speed of 87mph

Newmarket Road

Incoming 19% over the limit with max speed of 103 and many around 70mph

Outgoing 32% over the limit with max speed of 95mph

Kennett Road

Incoming 18% over the limit with max speed of 75mph

Outgoing 77% over the with max speed of 117 and many at 80mph.

Although the signs in some cases take readings of traffic outside the restricted zone the actual speed logged is an average value from the first to last time of monitoring the vehicle. These speeds show a problem that exists with traffic speeds in villages and also serious concerns about speeds on rural roads outside restricted zones approaching the village.

I will be pleased to answer any points that anyone would like to raise.

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