

Speedwatch Group Report – November 2025

The Speedwatch Group continues to carry out checks and are still logging a significant number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Hopefully the weather conditions do not limit our checks too much over the winter period! Thanks to all the volunteers who are making the checks possible.

We still have concerns about the number of members in the group and will be trying to recruit additional volunteers. There are some standard recruiting flyers available which we can hopefully modify to add our group details. We might need some support from the council to get these printed or copied.

One observation coming from the data concerns the amount of speeding traffic leaving the village on the Kennett Road. Only 30% of the traffic leaving the village on that stretch of road is adhering to the speed limit. As we are currently unable to check traffic exiting the village on the Kennett Road it might be worth considering asking for an additional site at the school drive through exit, this site would be used to only monitor exiting traffic. Obviously, we would need the agreement of the school and would only use the site when the drive through is not in use.

If the Council is in agreement, I will pursue the feasibility of getting approval for the additional site.

Regarding the data from the speed signs, this is shown in the separate report detailing readings for September and October. One particularly worrying reading is that of 117mph for a vehicle leaving the village on the Kennett Road at 13:07 on the 9th October.

You will note there is a gap in the data for Newmarket Road. This corresponds to the time the VAS sign was removed to allow for the ANPR camera.

I am currently discussing an observation of the Newmarket Road sign with the suppliers. This sign seems to detect traffic some distance outside the 30mph signs and then blanks out and detects the vehicle again when it is nearer the sign. The initial comment is that the range of the sign needs to be decreased but I am still in discussion about it. If the range needs to be reduced, I will need to take the sign down for a day to get it reprogrammed.