

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WRENTHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM APRIL 2020**

We have averaged a speed watch session approximately once a month again this year but the team's activities have been overshadowed by the untimely death of one of our most loyal and stalwart members, Dave Rogers in January . He was a member of the present team from the outset in July 2014 and took part in a large proportion of the outings until this year so he has left gap which we haven't as yet been able to fill. We need to do so as we are trying to operate with only 3 active members, one of whom works full time. We have advertised for more volunteers by way of posters around the village and an entry in 'The Wren' so hopefully this will attract some interest.

Mark Buxton arranged for the speed gun to be sent for calibration on the due date in the middle of the year which took nearly six weeks to complete so we were pleased to be told by the Police Sergeant for Community Speed Watch in December 2019 that he has removed this requirement which will save costs. We will still have to arrange an annual cross check as before to make sure the device is reading well but if it fails that check the device will be replaced free of charge. When replacements are required for any other reason this will also be done without charge so removing the costs from the Parish Council. The replacement device (Bushnell) uses normal batteries and are considered to be more cost effective. An annual meeting has been arranged in September at Martlesham Police Headquarters so representation of our team will be arranged.

In view of the impact from the Coronavirus pandemic, we have not been able to continue for obvious reasons but we have also been told that in any event as only two people process our returns at Ipswich and they become unwell, the returns would not be able to be processed at all.

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