

Wrentham Community Speedwatch Report to the Parish Council April 2023

Since the previous report to the Parish Council, dated 8 June 2022, the Wrentham Community Speedwatch volunteers have completed 18 one hour sessions. We attend the A12 London Road, A12 High Street and two Southwold Road locations in rotation and provide the Police Speedwatch liaison officer with details of any vehicle detected travelling at over 35mph, as required by the Speedwatch scheme. Over this period we have reported 79 motorists for exceeding this limit.

We have had six volunteers providing this service and I am pleased to report that a further volunteer has come forward and has been successfully vetted by the Police. Once he has completed the training course he will then participate in future Speedwatch sessions.

As mentioned in the previous report, it is noticeable that the vast majority of motorists keep their speeds below 35mph. During a typical one hour session we count between 200 and 300 vehicles and detect perhaps 3 or 4 who exceed 35mph. This year has been unusual, however, because in September there was a session on the A12 London Road when 17 vehicles exceeded this limit and, by way of contrast, there were two sessions in December and another in February when no motorist was seen to be speeding.

We hope to get nearer to achieving our goal of holding weekly sessions at each location. Holidays and illness thwarted some of our attempts last year but we hope that with an increased team we will be able to hold sessions more regularly.

I'm very grateful to the volunteers. They are unfailingly cheerful in the face of sometimes adverse weather and even occasional abuse from motorists. As before, more volunteers would be welcomed!

Chris Mead

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