

## **Wrentham Community Speedwatch Report to the Parish Council April 2026**

Since the previous report to the Parish Council, dated 15 April 2025, the Wrentham Community Speedwatch volunteers have completed another 23 sessions. This is considerably fewer than last year (47 sessions). There were a variety of reasons for planned speedwatches being cancelled including: ill health, bad weather and a series of family crises that meant my availability to lead sessions was severely reduced. We hope to do better this year!

We attend the A12 London Road, A12 High Street and 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 127 motorists for exceeding this limit as compared with 175 the previous year.

We have now been given permission to monitor traffic on Chapel Road and have held one session so far, during which three vehicles were caught speeding.

We have continued to focus on Southwold Road, with most of these sessions taking place shortly after sunrise.

Our team comprises the same six volunteers as last year although we have had another volunteer approach us. He has completed the Police vetting process and will complete his training with us during this month's rota. We still have one other applicant who has passed the Police vetting procedure but we have yet to hear if his work commitments will enable him to join us.

Most motorists adhere to the speed limit through Wrentham. The early morning sessions on Southwold Road tend to result in higher-than-average numbers of speeding vehicles but we did experience two very high session counts (14 and 19, a new record!) on the High Street when we were there between 7:30pm and 8:30pm. Our guess is that the speeds were not being controlled by the Sizewell lorries at those times. We plan more such sessions.

Once again, I'd like to record my thanks to the volunteers. We are fortunate indeed that they are prepared to attend our sessions, and always with good humour and diligence.

Chris Mead

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