

COMMUNITY ROADWATCH (CRW) CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE VOICE EDITION JULY 2020

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Clearer roads in the county during lockdown has resulted in excessive speeds , with 100mph in a traffic calmed 30 zone in Earith Rd, Colne being recorded by one of our Loggers (see that data on our website). In Haddenham, outbound speeds in West End have been moderated by a CRW-managed and local team supported Speed Indicating Device (SID). However, with nothing in Sutton Rd (40 zone) to deter or alert/inform drivers of the pedestrian, junction and HGV access hazards ahead, the dangers associated with speeding have become more pronounced especially for those trying to cross the road (see photo) or turn into/exit the HGV yard or Ely Way.

As previously reported, your proactive Parish Council (PC) has not been able to get support from County Highways and the Police to extend the 30 limit in Station Rd across Ely Way to the gates followed by a 40 buffer zone that would provide a greater distance for incoming speeds to decay from 60 mph without the need for braking and hold back most outgoing speeds. So, in an attempt to at least do something constructive to alert drivers to the dangers here the PC has agreed to paint the brown gates white to make the entrance to the village visible to inbound drivers from a greater distance and make it look like a community zone with the extent more visible at night. Some 'Pedestrians Crossing' and 'Pedestrians in Road' signs are also envisaged. The PC has recently, however, successfully bid for County LHI funding to install posts for 2 new SIDs in the village's 40 zones, primarily Hill Row and Sutton Rd. Subsequently, on 17 Jun 20, using our extensive SID experience, we assisted your Road Safety sub-committee to carry out a socially-distanced County Highways site survey to determine the best location and number of posts for the SIDs, so they should appear soon. We will undertake to install and manage the 2 additional SIDs using our same-household teams immediately those SIDs become available.

Unfortunately, the Police-managed Speedwatch is still (mid-June) not operating kerbside because of social-distancing advice **BUT CRW is Operating** because - seeing opportunity and challenges where others might see obstructions - we can operate from socially distanced locations (in legally parked cars) using sanitised Walkie Talkies between the caller (watching a SID or operating the calibrated Bushnell speed gun) and the Scribe (who could actually be in their front room within 3km) with all data independently verified from our legal dashcams. So with the Police themselves also not able to enforce kerbside with their current hand-held laser devices (not TruCams – see our website for details), we in **Community Roadwatch, are it .. and WE, as a private company, will do our best for you** to address whatever speeding we can without any Police assistance or support.

Our local Haddenham CRW rep is James Morris of West End: james@roadwatch.org.uk if he can help, he will. Your local same-household SID Support Team of Richard and Linda change the SID batteries every 2 weeks and we visit regularly to download and publish the data from the SIDs at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham

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THAN IN ALL OTHER SPEED ZONES COMBINED**



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If space....

The Photo shows the full SST moving the SID from Hop Row to West End in March 2020 (pre-lockdown)



Left to Right: Vivian, Matt, Richard and Linda moving a SWARCO SID from Hop Row.