

COMMUNITY ROADWATCH – VILLAGE VOICE MAY 18 EDITION BY DAVID MCCANDLESS MD CRW(UK) CIC

From legally parked cars, Community Roadwatch (CRW) volunteers discretely observe and accurately quantify the volume of traffic in each direction and note the number of vehicles that are speeding. Should any of those speeding vehicles be liveried, then we make a note of the company name and vehicle details and subsequently render an observation of our reading to the company with a request for the driver to be asked to slow down. In this latter respect, we have, with only 2 exceptions in 1000 letters, been encouraged by the positive corporate responses we have received, many with immediate noticeable effect on driver behaviour.

Unfortunately, sessions across the board were down in March/April because of volunteer illness and poor weather so no kerbside sessions were carried out in Haddenham. However, we did continue to fit Loggers to get volume/speed data followed by our installing Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) around the village to educate drivers to their speeds on the basis that **every little helps a lot and any little is a lot better than no little at all**. Because Haddenham Parish Council supports CRW with regular donations towards our significant fuel costs, all our results from kerbside sessions and our Loggers in Haddenham are now posted on our website at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham. The pictures show a CRW team **setting up** a Mick George-sponsored **RS232 Westcotec SID in Station Rd after Logger data proved a speeding problem there. using a special lead with one end connected inside the device and the other to a Windows laptop running special software. So there is more to managing our Westcotec SIDs (once installed).**

In April/May, when the weather is supposed to improve and the days get longer - so we have daylight to monitor the evening traffic – we propose to carry out at least 1 discrete kerbside session at a speeding hot spot in Haddenham every 2 weeks. For those sessions we will use our Bushnell radar guns or one of the two **Swarco Speed Indicating Devices** SIDs the village has obtained from the County **to move around the village's hotspots.**

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Once these village SIDs are in place, we would urge and encourage everyone who sees a commercial vehicle speeding (35 mph or more) in the village to note the **Time, Speed, Company, Vehicle Details, Reg No** (in part or whole), **Colour and vehicle chassis Type (van, car, pickup, or lorry)** and send those details to our ardent CRW Haddenham coord Cllr James Morris james@roadwatch.org.uk or your most efficient Parish Clerk who will ensure the observation is forwarded to me so the matter is formally recorded and brought to the company's attention where we will request feedback on the corporate action taken and let you know what it was (DPA and GDPR permitting). Most commercial vehicles have trackers fitted these days and can quickly ID a vehicle (if theirs). A Report Form is available on the website.

CRW does not need volunteers 'en-mass' because we come out to help individual residents establish facts with a series of SCS sessions as explained on our website www.roadwatch.org.uk/scs Nevertheless, some local help from time to time is always welcome; so please let James or me know if you would like to do that, even if it's just monitoring traffic volumes/speeds outside your house.

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