

Haddenham Village Voice – CRW Contribution for Oct 19 by David McCandless MD CRW(UK) CIC

SIDs. At present, Community Roadwatch directors visit Haddenham regularly to train/assist the Village's SID Support Team (SST) – currently comprising just Richard and Linda Powell - to download data and move your two heavy (12kg) Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs). With just two of them, the SST is capable of changing the batteries but, when it comes to safely moving the SID, it takes 3 strong people. That's because the SIDs are both heavy and wide (so you can't get your weight under your outstretched arms). Also, they are mounted high (2.3m) so the Lifter has to stand on a set of steps (ladders resting on posts are forbidden) with someone holding them steady as the Lifter unclips the SID and lowers it to a 3rd (strong) recipient. The data from the SID also needs downloading using specialist software. Whilst SID battery changes can be carried out safely by your current team, more help is needed to enable it to carry out SID moves and to download/process the data. So, anyone interested especially if they have XL skills, please contact me at coord@roadwatch.org.uk so we can get them trained up. Data to date and other village info can be found at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham.

Current Project. Regrettably, the Parish Council failed in its 19/20 LHI application to County Highways for any measures to make Sutton Rd/Station Rd safer for the residents in the 40 zone so they can emerge from their dwellings, to cross the road safely with children or even to walk into the village along the verge to the nearest footpath as well as make it safer for drivers turning into or exiting Ely Way with inbound vehicles failing to slow soon enough from 60+ mph as they come over the blind hump and with outbound vehicles starting their acceleration runs as soon (if not before) the final bends at the end of Station Rd (where we locate a SID from time to time). It's a pity County LHI judging panels, like juries, are not made to experience the real dangers such applications seek to address so we get road safety public money spent on genuine life-saving measures as a priority rather than the likes of brown gates. CRW will present some ideas about what can be achieved by various means to your Parish Council Road Safety sub-committee on 16 Oct 19. Watch the Council's Minutes for Nov 19 for any results.

