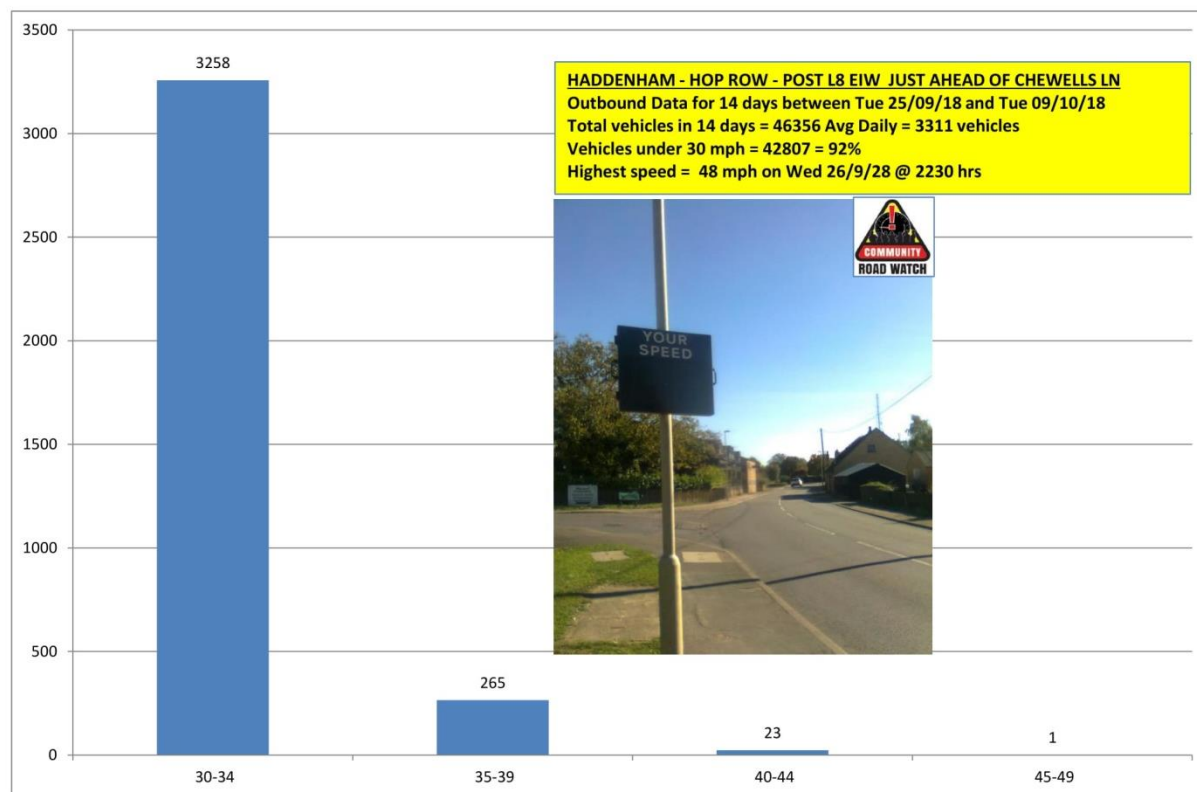


The recent closure of the road between Earith Bridge and Haddenham created a significant reduction of traffic along West End (A1123). This forced us to move the Speed Indicating Device (SID) #1 from there and fit it to Hop Row to display to outbound traffic where it is doing a fine job as you can see from the graph below:



However, we did notice that the closure of the A1123 has forced heavy traffic -that hitherto had used Haddenham as a shortcut from the A142 to Earith - to use alternative routes either through Sutton (thus transferring the HGV problem somewhere else) or even, as Mick George does, along the County's recommended Freight Route – the A141. Certainly, Haddenham appears to be enjoying a relatively HGV-free moment in time. So if these HGV companies can do it now, why not ask them to continue doing it after the A1123 is re-opened?

Unfortunately, clearer roads provides more opportunity for others to speed so the SIDs in the two remaining arterial routes Hop Row (outbound – SID#1) and Station Rd (inbound – SID#2) have been playing a vital role in reminding drivers of their speeds and deterring some (never all) from joining the anti-social band of speeders who put all residents and other road users at unjustified, heightened risk of injury.

To address anti-social speeding the village is still trying to get a Police-managed Community Speedwatch team together to complement what we in Community Roadwatch are doing as a limited road safety Community Interest Company that is not affiliated to nor supported by the Police – but is still fulfilling a vital role in making a real contribution to community road safety often in the absence of anything else. To join Speedwatch please contact your Parish Clerk. We also need help from time to time (not joining anything) to hold ladders etc for SID battery changes/moves and to click for us when carrying out a discrete traffic speed or HGV transit census. To volunteer to help us (but NOT at the expense of Speedwatch), please contact coord@roadwatch.org.uk and keep an eye on your web portal at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham where we upload your data as time permits.

