

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

In July's 'Voice' I made an appeal for volunteers to help Richard and Linda Powell of Station Rd as part of Haddenham's SID Support Team (SST) to move these 12kg devices from time to time (normally monthly) as well as charge and change the 2 Lithium batteries every 2 weeks. One person came forward and gave their name to the Parish Clerk who forwarded email details to me but attempts to contact them by email have failed. So, will that person (and anyone else interested) please contact me at coord@roadwatch.org.uk so we can get them trained up in time for 1 Apr 20 when CRW hopes to hand over to the SST the complete process of SID moves, battery changes AND data downloads using Pastros software to a Windows laptop/tablet + analysis/reports XL for the web as shown at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham and by April 20 to your own village website.

Also, since the SIDs have been in constant use -and your Haddenham Speedwatch Team (HST) has restarted operations under the lead of Cllr Stuart Smith – residents' reports/complaints of persistent speeding have reduced especially along stretches where the SIDs have been installed or where volunteers from the HST have been seen operating at least twice a month. HST also has a Facebook portal. Whilst Stuart has 7 residents trained up, there is always a need for more to share the load and allow a greater hi-vis presence on your streets to deter speeding and report to the Police for a letter, those who fail to be deterred. So if you can spare just one hour a month to help your village stay safe, please contact the Haddenham Parish Clerk. Data + Details are on line.

Some people wonder why Community Roadwatch, that the Constabulary cannot support, should 'turn the other cheek' and fully support, encourage and in some instances actually assist the Police-managed Speedwatch teams by providing them with holistic Speed/Volume vs Time of Day (and masses of other) data from its Loggers as well as providing teams with Speedwatch flyers to generate volunteers.. The answer is simple..... **we care, are unbiased and will help anyone who is prepared to help themselves especially when other help is not available or restricted!**

Also, we do not regard Speedwatch as a rival in any way but as a kindred scheme that we complement by dealing ethically and accurately with all the other community road safety aspects Speedwatch is not scoped for, not authorised to 'watch' out for (like drivers on the phone or reading schedules) or its kit not capable of recording (like speeds over 60 mph). We do not see Speedwatch as (and it definitely is not) the panacea to all matters speeding. Neither do we think it should be the first thing recommended to try if speeding is reported to the Police. That's why we are pleased to note that the PCC has recently spent a reported £30k buying 10 professional Data Loggers (like the 2 we possess) that are capable of providing Parish Councils and Resident Groups with a broad spectrum of useful empirical data, reports and graphs (as we do). Please see our website for examples of what Loggers can produce.

Those 10 Police Loggers are currently available from the Cambs Force Casualty Reduction Officer, PC Jon Morris. Do please ask for the use of them via your parish council if you have any concerns of traffic volumes or speeding.

Recently, we have also had to clear up the question of who we are and how we can help. Well, firstly we are not – as some would portray us - a bunch of unregulated, undisciplined, vigilantes. We are a properly incorporated, limited not-for-profit community interest company with a board of 6 unpaid volunteer ethical and professional directors who are controlled by proper Government legislation and Articles of Association lodged with Companies House as No 10085683. If you Google 'Community Roadwatch CIC' you will see the Government CIC Regulator's Blog about us where we are regarded as a unique flagship enterprise. **We have no members as such**, but we do have £50k's worth of kit (including **calibrated** Bushnell Radar device) and 10 years of kerbside traffic experience that **FREE OF CHARGE** we place at the disposal of associates: teams of RATS (Residents Against Traffic Speeding) or parish councils – like Haddenham. Our sole aim is to assist them quantify and, in some cases, identify - to appropriately report - dangerous or commercial speeders. Since we started in Feb 15, at the end of Aug 19 we had carried out nearly 1000 discrete sessions during which we had monitored 155,000 vehicles to find 46,000 speeding (30%) at or above the 10%+2 normal enforcement threshold. In addition we sent out some 2,000

observation letters to company executives with an 86% return rate. Our bi-directional extract for Haddenham is shown below:

Community Roadwatch - Speed Check Services - Summary Between 26/02/2015 and 03/09/2019								
<i>ReportAs</i>	<i>FullName</i>	<i>Limit</i>	<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Clicked</i>	<i>Clocked</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>#Letters</i>
Haddenham	Haddenham(30)	30	21	5037	1117	59	22	50
Haddenham	Haddenham(HR)	40	2	175	29	55	17	3
Haddenham	Haddenham(SR)	40	7	1380	262	67	19	13
Haddenham	Haddenham(WE)	30	15	1638	769	65	47	62
			45	8230	2177		26%	128

Highlighted Highs are ≥ 20 mph above the limit = Serious and needing addressing seriously
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HR=Hill Row; SR = Sutton Rd; WE = West End

