

Haddenham Voice as at 31 July 16

Community Roadwatch (CRW) – that is supported in principle by Haddenham Parish Council – is a lawful, ethical, volunteer, free service used primarily to quantify speeding at residential locations – and to address the resultant risks speeding and driver distractions pose to the Community . To fully exploit its presence kerbside, it notes the livery of any speeding commercial vehicles or distracted drivers (on phone, reading, smoking, drinking, etc) and sends standard letters to appropriate company executives requesting they have ‘words’ with drivers to get them to slow down or take more care in our communities. Unlike Police Speedwatch that reports speeders to the Police for them to send out letters to Registered Keepers, CRW purposely does not involve nor report anyone to the Police except in the most extreme and dangerous of circumstances and then only with solid evidence for a possible prosecution for dangerous driving. One such prosecution and 6x Section 59s have been successful, so it’s more than just an idle boast.

As you can see on our website (www.roadwatch.org.uk) as at the end of July 16, CRW had carried out some 350 sessions, monitored the speeds of some 50,000 vehicles and had recorded no less than 17,500 speeding (30%); also, it had sent out over 600 letters to companies and has received over 480 responses 99.99% of which were proactive and apologetic. In Haddenham alone, since Mar 16 (when CRW first started operating there), CRW has carried out 10 sessions, monitored 2500 vehicles of which 690 were speeding (28%); it also sent out 71 letters to companies with 85% responding – all positive. So this is proof absolute that CRW is a Real Force for Good.

In order not to deprive villages of volunteers who may prefer to operate Speedwatch for the Police, CRW does not openly tout for local volunteers to join its mobile teams though it is able to operate more frequently than once a month with local support. However, anyone can ask for our help to establish facts and figures for any speeding they think might need empirical data to prove their case. We even run 30 minute SAS (Speed Awareness Sessions) for the curious who would like to experience a no-obligation speeding hotspot session with us so they can have a proper opinion about what we do and how we do it.

For more information, to ask for our help or to join us in CRW please contact the Coord@roadwatch.org.uk or your Haddenham CRW RATS Rep james@roadwatch.org.uk where RATS = Residents Against Traffic Speeding.