

COMMUNITY ROADWATCH (CRW) – supported in principle by Haddenham Parish Council – is a lawful, ethical, volunteer, free service operated by an incorporated Road Safety Company and used primarily to accurately quantify speeding at residential locations – and to address some of 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 polite, standard letters to appropriate company executives requesting they have ‘words’ with drivers to get them to slow and take more care in our communities. CRW purposely does not report anyone to the Police except in the most extreme and dangerous of circumstances and then only with solid evidence for a possible prosecution or Section 59 for dangerous driving.

Our Company website (www.roadwatch.org.uk) shows that in Cambs, during 2016 alone, CRW has carried out some 230 kerbside sessions, monitored the speeds of 33,000 vehicles with 11,000 speeding (30%); also, it has sent out over 630 letters to companies and has received over 530 responses 99.99% of which were proactive and apologetic. In Haddenham alone, in 2016 and since Mar 16 (when CRW first started operating there), CRW has carried out 15 sessions (Hop Row, Station Rd & West End), monitored 3000 vehicles of which 900 were speeding (30%) with a highest speed of 53 mph in West End; for Haddenham, it also sent out 90 letters to companies with 85% responding positively. So this is proof positive that CRW has been a real ‘Force for Good’ in Haddenham and hopes to present its 2016 findings at the Jan 17 meeting of the Parish Council.

CRW does not tout for local volunteers to join its mobile discrete teams that use long-range calibrated radar devices from legally parked cars to get true speeding values for anyone who may need to obtain accurate empirical data. However, we could do more and make a bigger difference especially to commercial speeding with more local help.

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