

Community Roadwatch (CRW) – supported in principle by Haddenham Parish Council – is a lawful, ethical, volunteer, free service used to quantify speeding at residential locations – and to address the resultant risks speeding and driver distractions pose to the Community . It is not pseudo law enforcement.

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 'Advice' letters to appropriate company executives requesting they have 'words' with drivers to get them to slow down or take more care in our communities. 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 or Section 59 for dangerous driving. One successful prosecution and 6x Section 59s have been initiated by determined residents in the past.

Stats on our website (www.roadwatch.org.uk) show that at the end of July 16, CRW had carried out some 350 sessions across the local area to reveal a 30% speeding problem with over 70% speeding in some villages. In Haddenham, since Mar 16 (when CRW first started operating there), CRW has carried out 10 sessions, monitored 2500 vehicles of which 28% were speeding (40% in West End 30 limit); it also sent out 71 letters to companies with 67% responding but none repeating.

In order not to deprive villages of volunteers who may prefer to operate Speedwatch, CRW does not 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 no-obligation SAS (Speed Awareness Sessions) for anyone who would like to experience a speeding hotspot session with us so they can have an informed opinion about what we do and how we do it.

Please contact your local Haddenham CRW RATS Rep james@roadwatch.org.uk for more information.