

CRW CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE VOICE APR 21 EDITION BY MD DAVID MCCANDLESS

As we, Community Roadwatch (CRW), join you in our continued journey through the pandemic with your SID Support Teams (SST) still battling the elements and making essential journeys every 2 weeks to keep your SID operating, we note that, for some irresponsible drivers, clearer roads has also meant faster speeds being detected by the SIDs. Details at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/Haddenham. Use the link for SID data.

Also, during Lockdown #3, residents have reported an increase in HGV transits that, in the main, petered out when Earith Bridge on the A1123 flooded for a few days towards the end of February. The fact that all such HGVs found an alternative route, mainly along the A141, means that it would not be unreasonable for the Parish to identify and challenge the need for any now making any transit through the village from/to Earith. That's where CRW will be helping the village with this task as well as writing to any companies whose commercial vehicles are detected speeding (using SIDs or Bushnell speed guns), as soon as COVID restrictions permit. Naturally, we will relinquish that latter speed check service when Community Speedwatch (CSW) resumes operations in speeding hotspots using the SIDs we have located for that purpose. If you have a speeding problem or can help Speedwatch to try to address it please let the Parish Council's new CRW/CSW Liaison Coord know stephen.thompson@haddenham-pc.gov.uk

As we go to press (15 Mar 21) the locations of the 5 new LHI SID posts have been agreed with CC Highways as: 2 in Hill Row (40), 1 in West End Inbound opposite lamppost 111 and 2 in Sutton Rd(40). Also, at CRW's request based on concerning Logger traffic data obtained by us in New Rd (inbound at the Ramparts) , an additional post has been funded by the Parish Council and added to that batch making 6 in total being installed very soon.

Additionally, when we get the 2 new SIDs (making 4 in all) there will be enough work to keep 2 same-household (preferably) 2-person, SID Support Teams busy changing batteries and with Stephen's help, moving the SIDs around some 12 approved locations, to moderate traffic speeds. Matt from SST#1 will look after the data downloads for all 4 SIDs and eventually the parish will be publishing that data on its own website. That's why we regret saying a massive '**bye and thank you**' to our longest serving (since Sep 2017) SST Team of Richard and Linda Powell as they move home to a 'quiet' village next to the A14 and why we need to put out an appeal for any other 2-person household - with one person able to handle a 12kg SID with outstretched arms at height - to come forward for training. In the meantime, CRW and SST#2 will share the load with Stephen taking on the full burden of Parish SID Management from CRW but with us always available as SST backup or to help in one or more of our many other ways.

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The photo shows Richard and Linda (SST#1) check a SID after installing it on post 111, in West End.



