

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

We in Community Roadwatch (CRW), look forward to legally meeting and training the new volunteers - recruited by Cllr Stephen Thompson JP stephen.thompson@haddenham-pc.gov.uk, your new, enthusiastic and quick-to-learn Parish Council Road Safety Coordinator - to replace Richard and Linda your SID Support Team #1, who left us at the end of March for pastures new. In the meantime Stephen is helping and learning the ropes from your remaining experienced SID Support Team comprising a same household team of Matt and Vivian from Sutton Rd, after they volunteered in the interim to look after all the moves and battery changes of both SIDs as well as the data downloads for Stephen to publish on your re-hashed parish website via Tor.

At the time of going to press, mid-April, because of COVID, we still await 2 new SWARCO SIDs and the 5 associated posts approved in 2019 LHI round of funding. When they arrive we will have plenty of work for us in CRW to set them up and then for us and Stephen to train a newly-recruited COVID-compatible SST to maintain/move and support them. So lots to do.

Good news! Last year, Cllr Gareth Wilson, representing your Parish Council and using 4 weeks of data in July 20 from our £3k Mick George-sponsored Armadillo Data Loggers, was successful – subject to confirmation in May21 - in obtaining funding and approval from the County Council to lower the 30 mph speed limit to 20 mph along the High St, Camping Close, Duck Lane and The Rampart. That work should be completed in this FY ending 31 Mar 22 and then it will be up to Speedwatch to keep an eye out to educate any speeders who may need reminding. Next we hope to see some 'Pedestrians in Road' and 'Pedestrians Crossing' signage on the agenda for Station Rd & Sutton Rd/Ely Way to make that part of the road - with no footpath - safer for all.

More News! For those of you who read the comprehensive and informative Parish Council Minutes (not all councils minutes are written so well), you will have seen that your dedicated, long-standing Parish Clerk, Jenny, is stepping down in May and handing over the reins to a just-as-capable Tor who has been your assistant secretary for quite a while now. As MD CRW(UK)CIC may I take this opportunity on behalf of my Company's Board of unpaid volunteer directors to thank Jenny for her unstinting support, guidance, understanding, patience and prompt payment of the Parish's donations to CRW to help offset our expenses (fuel and equipment), and we wish her and her family well and good health and fortune for the future.

Recently, apart from SID and data downloading/publishing support, we have again been installing our Data Loggers at Stephen's request and in response to speeding complaints. We have installed one in Station Rd where Stephen hopes to justify replacing the unserviceable downhill VAS with a more effective SID and in Aldreth High St where high speeds have been reported in the 30 zone before the limit changes to NSL (60 mph). These speeds need quantifying to allow an assessment to be reached of how to address the situation. See our website for those logger results along with historical SID data www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham

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The photo shows Parish Cllr Stephen Thompson (right) with Matthew and Vivian of the Haddenham SID Support Team, after they had moved SID#1 from its outbound location in Station Rd (opposite the Pond), to a mid position in Station Road to moderate uphill, inbound traffic speeds.





