

HADDENHAM VILLAGE VOICE – OCT 20 COMMUNITY ROADWATCH (CRW) CONTRIBUTION

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Under Lockdown the villages SIDs were kept operational with vital fortnightly battery changes by your same-household SID Support Teams (SSTs) of which the village has 2 namely Richard and Linda as SST1 and latterly Matt and Viv SST2. The photo shows Matt and Viv under socially- distanced (and masked) supervision of Dave McCandless as they carry out their first SWARCO SID move from West End to Hop Row (Nr Chewells) to display to outbound traffic making a dash for it from the crossroads. The other village SID was moved to the bottom of the hill in Station Rd. Both SIDs will remain in-situ until GMT so Speedwatch can plan to use them regularly.



There have been several offers to assist the SSTs but, as these were not from same-household couples, we have most regretfully not been able to take these up and don't know when that will be, but we will try.

Within COVID restrictions, CRW has continued to download the data from your SIDs and upload it to your web portal at www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/haddenham and from there you can browse other matters and village data. There is little doubt that SIDs do slow responsible and responsive drivers but with dashcams and or trackers now in most commercial vehicles you can still report any commercials you see at or over 35 mph in a 30 to their company to check on as well as tell us about it so we can keep a national record that can detect a systemic corporate problem to bring before managing directors.

Also, after full lockdown eased, we used a St Ives-based same-household CRW team at the cross-roads to carry out two 1hr Lorrywatch sessions to determine the identity of all 7.5t and above HGVs apparently transiting the village rather than bypassing it. The surveys mapped the direction from which the vehicles came and the direction in which they ended up going. Those surveys are with your Road Safety Sub-Committee for action.

Stay safe and if you have time, via the Parish Clerk, please join your village Speedwatch team now that its back kerbside after a long lockdown during which speeding volumes and levels have increased because the Police don't have the time or the TruCams @ £10k a time to deal with it at community levels.

