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FOR KINGS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

With COVID and its restrictions behind us at least for the time being, we were able to team up to help your sole village kerbside speed check participant – Ros T- identify those speeding through your village. Those reports, with Registration Numbers and speeds have been sent to your Parish Councillors via Samantha your new pro-active Parish Clerk who has already had a guided tour of the speeding hotspots that we monitor and report for you.

Also, in the past year, we have seen the installation of 3 posts for your new massive French Speed Indicating Device (SID) that needs TWO 8kg 22 AH batteries installed to power this power-hungry beast and these need changing every 2 weeks. To save us carrying out the changes we handed over that responsibility to volunteers Steve & Sal who have done a great job ever since. We bought a trolley for them as 16kg is not a safe weight to trudge up the hill and then down again for anyone. A lighter (2 kg) Lithium battery is available @ £125 ea (4 needed) to make it much safer for them. Also Lithiums charge to 13.5v so last longer.

CRW still retains the responsibility for moving the SID from time to time and we have just done that with a move from the centre post to the top where despite doubts of many, it is doing and always has done a good job in moderating at least 70% of traffic that otherwise would have been travelling at much higher speeds. The results from our downloads are published online at www.Roadwatch.org.uk/Cambs/KingsRipton

Do please remember that in some places along Ramsey Rd, like across School Lane, even 30 mph downhill is not a safe speed because of the restricted view left of drivers wishing to turn right towards Ramsey. At 30 mph = 44 fps, the stopping distance according to the Highway Code on a good day on a good road is 25 yards and that's longer than a cricket pitch – something you don't have there. So, like me you listen but EV's are even making that unsafe. So the best solution is for the village to apply to become a 20 limit throughout as locally Somersham and Woodhurst have just succeeded in doing and further afield we have helped Haddenham acquire it. OK, so the Police will not then enforce in a 20... but they don't regularly enforce now in village 30's, so why not go for it.

Yours sincerely



CRW comes out to help villages quantify, identify and find ways to moderate the excessive speeds of traffic. Would you like to help Ros do that for 1 hr per month? If so, please let your Parish Clerk know.