

Kingsley Parish Council

Kingsley Community Speedwatch

August saw the return of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) to Kingsley and the Speedwatch volunteers were able to monitor traffic speeds on seven occasions during the month. Two more sessions were planned but inclement weather (it is difficult to record vehicle details in the pouring rain) and a temporary shortage of volunteers prevented them going ahead.

Over the seven sessions, the team counted 1453 vehicles passing the SID. This is very similar to the traffic density seen in May of this year. However, May and August were busier months than last year and busier than Feb 2017. The volunteers observed 61 drivers travelling at or above 35 mph, with three of these in excess of 45 mph. Details of all these vehicles were recorded by the team and passed to Hampshire Police for follow up. This normally takes the form of a letter to the individual driver or company if it is a commercial vehicle. Where the speed is high or where a driver has been reported several times other proportional action is taken.

Taking the speeders as a percentage of the total number of vehicles counted, the proportion of speeders appears to have dropped over the last 5 deployments going back to August 2016. The figures being as follows: - 12.4% (Aug '16), 7.4% (Nov '16), 6.4% (Feb '17), 5.6% (May '17) and 4.2% (Aug '17). It would be wrong to draw firm conclusions from this data. However, either drivers are more observant when the SID is in use and are slowing down or speeding through our village is getting less.

It goes without saying that we could always do with more volunteers to enable more SID sessions and ease the workload for the existing team. So if you can spare an hour and want to help, just send an email indicating such to chairman@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.

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