

Volunteers wanted for relaunch of Speed Watch

Are you fed up with the constant speeding on Holcombe Hill?

We are desperately seeking volunteers to help create a bank of people to enable Holcombe to have a strong Community Speed Watch team that will operate within the village. Please see below some information regarding what would be involved in becoming a member of the team.

Anyone over the age of 18 can volunteer! Training is given by the Police and is required before you can operate speed watch. This normally takes approximately 1 hour, which includes roadside training.

To start with, 3 qualified volunteers are required per session. To start with we recommend:

- One to operate the new Hand Held Laser Speed Gun or the Bushnell speed gun
- One to act as scribe noting all the drivers breaking the speed limit
- One to act as spotter for the offending drivers, noting **make** and **colour** of vehicle also if possible the **gender** of the driver and lastly to keep a tally of vehicles passing the active site in both directions.

Once experienced it can be reduced, but safety is paramount to volunteers and pedestrians including all the road users.

Community Speed Watch volunteers must be clearly visible to traffic in both directions and wear the approved Hi Viz Tabards supplied. Speed Watch can only be operated at agreed Police Risked Assessed sites and in dry weather only, not just anywhere. This is in accordance with Community Speed Watch insurance which is held at Head Quarters.

Commitment and Timings:

This is left up to the co-ordinators, there are no hard and fast rules on commitment, all we ask is you offer what time you can whether it be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. By far the best results are achieved by those teams that are out there on a weekly basis.

We ask that the timings of the sessions are varied, most schemes seem to find 8:00hrs to 9:00hrs and 15:00hrs to 16:30hrs (school runs) are the most effective. Having said that some groups are getting alarming results throughout the day including weekends and Bank Holidays, a number of drivers have been recorded at well over 50 / 60 mph in a 30 mph limit on weekends.

So speeding is with us 24 / 7 and anything we can do to help reduce this is a major benefit to us all bringing safer roads in our village.

The more volunteers on board - the more sessions that can be held.

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For more information please call

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