

## **Community Speedwatch Report**

This group has been working since January 2022. Speedwatch sessions have taken place at 2 sites in the village - Mill Road and Threadneedle Street. Both these sites are within the only 30mph zone in the village. The sites were selected by the Traffic Police in the Autumn of 2021.

Highways have been asked to review the speed limit in the entire village but have decided that conditions do not warrant a decrease from 60mph in the remaining parts of the village at this present moment in time.

Our main aim is to raise awareness of the speed limit which is in place for safety reasons, thus helping to keep all road users safe. Every year there are more people using our rural roads - children, parents, people walking/running with and without dogs, people with wheelchairs and buggies, horse riders, cyclists, motor cyclists and a variety of private, business and agricultural vehicles.

The group has consisted of between 7 and 9 volunteers. A minimum of three people per session were required for 1 to 1.5 hours. We were able to provide 1 to 2 sessions a week at various times. To date we have noticed a decrease in the number of vehicles speeding during our sessions.

Unfortunately at the present moment we are having to stop these sessions due to a lack of volunteers during a 10 month period this year. An advertisement in the Bergh Apton Newsletter for more volunteers failed to produce any new recruits.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers past and present with particular thanks going to Sheridan Winn who set the group in motion and was responsible for most of the administration and Bryony Faulkus who had the unenviable task of producing the monthly rota.

We all need to be mindful that we share our rural roads, that do not have pavements for the majority of their length and are often narrow and winding, with an increasing number of people and vehicles.

Sue Price