



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH POLICY & PROCEDURE

Purpose & Procedure

The Parish of Old Basing and Lychpit has several narrow roads and in many areas is lacking in footpaths; speeding vehicles present a risk to all road users and, in particular, pedestrians. The Community Speedwatch project is a multi-purpose deterrent to help reduce the speed of traffic on the parish roads.

- To ensure drivers are aware of the speed limits through the village by a high visibility presence on selected roads.
- Details of the speeding vehicles are noted on paper by the volunteers (>35 mph in a 30 mph limit) and passed to the Police via the Police National Computer.
- Police enforcement is taken as necessary, i.e. a letter to drivers on the first offence; subsequent offences may require follow up action by the police.

Volunteers

- The number of volunteers varies but currently there are 6 volunteers from Old Basing and Lychpit who operate the Speedwatch equipment: Speed Indicator Device (SID).
- All volunteers have been given police training and a Health and Safety awareness course before they are allowed to take part. Volunteers also undergo a basic DBS check.
- Volunteers are supplied with 'high visibility' jackets by the Parish and further information from the police on the law and other relevant details.

Speedwatch Runs

- The Speedwatch equipment is shared with Chineham Parish Council on an alternate monthly basis.
- Depending on availability, and weather, volunteers are out on average twice a week when the equipment is available.
- There are some 10 roads/sites where Speedwatch operates in an around the Parish. All sites have been approved and risk assessed by the police.
- Three volunteers man the Speedwatch equipment, when operational. They can be accompanied by a police officer.
- The police are normally advised of the date, time and location of a Speedwatch run.