

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speed Watch Monthly Report</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Monthly report for November 2019</b>

This report also goes on the village web site [Village Speed Watch](#) where thanks to Elise we can post up all sorts of Speed Watch related stuff.

You should also find there Mike Brooks' Cambridgeshire Speedwatch Magazine for November 2019.

It's a public site so send your friends the link.

### **Speed Checks for the month**

Whereas results of Community Speed Watch sessions on St Neots Road are showing much lower speeds, the vehicle speeds on Cambridge Road, recorded as traffic passes Egremont Road, are unacceptable.

The Parish Council agrees and is trying to obtain Speed Cushions for this section by the school. Highways recommended an Optimum of 4 sets of cushions (not humps of "bumps") which may not be achieved in full but some form of calming is going to be required and everything else has been ruled out

### **Speed Watch Results for November 2019**

<b>Date of check</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>Vehicles reported</b>	<b>Average Speed</b>	<b>Highest speed</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	St Neots Rd by 55 west bound	300	10	34	51
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct am	Cambridge Road south bound	285	37	27	44
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct late am	Main St south bound	35	1	23	36
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct late am	Main St north bound	67	1	26	35

Where stated, am or pm are Hardwick peak traffic times. Session durations usually 1.5 hours or so depending on conditions.

### **Displays both sides of St Neots Road**

If anyone wants to get a team together that uses two sets of Speed Watch kit, please feel free. We tried it on St Neots Road this week and it really works – more in December Report.

My advice would be to have an extra person with you to read registration plates.

### **Photo**

For the check on 20<sup>th</sup> November we were joined by PCSO John Coppard, in the photo below with his speed gun.



### **Hardwick Happenings**

Thanks to Pauline for getting an article into Hardwick Happenings on traffic calming from a Speed Watch Volunteer perspective. You may have seen on Facebook that there is a lone voice against sticking to the limits but hopefully we can win him around.

### **Statistics from Mike Brooks, Area Speed Watch**

We asked him about the effectiveness of the letters the police send out to the drivers of the vehicles we report and he confirmed that **just over 90 % do not receive a second letter** – so if anyone asks you if Speed Watch works in calming traffic, that is a great example.

### **The New Moveable Speed Activated Sign, MVAS Operation**

We are still looking forward to the delivery of the equipment for the “Flasher” for the MVAS operation, the result of Hardwick’s first successful use of the County Council’s Local Highways Initiative (LHI) funding. We recommend for the first month, MVAS operation is on Cambridge Road, to provide continuous assistance in calming traffic coming down past the school towards Main Street. Highways are aware of the speeds we are reporting from Speed Watch.

**Note:** The Vario box can display speeds up to 200mph and apparently there is a village that had their MVAS up on an unattended post and it was programmed to show all speeds. This led to vehicles competing to see how fast that can go! This is against all best-practise installation. Our box will display up to say 45 then flash Slow Down or Too Fast.

I am hoping to get better at preparing graphs from our kit suitable for the website so watch that space for graphs in future.

**Finally, it just needs me to wish you all Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year and to thank you on behalf of the Village for volunteering to do Community Speed Watch. The Parish Council often minute in Parish Meetings that you are thanked for the work you do to try and keep the village speeds down – Village Plan says 89% of the village respondents support reducing speeds to protect their safety.**

Your help is much appreciated.

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