

Community Speed Watch Report: August 2020



Community Speed Watch Operation: CSW continues to use the static “Your Speed” displays. You will see the sign at the base of the pole. Traffic is drifting back towards pre-Lock down levels but is still some 50% off the peaks of last year.

Just two CSW checks for August reported to the Police

Date 2020	Location	Speed limit	Highest speed reported to police	Display facing traffic
20 th August	100 Main St	30	45	Northbound – into the village
26 th August	77 St Neots Rd	40	59	Westbound into village

The static displays count and record speed of vehicles both towards the display and in the opposite direction

MVAS Operation:

We also report the monthly figures from the “Your Speed” displays. The figures on speed levels and traffic counts go to Highways and then we are required to move the display for another month. Highways call this the MVAS operation – Movable Vehicle Activated Signs. Fairly familiar in many villages now.

You can see the Data from the MVAS “flashers” on the Hardwick Community Speed Watch page of the Hardwick Village website. It is available for each main road. The link is here <https://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/speed-check-results/>

Are the displays effective?

Yes, the stats tell us they are but only when the display is seen. For example, the first time we have had MVAS on Main Street the results for the month show

- Heading **towards** the display 20% recorded over the speed limit into the village
- **Opposite** direction, drivers not seeing a display, **38%** recorded over the speed limit

So the display is effective in slowing traffic where drivers can see, and show everyone else, the speed at which they are driving!

If the police were present for the whole month, they would have booked over 3300 speed violations in Main Street in August. Take a look at the graph on Speed Watch web page.

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