

Fighting speeding

The Bucklebury Parish Speed Indicator Device (SID) team of volunteers has done a fantastic job of deploying the sign around the Parish.

This now represents over 470,000 vehicle movements. This includes the new locations in Chapel Row which show these routes also have some issues. The bulk of motorists are responding to SID with the data showing the majority of the drivers slow down to the speed limit – but some clearly don't. Sadly we have had new high speeds in our 30 mph zones in Burdens Heath Westbound (96mph) and Broad Lane Eastbound & Westbound (73mph). These are recorded but not displayed to avoid this being seen as a challenge. Many of our roads don't have footpaths and this level of excessive speeding is putting our parishioners at serious risk – a point that has been regularly made to WBC and TVP. Also these speeds are occurring throughout the day – the recent worst example was recorded at 2:21pm on a Wednesday. All this data has been sent to WBC and TVP and published on the BPC website. WBC recently requested details of the times and locations of the worst incidents to see if they are able to provide focussed enforcement via TVP. Our bespoke spreadsheet has allowed us to do this and the information has been supplied. WBC are also considering if there any other measures they could offer us at this point. The new and existing speed awareness posters produced by our local schools have been refurbished, mounted and posted around the parish by our volunteers.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) warning signs are now in place and progressing with TVP. We are looking with help from TVP, WBC and our volunteers to see if we can find a less manpower intensive means to deploy CSW as the current TVP base model requires 3 volunteers for each deployment. CSW will see those who are recorded driving at excessive speed in the parish receiving letters or visits from TVP. If you feel strongly about this issue additional volunteers are always welcome. Please contact me direct or the Parish Clerk.

Cllr. David Southgate.