

'COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE'

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The speed of traffic travelling through Charney Bassett has been identified as a major concern by the residents of Charney Bassett (Neighbourhood Plan Survey October 2014)

Other villages have identified speeding as a problem and are currently giving consideration to the joint purchase of a portable speed indication device

At its meeting last Wednesday, the Parish Council decided to support this initiative and agreed to earmark a contribution of up to £300 if there are sufficient village volunteers (say 6) willing to undergo a short police training session and be part of three person teams undertaking occasional short sharp SpeedWatch sessions at risk assessed sites in the village.

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MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH?

Community SpeedWatch is backed by Thames Valley Police and many other forces. The focus is on education rather than enforcement.

Trained volunteers operate at the roadside in areas with 20, 30 and 40 mph limits, monitoring speeds with the aid of a portable speed indication device (SID). The equipment to be purchased is less confrontational than hitherto.

Volunteers record and report the speed and identifying details of vehicles travelling at or above specified speed thresholds.

The police send letters to the registered keepers advising them of the speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern.

If problems persist, the information enables the police to target their enforcement activities.

Insurance will be provided via the Parish Council

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

As we await the decision of other villages we urgently need to ensure we will have sufficient volunteers to justify the expenditure should the initiative go ahead. I believe that this proposal has the potential to go some way towards easing residents' concerns about speeding through the village. Please give serious consideration to volunteering your services.

Please contact me if you are prepared to volunteer or require further information.

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