

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

The Newton Poppleford Community Speedwatch has now been running for two years. During the period 1/4/23 until 31/3/24:

- The team retained 11 operators;
- 86 roadside sessions were held with 21 other sessions cancelled, usually due to bad weather;
- each active session lasted between 1 and 1½ hours, a total of approx. 110 hours over the year;
- a total of 25,600 cars were monitored;
- 526 vehicles were recorded as exceeding the speed threshold to which;
- 458 Letter 1's were sent
- 13 Letter 2's sent
- and 1 letter 3 was sent (these are usually accompanied by a police visit)
- The maximum speed recorded was a motorbike doing 50mph;
- Unfortunately since the police changed their computer system we're no longer able to see how many vehicles have no MOT, Tax or SORN.

Police Officers joined the team on 8 occasions. The team also helped Devon and Cornwall Police with their Special Operations by putting on extra evening sessions on two occasions.

We are currently operating with six sites in Newton Poppleford giving us excellent coverage to monitor vehicles passing through our village. We have 3 sites on the A3052 monitoring both east and west bound traffic (at the Sub Station, Capper Close and Meadow Drive) and 2 sites on the A3182 covering both north and southbound traffic at Littledown Lane and Badger Close. Our request for a site on Exeter Road was turned down as there is no safe place to stand.

It has become noticeable that the number of speeding vehicles has reduced which could indicate that our attempts to educate drivers to drive within the limits and with care through our village are working, especially as regular drivers now know that a Speedwatch Team may be operating.

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