

Stonnall Speed Watchers

Residents of Stonnall may have noticed several yellow jackets standing on the edge of their roads holding a 'hairdryer' (no an official Staffordshire Police speed gun!) monitoring the traffic in our village.

Those of us wearing the yellow jackets do so in response to concerns for the safety of all in the village arising by motorists speeding selfishly through the village in excess of the 30-mph speed limit!

Although we have several valued volunteers, we could do with more as we currently have 5 official and approved police locations in the village in which we struggle to monitor.

With more trained volunteers, we can do more including the prospect of a new location in Main St as suggested by residents.

A new volunteer must attend a fun 1 hr training course generally held at Lichfield Police station prior to joining the team.

With more trained volunteers, we would hope to ensure a commitment of a couple of speed watches a month for one hour at a time is suggested and you **will be in a team of three**.

Out of interest, here is some of the data from our efforts last year which we have collated between February to October 2019.

Locations: Church Rd 13 hrs, Cartersfield Lane 9 hrs, Wallheath Lane 9 hrs of observations = **31 hrs of volunteer time**.

Total number of vehicles observed **7021** and of that number, speeding vehicles reported to the police totalled **811**.

Officially, we can only record vehicles travelling at **36 m.p.h.** or greater. We therefore did not report many vehicles travelling at over 30 m.p.h..

From the **811** recorded offenders, we observed **163** vehicles exceeding **40 m.p.h.**, **4** vehicles exceeding **50 m.p.h.** and **1** exceeding **60 m.p.h.**

Finally, on 5th Sept 2019, in one hour 650 vehicles travelled along Wallheath Lane and on 10th Sept similarly 447 vehicles travelled into the village down Church Lane.

If you are interested in helping to cut down the speeding traffic in the village for the greater benefit of all, please can you contact in the first place, speed watch co-ordinator for Stonnall, Parish Councillor Mick Cox at mick40cox@fastmail.fm or the Parish office ,tel.no.01543 481947 or e-mail admin@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk.