

Community Speed Watch

On Tuesday 23rd April the Community Speed Watch Volunteers, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk and Dorset Police Community Speed Watch Liaison Officer meet in the National Trust Tea rooms. The purpose of the meeting was to express heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers for their unwavering commitment and diligent efforts in contributing to the success of the community's speed watch program, and to discuss where we go from here, and what improvements could be made.

Since its inception two years ago, the volunteers have consistently devoted their time, conducting an average of 1.5 speed watch roadside sessions per month. This remarkable dedication has significantly contributed to promoting road safety and fostering a sense of responsibility within the community.

To commence the meeting, the Clerk extended sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, acknowledging their invaluable contributions and the positive impact they have made in ensuring safer roadways for everyone.

At this point Maria, the Dorset Police Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator, had 45 minutes of questions from the volunteers, including what impact the speed watch scheme has had. It was comforting to hear overall across Dorset only 2.4% of vehicles monitored were recorded as speeding. This is down from the peak of 4.4%.

One other important point discussed was the locations of the speed watch sessions. It was felt the location by the school is quite distracting for drivers, and given the close vicinity of the crossing, the location was not the first choice of one of the teams.

Conversation at one point moved onto the SID, as both SID volunteers are also CSW members. It was stated that the SID does seem to slow drivers down, and therefore a request was made to look at a new location near the school. It was stated this location had been investigated before, but DC had not approved the location. Maria stated she would be happy to work with us to try again.

Point of note.

Crazy for Corfe had kindly offered to pay for the drinks during the meeting as a thank you to the volunteers. This offer was gratefully accepted, however when the time came to pay the National Trust Tea Room manager informed us that they had decided to cover the bill. Thanks were given to the Manager for their kind offer.

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