

Willoughby Community Speed Watch Group – Current Position

14th November 2022

WPC – Councillor

Stuart Sheppard

Introduction

The community speed watch group currently has 15 volunteers following the recent community meeting.

No meetings of this group have been scheduled as we are in the process of assessing the functions available to us within Willoughby. This is currently being conducted in association with Warwickshire Police.

The Rules for Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is an established method for collecting data of the vehicular speed on the roads within a particular area. There are strict rules concerning the performance of speed monitoring activities and who is permitted to carry them out. Currently, we are in the process of conducting a feasibility study on the roads within Willoughby to identify suitable safe positions to monitor speeds from. This is being performed by PC Ken Bratley of Warwickshire Police, he is based in Rugby. It is hoped that this study will be completed before the end of November 2022.

CSW activities are restricted to roads that have a 30 or 40MPH speed limit on them for the safety of the monitoring volunteers. Unfortunately, this will preclude monitoring of Longdown Lane, Woolscott Road and the A45 to name a few that I am sure people would have been interested in monitoring. We should, however, be able to monitor Main St, Lower St and the first part of Moor Lane.

Prior to performing any CSW activities volunteers will need to complete a registration form to be submitted to, and vetted by, the Warwickshire Police.

Following successful vetting, there will be a training course held in Willoughby Village Hall for the volunteers, after which we will be in a position to commence CSW activity within the village.