

# Speedwatch Report

*Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

Since we were given approval to restart sessions in July we have gradually increased the number of sessions, but Covid-19 restrictions are still in place regarding distancing and sanitisation of equipment etc., each operator is currently keeping their own Hi-vis jackets so that do not have to be handled by other operators. We are also having to be a bit selective regarding the locations we use so that a safe distance between operators and any passing pedestrians can be maintained.

We ran the first session in Etchingham in December 2013, over the last nearly 7 years the number of volunteers has fluctuated, currently, due mainly to health issues, change in volunteers circumstances and people moving away we currently have just four volunteers. We have put the details out on the e-bulletin to try and recruit more volunteers, but with Covid 19 regulations not the ideal time to get new volunteers.

During August we ran 17 sessions totalling 8.5 hours, a further three sessions were cancelled due to a combination of weather and operator unavailability. Those sessions recorded 70 speeding vehicles from 2030 passing vehicles, the fastest speed recorded was 56mph, these figures were an improvement on the July statistics with fewer speeding vehicles from a larger number of passing vehicles.

September is a busy month for sessions because we are supporting Sussex Police by taking part in Project EDWARD (September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>). Up to 10<sup>th</sup> September when this report was written we have run 9 sessions with 17 planned during the Project EDWARD week, and another 8 planned for the rest of the month.

Project EDWARD is an initiative started in 2016 by TISPOL, the European Police Network, with the aim of trying to achieve a **E**uropean **D**ay **W**ithout **A** **R**oad **D**eath. Most of the operations of TISPOL have now been taken over by ROADPOL, based in Germany ( <https://www.roadpol.eu> ) Project EDWARD is now UK based ( <https://projectEdward.org> ) and EDWARD now stands for **E**very **D**ay **W**ithout **A** **R**oad **D**eath. During the campaign Police, and other road safety organisations across the UK will carry out as many high profile speed and road safety operations as possible.

A full summary of monthly sessions is uploaded to the Parish Council website, in the Documents section, at the end of the month and archived for future reference.

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