

## **Community Speed Watch Report to 2024 Walberswick APM**

Walberswick Community Speed Watch volunteers have worked hard this year, getting up early to do an hour's duty and help to improve the safety of our village roads. Heavy rain and in one case snow and ice resulted in a few cancelled sessions but the team has been great in maintaining a once every 10 day speed watch rate.

An informal Speed Watch AGM was held in January over a pie at the Bell. This was well attended and raised some useful points. It was suggested that during the winter months there was a greater need for speed awareness raising during weekdays rather than at the weekend. Our days were adjusted and the numbers of people found to be exceeding the 20 mph speed limit by at least 10% were increased. The particular day of the Speed Watch session may be adjusted again to reflect the increase in visitors during the summer months.

Another point raised was the positioning of the Speedwatch team. This has to be negotiated with the Suffolk Constabulary Coordinator but is certainly worth consideration. The main aim of Speed Watch is to raise awareness that excessive speeds are socially unacceptable and potentially fatal. If you would like to join our team and help improve the safety of our roads please get in touch with me. My contact details can be found on Ciao.

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