

Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting – March 7th 2023

Item 7 – Community Speed Watch Update

The Copythorne Speed Watch Team is a small group of local volunteers whose primary aim is to help keep the roads safer through educating drivers. They are Police volunteers and you may have seen them in their Community Speed Watch, high viz jackets standing at the roadside around the Parish.

Any driver recorded by the team will receive a letter reminding them about road safety and driving at speed. Any driver who is considered as an 'Excessive Speeder', that is driving at speeds of 50 or more miles per hour in a 30 zone will have direct contact by myself (PCSO Richard Williams), either with a visit or a phone call.

Last year, the Copythorne Speed Watch Team went out on 74 surveys in total, it would have been more but some were cancelled due to weather conditions. During the surveys, they monitored 19,113 vehicles and the majority of drivers were observing the speed limit. However, 2,703 drivers were recorded at 35 Mph or more in 30 Mph zones. Unfortunately, a total of 83 drivers were recorded as 'Excessive Drivers'. As a reminder, please observe the speed limits for everyone's safety.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the local, friendly Speed Watch groups and would like to experience a survey, please speak to me or email me (PCSO Richard Williams for more information. My details are on the monthly New Forest Heart Cops Beat Report or can be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council.