

## SPEEDWATCH – EASTON

The Parish Council are concerned about the speed of traffic passing through our village.

- There are no footpaths – pedestrians have to walk on the road.
- There is an awkward blind corner just before the post box where traffic is forced to hug the hedges if a vehicle is coming the other way
- The bus shelter is primarily used by children on the school run – sadly children are as unpredictable as they always were where roads, cars and buses are concerned.
- The buses have to reverse into The Lane to turn around
- Increase in delivery vehicles on tight schedules – drivers unfamiliar with Easton
- Hidden entrances onto the road
- Anglian Water vehicles often straddle the round as they manoeuvre their vehicles to reach the sewerage farm.

In 2021 the Parish Council was successful in its bid to secure Speedwatch equipment.

Approximately 10 volunteers from Easton came forward to offer their services and they undertook training run by the police.

We conducted many sessions of Speedwatch in the village – setting up the Speedwatch sign and monitoring passing through the village along the Easton/Stonely Road.

We continued with this operation through 2022.

On the back of this initiative the Parish Council applied for a fixed MVAS – a Motor Vehicle Activated Sign. Those of you driving through Spaldwick will have observed an MVAS on the High Street, just past the garage. Those of you who haven't observed it are probably driving too fast!

The MVAS will be a permanent fixture and will not require a willing band of volunteers to man the Speedwatch sign.

2 new posts have recently been erected in the village. These posts will hold the MVAS' which we anticipate arriving in the next few months.

We applied for a 20mph speed limit to be applied to our village roads last year. Priority was given to larger villages, our village is small and, as a result, we unfortunately did not make the final cut on that bid. We will continue to press for a 20mph speed limit to be granted. A fresh application has already been submitted this year.

**A person hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph is five times more likely to suffer fatal injuries than a person hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph. The fact speaks for itself.**

P Best 21.3.24