Fleggburgh Speed Watch

Motorists racing through Norfolk's rural communities are in the sights of a record number of volunteer groups armed with speed cameras.

Fleggburgh Community Speed Watch attended an annual Norfolk Speed Watch event on 19th April which was supported by the Norfolk Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner and representatives from multiple Speed Watch teams.

There were 101 active Community Speed Watch groups with a total of 910 volunteers taking part across the county last year, That is double the number of groups in 2016 and 10 more than the pre-Covid highest total of 91 in 2018 and 2019.

Although not empowered to issue fines, the scheme has been hailed by police as an effective deterrent. Volunteers are issued with speed radar guns, signs and reflective jackets and carry out checks in 30mph and 40mph limits. Registered owners whose vehicles are clocked breaking the limit have their details recorded and are sent warning letters telling them to keep their speed down.

The groups issued 17,146 letters last year - almost 47 every day and 638 in one week, a report to Norfolk's police and crime panel has revealed. In total 94,839 warning letters have been sent to speeders in the last seven years.

In Fleggburgh, in 3 x 1-hour sessions in one week, a total of 30 vehicles were reported for exceeding the speed limit.

Additional examples of the occasions of excess speeding are recorded by the SAM2 (Speed Awareness Module). It is the Speed Watch teams responsibility to install and move around these devices within the Parish and publish reports. The Speed Watch team recently deployed

a SAM2 module outside Broad Farm recording speed of vehicles travelling from Fleggburgh in the direction of Filby. The speed limit for this section of road is 40 MPH. The highest recorded speed was 85 MPH, and a total of 140 vehicles were speeding at 60 MPH. Some good news is that from a total of 86,494 vehicles that passed the SAM2, the average speed recorded was 34.78 MPH. In addition, a SAM2 was deployed in Billockby recording speed of vehicles travelling from Fleggburgh in the direction of Acle. The speed limit on this section of road is 40MPH. The highest speed recorded was 65 MPH with 3167 vehicles recorded at 50 MPH. Again, average speed recorded for the 79346 vehicles that were picked up by this SAM2 was 36.76 MPH.

If you have any questions or wish to suggest locations within Fleggburgh as to where the Speed Watch team could stand to record speeds or have suggestions as to where SAM2 devices can be deployed, please email: fleggburghspeedwatch@yahoo.com