

## **Kilve Community Speed Watch**

A number of Parishioners have complained to our local beat manager PC David Masters about drivers who speed through parts of Kilve and Holford. Officers are looking for volunteers to join the Community Speed watch team to reestablish a local presence, thus reminding motorists of the perils of driving too fast.

**Motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods are very often unaware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians and this is something we are working with communities to address.**

Community Speed Watch gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.

- A Community Speed Watch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.
- Community Speed Watch is a partnership between the Community, the Police, Fire Service, Parish Council, and County Council.
- A Speed Watch consists of local residents, who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week to monitor speeds with speed detection equipment.
- Persistent offenders will receive up to two warning letters, and on a third occasion, offenders can expect further action by police.

Members are designated to hotspots in the villages and surrounding areas to monitor the speeds of passing vehicles with radar guns. These hotspots have to be assessed for risk and suitability by police before being officially designated speed watch locations. The evidence isn't used to prosecute drivers – the scheme is there to act as a deterrent and to remind drivers when they drive through these certain areas what speed they should be doing. However, if a road police officer is present at the time they have the power to pull somebody over for speeding, being on their mobile phone or any other offence.

Although we will never be able to stop motorists speeding through our villages completely, we are looking to help create a deterrent. We're looking for volunteers to help out, in Kilve and Holford. Volunteers are given free training and speed watch sessions usually take an hour. If you think you could help and would like to be part of the Community Speed Watch Team, please contact Tracy Gorman either by email ([nwatch@kilvevillage.co.uk](mailto:nwatch@kilvevillage.co.uk)) or leave a message at the village stores or drop me a note (The Old Post Office, Kilve, Bridgwater TA5 1EA). We will set up a meeting with PC Masters to take this initiative forward once we have gained an idea of support.