

Speedwatch Report for 27 November 2023 RSPC Meeting

- We have carried out two sessions during November so far, the second session at the Lewis Road Junction netting 8 speeders.
- I have had another meeting with Gary Strain who demonstrated a smartphone application that can be used to photograph offending vehicles, enter the recorded speed and submit directly obviating the need for filling in data recording sheets. It is not yet live. Gary is also pushing use of the Bushnell hand-held device (cost £300 - £350) but I am not inclined to recommend this at this time given that we have already invested a considerable sum on our existing kit. I took this up with PCSO Ed King who told me that he would not be recommending purchase of this unit to PCs/Groups who have already purchased kit.
- Our newest volunteer Olly Aires has (at last) received his Laser training and is now legitimately able to operate the Laser.
- Olly enquired directly to Ed King concerning enforcement of 20 mph speed limits. Ed's reply is of general interest and follows: *At present within Warwickshire the Camera Enforcement Unit do not operate on roads with a 20mph speed limit. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team, is able, can carry out checks on 20mph roads. The threshold for enforcement would be 24mph+ on a 20mph road. Officer(s) can also use professional discretion. Current Force Policy is that we will not routinely enforce 20mph limits unless by prior agreement or in light of a specific problem. There is a difference between a 20mph limit and a 20mph zone – zones cover an area and do have traffic calming measures in place to support and identify the zone. 20mph limits just have the initial terminal signs and repeaters as necessary, but at least 1.*
- I have received the November CSW Newsletter which will be distributed with this report.

Cllr Roger W Munn

24 November 2023