

Speedwatch Report 29 April 2024 RSPC Meeting

- We have carried out three roadside sessions this month, each session lasting for around 1 hour 15 minutes and checking the speed of an average of 190 vehicles per session. Over the three sessions, 24 vehicles were recorded travelling at speeds of 35 mph or greater. Five vehicles were recorded travelling at greater than 40 mph, the fastest being 45 mph.
- Now that the village roads south of the A425 have been designated as having a 20 mph speed limit, we have been refused permission to operate SpeedWatch at the designated School Lane and Lewis Road sites by Warwickshire Police. Apparently, SpeedWatch is only authorised to operate in 30 mph and 40 mph zones. No explanation as to exactly why this is has been offered so I will ask for one.
- We have received information that “Op Snap”, a campaign throughout Warwickshire asking the public to submit dashcam/headcam footage of drivers operating a mobile phone at the wheel, resulted in Warwickshire Police receiving 152 submissions during 2023. A number of prosecutions followed resulting in typically a £200 fine and 6 points on the offender’s driving licence. Details can be seen here:
<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/news/warwickshire/news/2024/april/drivers-caught-on-camera-using-handheld-mobile-phone/>

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