**Hacheston & Parham Community Speedwatch**

**Report to Hacheston and Parham Parish Councils 2018**

**Prepared on 12th May 2018**

The community speedwatch campaign was run successfully last year, and after a winter break restarted in March after a scheduled recalibration of the speed gun. During the past year there have been four new applicants to join the speedwatch scheme, all from Hacheston main village.

In accordance with the guidance, we only report those vehicles travelling at more than 35 mph in a 30 mph limit.

In 2017 a total of 296 cases of speeding in Parham, 88 in Hacheston main village and 97 in Lower Hacheston were reported to the police for follow up. Speedwatch activity that year was hampered by a fault developing in our equipment. It was sent back to the makers for repair who reported that the issue was through misalignment of internal components probably caused by the instrument being dropped. All speedwatch volunteers have been urged to take care of the equipment.

The breakdown of speeds recorded at each site used in 2017 is in the table below

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | Parham Bridge | Parham opp Blyth Row | Hacheston Village Hall | Lower Hacheston Ashe Rd | Hacheston Old P. O. | Hacheston Village Sign | Hacheston lay by at hill top | Totals |
| No. Sessions Held | | | 4 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 42 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | mph |  | 17 | 80 | 6 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 144 |
| 36 | mph |  | 8 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 72 |
| 37 | mph |  | 4 | 48 | 1 | 30 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 99 |
| 38 | mph |  | 2 | 24 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 37 |
| 39 | mph |  | 6 | 25 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 49 |
| 40 | mph |  | 1 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 30 |
| 41 | mph |  | 0 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 42 | mph |  | 0 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 43 | mph |  | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 44 | mph |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 45 | mph |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 | mph |  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 47 | mph |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS |  |  | 39 | 257 | 15 | 97 | 29 | 31 | 13 | 481 |

Two more sessions were attempted but the camera fault meant that nobody was caught.

There is clear evidence of a speeding problem in Hacheston & Parham and whilst the campaign has been successful in the short term, the problem soon returns. A wider, long-term programme of education and physical deterrent is definitely required.

Augmentation of the team will allow a more frequent speedwatch presence on the road which will help educate drivers that we will not accept speeding in our villages. Anything that the parish councils can do to persuade more people to join the scheme will improve our effectiveness. Any volunteers should contact me in the first instance.

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