

Highways and Road Safety Update

Community Speedwatch

All current members of the Community Speedwatch team have now been approved by Suffolk Constabulary.

Ten sites have been identified, and all training has now been completed with the team having received all equipment needed.

A number of dates for monitoring have now been scheduled, and following discussions with Cllrs K Grimes and M Karunaratne, it is planned that the data collected from VAS monitoring will in future inform monitoring locations for the CSW teams.

Wickham Street – Request for reduction in speed limit from 40 to 30mph.

For background, see previous report [WPC.24.01.02](#).

At its February meeting (Min. **25.02.7.4** refers), the parish council resolved:

Recommendation

- i. The parish council approve the cost of room hire and refreshments at not more than £70 plus VAT to support the Community Speedwatch team.**
- ii. The parish council approve the printing a newsletter/survey with respect to road safety in the parish at a cost of not more than £150 plus VAT**
- iii. The parish council approve the cost of contributing to:**
 - a. A tube speed survey with vehicle class at not more than £45**
 - b. A full report by Suffolk Highways into the parish request for a reduction in the speed limit at Wickham Street from 40mph to 30mph at a cost of not more than £750.**

The clerk has advised both our Suffolk County Councillor, Bobby Bennett of the parish council's resolution, and requested advice on any additional steps necessary to ensure that both the survey and report are commissioned, but sadly to date, despite chasing, has received no formal response.

The clerk met with our Suffolk County Council Highways Community Liaison Officer in March to discuss options for improving safety of the stretch of the A143 at Wickham Street where the parish council is seeking for the speed limit to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

He advised that any proposals which the parish council considers may improve the safety of this zone should be included in the report that the parish council submits to Suffolk County Council as part of the full report which it has asked for (see item iii above).