

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW) PROJECT

As a Council we are fully aware of speeding issues within the village boundary and that some residents are also mindful of it and have on a number of occasions approached the Council with this issue.

The Council has attempted to improve the problem by contributing funding towards sharing the use of three mobile “**Vehicle Activated Signs**” with three other Parishes throughout the year provided by the Highways Dept. of NYCC. Whilst this has seen some success, when implemented, it has not solved the problem.

Having recently worked closely with NY Police and the Community Speed Watch Project Team, we have been successful in obtaining a CSW Project for Hutton Rudby (similar to the one operated in Seamer), which hopefully will be starting towards the end of January 2018.

There are four areas being covered by the project in our village (Stokesley Road, Belborough Lane, Garbutts Lane and Doctors Lane) and the sole purpose of the project is to make **ALL Drivers** aware of the speed limits and when these are being exceeded.

Community Speed Watch is a scheme in which NY Police give speed monitoring equipment to local volunteer residents who monitor traffic on behalf of North Yorkshire Police. Anyone found to be in excess of the speed limit in a 20mph, 30mph or 40mph zone will receive a warning letter from NY Police, informing them to be mindful of their speed in future. Second offenders will receive a further warning letter reminding them that further action may be taken if they are caught again. For a third offence, details are passed to the Road Policing Group who will attend the address of the individual and have words with them in person. Full site risk assessments are carried out by the Police Support Volunteers and they will also conduct a full training session with the CSW volunteer group.

This project is designed to make drivers aware that they are speeding in our village and that they need to have consideration of others (pedestrians and other traffic users) and drive within the speed limit at all times.

All four roads identified have gone through a Speed Management Protocol process, which has provided the Police with the evidence that excessive speed is an issue on all of these roads, both in and out of our village.

This project will continue until such time as significant improvement in the vehicle speeds within the village boundaries is noticeable.

Thank You