

LAUNTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Annual Report to the Launton Parish AGM 16 April 2026

The Launton Community Speedwatch Group is now in its fourth year of operation. The primary objective of the Speedwatch program is to get drivers to slow down through the village making the roads safer for pedestrians and all road users. The presence of the Speedwatch teams continues to reinforce driver awareness and vehicles do slow down when the teams are operating.

The reactive speed sign on Station Road continues to be inactive due to the equipment being turned away from the road. Reports have been received of vehicles speeding down Station Road, but Speedwatch sessions have often been deferred due to parked vehicles obstructing the line of sight for the team. However, we will continue to schedule Speedwatch sessions on Station Road when possible.

The statistics for this year are shown in the report attached. For the full year an average 4% of passing vehicles were recorded and reported during the Speedwatch sessions which is an improvement on prior years and demonstrates the effectiveness of the Speedwatch program. Of concern, however, is the number of vehicles that still seem to ignore the reactive speed sign on Bicester Road approaching the school.

The Speedwatch team are all volunteers so roadside sessions are scheduled to fit with the availability of each member. Anyone wishing to join the group for just an hour or two a month to help in the reinforcement of driver awareness would be welcome.

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