



RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Management Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2021

Speed Checks and Monitoring, Southam Road

As part of the Warwickshire Rural East Community Forum Safer Neighborhoods Team (WRE SNT) Policing Priorities October 2020 to February 2021, speed checks were carried out during February 2021 as follows:

- **Speed checks/monitoring – Southam Road, Radford Semele:** WRE SNT conducted 10 speed checks/monitoring sessions on Southam Road, Radford Semele. Total time spent 11hrs 38mins. Checks were conducted at key times as highlighted by the local community. Checks were conducted at a number of locations along both the 30mph and 40mph sections on Southam Road. Fastest vehicle recorded was 43mph in a 30mph zone / 52mph in a 40mph zone. 2 motorists were reported for driving in excess of the speed limit. 93 warning letters were sent to motorists due to excess speed. 1 motorist was stopped and given a verbal warning, along with education at the roadside. Where a vehicle was linked to a company, the company was informed. SNT engaged with members of the public.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) Initiative

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Whilst activities are currently suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions we have been active in recruiting volunteers through the RSPC website, social media and the FoRGE group newsletter so that we may set up our own CSW group. Nine volunteers have been recruited (including three Parish Councillors) and we hope to receive the necessary police-supervised training shortly so we will be able to “hit the ground running” when restrictions are lifted. The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the support and encouragement given by our local SNT team member, PCSO/WCO 6223 Ed King.

Proposal to erect “20s Plenty” Advisory Signs

Whilst the legal speed limit throughout most of our village is 30 mph, there are several areas where this could still be considered an excessive speed and a further reduction would decrease the likelihood of accidents and/or collisions. To this end, the RSPC identified suitable “20s Plenty” advisory signage and determined the best strategic locations at which to situate them (eight signs in total). Full details of the proposal were submitted to the Warwickshire County Council Transport Planning & Road Safety Group by the Clerk to the RSPC in order to seek the necessary permission to erect the signs. However, the proposal was rejected and permission refused on the grounds that the signs “*are not within the Traffic Signs, Regulations & General Directions Manual. We only install signs on the Highway that are approved and listed within the TSRGD*”. We do however have the full support of several WCC councillors, and we will continue to challenge this decision.

Cllr. Roger W Munn
April 2021