



## Billingshurst Speedwatch News



### Local Speedwatch in search of Volunteers.

The Billingshurst Community Speedwatch has been particularly visible in the last five years or so, with volunteer members in their high viz jackets, standing at the road side monitoring the speed of local traffic.

The Speedwatch group leader Eric Bonner is now seeking to bump up the number of volunteers and increase the level of monitoring within the parish, with the aim of driving down the number of vehicle collisions involving casualties.

Eric, who is a road safety specialist, said: “Speedwatch volunteers do not have any statutory powers of enforcement. We simply undertake speed surveys to show a visible presence in the area and hopefully encourage road users to be more observant of local speed limits.”

Eric went on to say: “Where motorists are observed to be significantly in excess of the speed limit, the registration details of the vehicle are recorded, and the registered keeper is sent a polite letter simply urging the users of the vehicle to comply with speed limits in the future. By and large our efforts meet with widespread public approval, both from pedestrians and motorists who often give us a quick toot and thumbs up.”

Billingshurst Speedwatch is a community safety initiative of the Billingshurst Parish Council in partnership with Sussex Police.

Anyone interested in becoming a Speedwatch volunteer or wishing to know a little more about the scheme may telephone the administrator on **07768 081745**. Alternatively, you may join the local group by going online [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org) and clicking on the “register” icon and follow the joining instructions.

A survey lasts for just one hour and you can choose how often and just when you wish to participate, and volunteers may opt out at any time without notice.



Photo: Speedwatch volunteers outside The Weald Community School

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