



BILLINGSHURST COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Local Speed Watch Groups join forces to target the A272

The Billingshurst Speed Watch will be joining up with neighbouring speed watch schemes in a simultaneous operation to reduce speeds on the A272.

Ode to a Road

Not since the publication of a biography of the A272 titled “An Ode to a Road” by Dutchman Pieter Boogart has so much attention been focused on this particular highway. Boogart describes his love affair with the A272, which he believes to be one of the most beautiful of highways in England, bounded upon either side by a rich tapestry of history, of which he writes profusely in delightful detail, as it threads its way from Poundford in East Sussex, ending at Stockbridge in Hampshire.

Speedwatch Groups join forces

More recently however local Community Speed Watch schemes have become alarmed by the apparent increase in the speed of vehicles including motor cycles. The call for a concerted and joint action follows a plea from the Wisborough Green speed watch group, who would like to see a link up of volunteers from Petworth, Loxwood, Billingshurst and Wisborough Green in a joint effort to reduce the incidence of excess speeding.

We are not the Police

The leader of the Billingshurst Speed Watch, Eric Bonner said: “We are not police officers and we don’t enforce speed limits. We simply monitor speeds and advise drivers accordingly in the hope of educating and influencing their road behaviour.”

It is believed the joining up of speed watch groups in a combined operation is a first for road safety. The Billingshurst Speed Watch group is organised and managed by the Billingshurst parish council.

Volunteers needed

Speed Watch volunteers are needed for speed monitoring duties, so anyone who can give up just one hour or so of their time once a month are urged to join up. Further information can be found on: www.communityspeedwatch.org. Alternatively contact the group administrator on 07768 081745 and ask to speak to Michael.

