

Annual Speedwatch Report 2026

The amount of time spent at the roadside this year is only half that of the previous year due to volunteers retiring or being off whilst recovering from surgeries.

The total number of speeding drivers recorded in the last year in Rolvenden is 201, with 3 also having no road tax and 3 with no MOT.

No repeat offenders have been recorded this year showing that Speedwatch does work as a reminder to drivers to watch their speed. The general downward trend for the number of speeding drivers being recorded is also continuing but we need consistency to maintain that effect. If we are not out at the roadside on a regular basis drivers get complacent and speeds creep up again.

With that in mind we have been talking to the dormant Newenden group and Kent Police about the possibility of amalgamating the two groups to cover both villages and we are hopeful that we can bring this idea to fruition soon.

However, the number of volunteers in Rolvenden is fast approaching the level at which we will no longer be a viable group (even if we join with Newenden) so we are keen to enrol some new members. Operators do not have to commit to a regular slot – the online booking system allows you to book your availability in hourly slots each week and we are not allowed to operate in adverse weather conditions, so you don't have to be out in the rain.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, you can register your interest at www.communityspeedwatch.org or have a roadside chat with any group member when you see us