

Whatlington Speed watch Group

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In June there were two speed watch sessions that resulted in 12 vehicles reported to the police for speeding.

Four new sites have been approved for use – two on the A21 to measure traffic heading south, which tends to be faster than that heading north, and two in Whatlington Road, including the church lay-by.

The group continues to need more members in order to keep on top of continuing problem of speeding throughout village – a problem highlighted by several of the candidates for the parish elections.

It is now evident that due to bends in roads throughout the village the current speed radar is not really fit for purpose. The latest laser guns have a considerably more accurate (narrower) angle of measurement – 15 degrees as opposed to 45. We have requested to the police that we could borrow one of the new laser guns, or if the parish council could part fund it with the police.

A further road safety proposal is to request an SID (Speed Indicator Device) for the village – a temporary vehicle-activated illuminated sign displaying vehicle speeds, known to slow traffic. The parish council is to be asked to fund this.

The group has raised a concern with Rother District Council over the plan for five houses on the Hillside Nursery site, bearing in mind the potential effect of additional vehicles entering the A21.

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