

Mary Tavy Speedwatch Group Report For The Period May 2021 to May 2022

The Mary Tavy Speedwatch group is just over 1 year old, having carried out its first session on the 11th May 2021.

There are currently 10 members in the group and we are able to use 2 sites along the A386 in Mary Tavy: one in the 30mph zone at the Methodist Church and one in the 40mph zone towards the north of the village. All sites have to be checked and approved by the police and Community Speedwatch Administrators.

Community Speedwatch is supported by the police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Some numbers.....

- Throughout Devon, 2,179 Speedwatch sessions were carried out in the 12 months from the end of March 2021 until the end of March 2022.
 - 12,993 first stage letters were sent. These are letters sent by post with a Speedwatch leaflet
 - 488 second stage letters were sent. If the registered keeper lives within the Devon & Cornwall Force area they may receive a visit from a member of the police and be given words of advice.
 - 54 third stage letters were sent. This is a final warning and consideration of a target package (i.e. the driver can be added to the watch list system)

During the year from May 11th 2021 until May 11th 2022, the Mary Tavy Group carried out 85 one hour sessions split between our two approved sites. Many of these 1 hour sessions were actually split into 2 half hour sessions, measuring traffic travelling in one direction for the first half and in the other direction for the second half. Counted like that, the group has done over 150 sessions in the year (The Devon & Cornwall Community Speedwatch Group actually thinks we have done over 200 sessions and the Mary Tavy group was one of 4 Devon teams to be awarded a certificate at an event in Exeter in April).

Our numbers for the period from May 11th 2021 to May 11th 2022 are:

- Our 85 sessions (or ~ 150, or over 200 take your pick!) measured 14,076 vehicles in total. 667 were reported for speeding (4.74% of the total).
- 7,686 of these vehicles were measured in the 30mph zone at the Methodist Church where 479 were reported for speeding (6.23% of the total).
- 6,421 of the 14,076 were measured at our site in the 40mph zone towards the north of the village where 187 were reported for speeding (2.91% of the total).

While numbers fluctuate from one session to another, it seems that a higher percentage of vehicles speed in the 30mph zone than in the 40mph zone (6.23% vs 2.91%).

If we look at the first 15 sessions we did at either site the percentage speeding is higher:

- At the Methodist Church the first 15 sessions measured 2390 vehicles of which 238 were speeding (9.9%).
- In the 40mph zone the first 15 sessions measured 2523 vehicles of which 95 were speeding (3.8%).

While results vary from session to session and there are many ways of looking at the results (time of day, day of the week, weather conditions, etc), the statistics suggest at least 2 things:

- A higher percentage of vehicles speed in the 30mph zone than the 40mph zone
- In both locations, a higher percentage of vehicles were speeding early in the year compared with the year overall. One interpretation is that many drivers have become used to the fact a Speedwatch group might be present as they drive through the village and are taking more care.