Holford’s Community Speed Watch continues to run smoothly thanks to our dedicated volunteers. The weather has been kinder to us and we have only had to cancel two watches because of rain.  Our Speedwatch is one of approximately 65 in the County.

Quote from. Avon and Somerset Constabulary:

**SPEEDING IS NOT HARMLESS**

Nobody plans to crash their vehicle, yet hundreds of thousands of people do this every year. If you drive for long enough, sooner or later something will go wrong on one of your journeys. A major reason that speed limits exist is so that when the unexpected happens, the consequences are less serious both for the people around you and for you yourself.

The difference of a couple of miles per hour can literally mean the difference between life and death. The faster someone is driving, the less time they have to stop if something unexpected happens and the more powerful a collision will be if they do not stop in time. Every mile per hour taken off your speed increases safety.

* Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents.
* The risk of death is approximately four times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40 mph then at 30 mph
* Fatal accidents are four times as likely on rural roads as urban roads.

**Holford has recently had a fatal accident within an area that the CSW consider should be a 40mph zone, providing a staged speed reduction from the 50mph A39 to our 30mph village zone.**

**More volunteers very welcome!**

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