

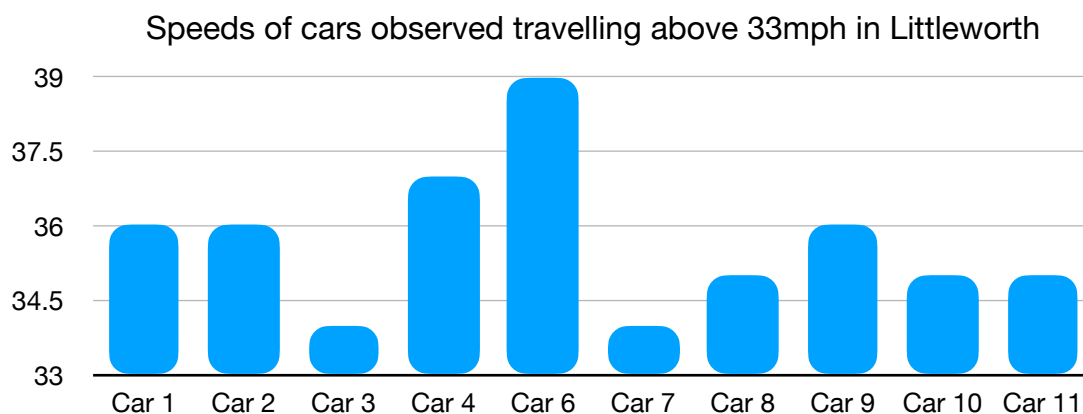
Report to Littleworth Parish meeting on the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. December 2021

Background

The current speed limit through the village is 30mph. Littleworth Speedwatch has been operating since December 2015 carrying out two or three speed watch checks per month. There have been few checks during 2021 because of temporary traffic lights on the road through the village.

Findings

- Speedwatch sessions are carried out between 07:30 and 9:00. In this time there are usually between 30 to 40 cars driving through the village and the average recorded speed is 20mph.
- On mornings when Speedwatch sessions are carried out, vehicles are observed slowing down when drivers see the Speedwatch signs.
- In the 5 years to 2020 11 cars have been recorded travelling above 33 mph.



Conclusions

The majority of drivers make the decision to travel at 20mph through the village when their driving is being observed during a Speedwatch. This implies that the speed which drivers believe is safe and appropriate to drive at in the village is 20mph.

The Speedwatch signs do make a number of drivers consider their speed when driving through the village.

Recommended actions

1. Apply to Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20mph.
2. Speedwatch have approved permanent signs which can be fixed to road signs. Contact Oxfordshire County Council to get permission to fix a Speedwatch sign to existing signage at either end of the village.