

Notes for Ringshall Parish Council meeting 23rd July, 2019.

Speeding in the village.

Context:

Following a monitoring period of seven days, at 24 hours per day, Suffolk Constabulary provided the following data:

Total number of vehicles during period:	11414
Number >30 m.p.h.:	5544
% > 30 m.p.h.:	48.6
Maximum speed recorded m.p.h.:	64
Recorded at:	08:50
Direction of travel:	from the base.

Police identify Lower Farm Road as an “amber category” road for speed monitoring. Patrol will take place every two weeks.

Army welfare officer request:

I recently had a request, from one of the welfare officers on the base, for traffic data. The local authority are intending to cut the bus used to transport the children from Wattisham Airfield to Ringshall Primary School. His concerns centred on the periods between 07:30 to 09:00, and 15:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday. These are the times when children would be using the footpaths and road to walk to and from school.

I provided the following data from the Constabulary report.

5544 were over the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.
Between 31m.p.h. and 40 m.p.h. = 5030,
Between 41m.p.h. and 50 m.p.h. = 486,
Between 51m.p.h. and 64 m.p.h. = 28. 64 m.p.h. was the maximum speed recorded, at 08:50, travelling from the base!!!!

Numbers of vehicles, travelling along Lower Farm Road, between 07:30 and 09:00; typical numbers are around 300, with Monday being around 570!!!!

Numbers of vehicles, travelling along Lower Farm Road, between 15:00 and 17:00, typical numbers being 390, with Friday showing 320. Early finish on a Friday!!!!

Typical speeds show maximums of 48 m.p.h. during both times. Again the speeders are travelling from the base.

I understand the issue of speeding is now being taken up at the highest level on the base.

High Tech options:

Vehicle Activated Sign options:

Pole mounted, portable and trailer devices.

Pole mounted options include:

VAS 300: Basic model, pole mounted

- 300mm double digit display
- Auto-Dim technology
- Eco Power Saver mode
- Mains or 12v battery power supply
- Optional Solar or Wind charging
- Measures up to 100m in advance
- Free PC based software
- Pole mountings included
- Continuous operation available
- Built in the UK with a 2 year warranty as standard.



Cost: £ 1970.00 including data logging, solar panel and Bluetooth downloading.

VAS 300 SD: Top of the range, pole mounted

- 300mm double digit display
- Interactive Smiling face display
- Interactive SLOW DOWN and THANK YOU Module fitted
- Auto-Dim technology
- Eco Power Saver mode
- Mains or 12v battery power supply
- Optional Solar or Wind charging
- Measures up to 100m in advance
- Free PC based software
- Pole mountings included
- Continuous operation available
- Built in the UK with a 2 year warranty as standard.



Cost: £2470.00 including data logging, solar panel and Bluetooth downloading.

Low tech options:

Wheelie bin signs:

Supply to Lower Farm homes, only, within 30 m.p.h. restricted area.

Apply two signs per wheelie bin. Therefore six signs per household with brown bin. Four signs per household without brown bin.

30 m.p.h. signs showing, all day, three days per fortnight.

Costs: 100 = £89.00; 250 = £179.50; 500 = £279.50; 1000 = £475.00.

Legality of wheelie bin stickers:

Badwell Ash Parish Council raised the issue of the legality of the stickers:

Councillor Andrew Nunn, Suffolk Coastal Council's Green Environment chief, said: *"Although we want to keep stickers off bins, because it disfigures them and makes them look unattractive - especially if they start to peel off - we do not have the power to stop people putting stickers on their bins."*

Tim Passmore, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, said: *"We are in a position of wanting communities to help themselves and, as long as it looks tidy and respectable and isn't too much of a distraction, I can't see what the fuss is about."*

In 2013 a Staffordshire Police spokesman said: *"30 mph stickers have been handed out to households..."* <http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/wheelie-bin-stickers-halt-speeders/story-18182129-detail/story.html#mSgyAASoqfbir02c.99>

And in 2009 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/mobile/england/cumbria/7891239.stm>

"Speed warning stickers for wheelie bins have been handed out in a Cumbrian town to encourage drivers to slow down..."

On collection days, motorists using the roads will have to pass rows of the signs reminding them of the limit."