

COMMUNITY "SPEEDWATCH" TEAMS IN CALDERBRIDGE.

A number of people have suggested that it may help to control traffic speeds in and around, Calderbridge if we formed and operated a community "speedwatch" team. I've been exploring what's involved and what the benefits are. In summary ...

- Community "speedwatch" teams help raise the profile of road safety by letting motorists know someone is watching.
- Where cars are "caught" speeding owners can be identified from the car registration number and letters are sent from the police to say the driver has been noticed speeding. The police will also take more action against persistent offenders.
- Observations are normally done on a campaign basis, once every few weeks/months by a team of about 3 trained people.
- Training is done by Cumbria Constabulary, normally about 8 people will be trained so that observations can be shared around.
- Observation can only be done in locations which have been assessed by Cumbria Constabulary as safe.

If we are to go ahead and form a "speedwatch" team we need to identify about 8 people who are willing to be involved and trained. We also need a person who can be trained to help with the administration of working with the police to help them issue warning letters to those we have observed speeding. If you are interested please let me know, if we get enough people we can make sure we have safe observation locations, get a training course run, and then give it a shot to see if it helps control traffic speeds through and around the village.

Best regards

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