



Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch (CPGH CSW)

2022 to 2023 Report

Community Speedwatch

Since establishment in 2022 the Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch (CSW) Group has undertaken thirty-seven Speedwatch sessions in our local community. The Group was set up by the Parish Council in collaboration with Thames Valley Police (TVP). It is organised by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, via the local police, in our case TVP.

We currently have seven approved sites. Volunteers are deployed at regular intervals to monitor speeding in our local roads—we have three sites in Whitchurch Hill and four in Crays Pond. Since August 2022 312 offenders have been reported to TVP for speeding. See attached Summary Activity report.

- Philosophy—to be highly visible as a reminder to drive considerately rather than to ‘catch’ speeders
- Process—drivers will receive a letter from the police specifying location/speed and reminder to observe speed limits. Repeat offenders may get a visit.

Before community teams are deployed to the roadside, operatives undergo a number of training sessions online. Risk assessments are completed by police to ensure safety at the roadside. Thames Valley Police approve each site. An online platform allows group-related activities to be self-regulated via an online calendar, and also provides vehicle make recognition training. DVLA pre-checks logged registration numbers for authenticity before automatically passing data on to the police for further processing.

We currently have seven volunteers and need more to continue our activities. If anyone in our community wishes to help make our rural roads safer, they are welcome to join the CSW Group. A CPGH CSW WhatsApp Group has been set up for trained operatives and we also have a Twitter account @crayspondesw which is a useful tool for communicating with other CSW groups. When a volunteer first registers, they complete an online training course which is quite simple and straightforward—usually completed in one evening session. After completion there is further on-the-job training; new operatives will attend the first CSW session as an observer to ‘look and learn’. We welcome more volunteer’s participation to send out the signal that we are serious about road safety.

Road Safety Objectives Going Forward

- Seek the introduction of fixed speed cameras in troublesome hot spots for speeding—Garton End and Goffs Hill in Crays Pond in particular.
- Seek the introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit in all built up areas—within Whitchurch Hill for example.
- Seek a reduction in the speed limit on the B471 through Whitchurch Hill from 40mph to 30mph.
- Place Community Speedwatch signs at gates on the B4526 and B471.

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Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch Group

Activity Summary – August 2022 to March 2023

Location & Speed Limit (SL)	No of Sessions	Offender Count Δ	Vehicle Count	% > SL	Highest Speed	Highest Speed %>SL
B4526-Bellmouth to Garton End looking West-Site ID11520 30MPH	5	23	124	18%	51MPH	Av +50%
		24	145	17%	48MPH	
		27	133	20%	45MPH	
		10	100	10%	41MPH	
		5	114	4%	40MPH	
		89	616	Av 14%	Av 45MPH	
B471-Layby at the entrance to St Johns Church-ID 10021 40MPH	6	8	61	13%	51MPH	Av +40%
		14	142	10%	55MPH	
		12	127	9%	60MPH	
		6	100	6%	54MPH	
		14	88	16%	54MPH	
		11	100	11%	61MPH	
65	618	Av 11%	Av 56MPH			
B471-Goffs Hill Grass verge-Site ID11420 30MPH	7	14	100	14%	43MPH	Av +50%
		14	111	13%	46MPH	
		15	100	5%	45MPH	
		8	100	5%	43MPH	
		16	140	11%	46MPH	
		14	125	11%	47MPH	
11	96	11%	43MPH			
92	772	Av 12%	Av 45MPH			
B4526-On the corner of Beechwood Close looking West-Site ID 10938 30MPH	7	10	196	5%	42MPH	Av +33%
		2	118	2%	40MPH	
		2	77	3%	37MPH	
		4	62	6%	41MPH	
		4	64	6%	46MPH	
		5	84	6%	38MPH	
2	85	2%	36MPH			
29	686	Av 4%	Av 40MPH			
B471-Outside the Goring Heath Parish Hall car park-Site ID11071 40MPH	6	7	310	2%	50MPH	Av +25%
		1	128	1%	51MPH	
		0	78	-	-	
		2	80	2%	49MPH	
		1	123	1%	49MPH	
		0	101	-	-	
11	820	Av 1%	Av 50MPH			
B4526-Crays Pond House looking West-Site-ID 11520 30MPH	4	8	75	11%	39MPH	Av +43%
		5	100	5%	48MPH	
		5	100	5%	43MPH	
		7	102	7%	41MPH	
25	377	Av 7%	Av 43MPH			
Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill-Site ID 9994 30MPH	2	1	33	<1%	36MPH	Av +20%
		0	33	-	-	
1	66	Av <1%	Av 36MPH			
Total	37	312 ΔΔ				

Δ Offenders only recorded at 36 mph and above (in 30 mph area) and 47 mph and above (in 40 mph area).

ΔΔ First offenders will receive a warning letter from TVP. Repeat offenders may receive a home visit. Untaxed vehicles or any with an expired MOT are reported.

CRAYS POND GORING HEATH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We are looking for keen volunteers to help keep our community safe

Fatalities are four times more likely to happen in rural areas than in urban areas

Do you want to help?

The Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch Group (CSW) supported by Goring Heath Parish Council has been recently established to tackle speeding in our community. This follows the reduction in the speed limit through Crays Pond on the B4526 and B471. Since August, 2022 the CSW Team have formally reported 312 speeding vehicles to Thames Valley Police (TVP). We currently have seven police approved sites—four in Crays Pond and three in Whitchurch Hill. CSW operatives are there to record and report for educational purposes in the hope that drivers will in future respect the speed limits.

The scheme works under the operating principles of Community Speedwatch UK which is a not-for-profit social enterprise that provides support for Speedwatch groups throughout the country. The scheme can provide communities with initial loan equipment and training to monitor speeding in their area. This is organised by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, via the local police, in our case TVP who are very supportive of the initiative.

Aims of the scheme

To allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their local community. This is achieved by:

1. Undertaking high-visibility roadside operations to educate speeding drivers, with a view to improving driver behaviour.
2. Reporting to the Police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern. These speed monitoring reports enable the police to;
 - Send advisory letters to the registered owners advising them that the speed at which their vehicle was travelling was in excess of the speed limit.
 - Use the data gathered to inform Police and others on the allocation of resources and general road safety issues and targeted enforcement activity.
3. Delivering locally based feedback and problem-solving schemes where speeding is of specific concern to the Community.

Speedwatch is not enforcement. It is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and educating drivers.

To find out more about how Community Speedwatch works please visit: <https://bit.ly/3CRfy39>

All volunteers must be 18 or over and after registration have to complete an online training course which is quite simple and straightforward—usually completed in one evening session. After completing the online training there is further on-the-job training; new operatives will attend the first CSW session as an observer to 'look and learn'.

To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3CRcJ22>

Then select “Thames Valley”/”Oxfordshire”/”Crays Pond-Goring Heath” to join our Group.

For any further information please contact the CPGH CSW Group Coordinator.

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