



## Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch (CPGH CSW)

### February 2023 Report

#### Activity during February

The group had eight sessions during February. A total of 55 (38) offenders were reported to Thames Valley Police (TVP) from 779 (437) passing vehicles. Figures in brackets are from the preceding month. Current hot-spots for speeders are the B471 at St Johns Church, Whitchurch Hill and the B4526/B471 in Crays Pond.

#### Sessions

A consolidated Activity Report for the period is appended as Appendix 1. An amended version of this should be included on Notice Boards, the GHPC Newsletter and Woodcote Correspondent.

List of firms/establishments written to is appended as Appendix 2. I have had to withdraw a communication to Camp Hobson in Newbury (the department store) as the trucks seen on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February were actually from Camp Hobson Removals which is an entirely separate company.

#### Community Speedwatch – Need for more Volunteers

During the period we offered procedural advice and shared our protocols with the newly established Wallingford Community Speedwatch. They already have eleven volunteers and they have yet to commence field activities (expected April).

Our volunteer numbers have remained static at seven but only four currently active.

#### B471 at Whitchurch Hill – Need for speed reduction

This is currently 40 mph going past St Johns Church, the Village Green and the Village Hall. Oxfordshire County Council has recently carried out a traffic survey and I would urge the Parish Council to get behind the campaign to get this 40 mph speed limit reduced to 30 mph.

The same argument exists per the precedent set in Crays Pond, but we believe even more so in Whitchurch Hill; we have the Church, the Village Green (with children's amenities) and of course the Village Hall. For the avoidance of any uncertainty, I will summarise:

DfT Circular 01/2013 *Setting Local Speed Limits* was issued in January 2013. The guidance contained within the circular sets out the framework that highway authorities should follow when reviewing and setting local speed limits. Fear of traffic can affect people's quality of life and therefore the built-up area of villages should have comparable speed limits to similar roads in urban areas. For the purposes of applying a village speed limit of 30mph the definition of what constitutes a village is that there are:

- 20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road), and
- a minimum length of 600 metres.

If there are just less than 20 houses, extra allowance may be made for any other key buildings, such as a church, shop or school. The minimum length may also be lowered to 400 metres (and in exceptional circumstances 300 metres) when there are 20 or more houses located within this shorter length.

**30mph speed limits should be the norm on roads in areas with sufficient housing and/or key buildings.**

## **Funding**

We are still using the CSW kit borrowed on loan from Thames Valley Police. As the scheme is still in some doubt no further major capital expenditure will be undertaken in the immediate future.

Current funding balance £216.65.

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**CPGH CSW Group Coordinator**


**1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**

## Appendix 1 – Activity Report – February - 2023



The Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch Group February 2023 Activity Report monitoring vehicles for speeding in Crays Pond and Whitchurch Hill. The Community Speedwatch scheme has been set up by Goring Heath Parish Council supported by Thames Valley Police. During the month 55 vehicles were reported for speeding as detailed in the below activity report.

The Group currently has six Thames Valley Police approved sites—three in Crays Pond and three in Whitchurch Hill and is on the look-out for keen volunteers to help keep our community safe. For any further information, including joining instructions, please email the CPGH Group Coordinator [crayspondcsw@sent.com](mailto:crayspondcsw@sent.com) to register your interest.

 <b>Crays Pond Goring Heath Community Speedwatch Group</b> <b>Activity – February 2023</b>						
Day/Date & Time	Location & Speed Limit (SL)	Offender Count Δ	Vehicle Count	% > SL	Average above SL	Highest %>SL
Thursday 2.2.23 11.30 to 12.30	B4526-Crays Pond House B4526 looking West - Site ID 11520 30MPH	5	100	5%	29%	43 mph/ 43%
Monday 6.2.23 11.30 to 12.30	B471-Goffs Hill Grass verge ID11420 30MPH	8	100	8%	27%	40 mph/ 33%
Wednesday 8.2.23 11.30 to 12.30	B4526-On the corner of Beechwood Close looking West-Site ID 10938 30MPH	4	64	6.25%	27%	46 mph/ 42%
Saturday 11.2.23 14.30 to 15.30	B471-Layby at the entrance to St Johns Church-ID 10021 40 MPH	14	88	15.9%	22%	54 mph/ 30%
Monday 13.2.23 11.30 to 12.30	B471-Outside the Goring Heath Parish Hall car park -11071 40 MPH	2	80	2.5%	17%	49 mph/ 22%
Wednesday 15.2.23 11.30 to 12.30	B471-Goffs Hill Grass verge ID11420 30MPH	16	140	11.43%	30%	46 mph/ 53%
Wednesday 22.1.23 11.30 to 12.30	B4526-On the corner of Beechwood Close looking West-Site ID 10938 30MPH	5	84	5.95%	23%	38 mph/ 27%
Tuesday 28.2.23 14.30 to 15.30	B471-Outside the Goring Heath Parish Hall car park -11071 40 MPH	1	123	0.81%	22%	49 mph/ 22%
<b>Totals/Average</b>		<b>55 ΔΔ</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>7.06%</b>		

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 will be noted.

## **Appendix 2 - List of firms and establishments written to**

Castrol Technology Centre

Oratory Preparatory School

Hazell & Jefferies

Harringtons Gas

Vicars Game

Peppard Building Supplies

Grant & Stone Reading

Selco Reading

R Collard

Rogers Transport UK

Horseman coaches

Bouchier Fencing

Jewson (both Wallingford & Henley branches)

A. Johnson Home Developments

W A Hine & Son

J Mould

AGH Building

Manor Mix Concrete

HR Owen Pangbourne

Pinnock Brothers

Wilkins Removals

HR Owen Pangbourne

Camp Hobson Removals (new)

### Appendix 3 - CSW Joining Instructions

Joining Instructions

Click:

<https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Register.php?m=60>

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"Join existing" - menu on left top item

"Force Name" - dialogue box at bottom of screen - pick "Thames Valley"

"Continue"

Pick "Oxfordshire" from next dialogue box

"Continue"

Pick "Crays Pond - Goring Heath"

Fill in your details.

Tick the "T & C" box

"Register Me"

You will then be issued with a PIN number to access the CSW portal. Log in and put in your own password. Always check your spam for the PIN number.