

SpeedWatch Report for 27 July 2026 RSPC Meeting

- We have not conducted any SpeedWatch sessions since early June for three reasons:
 - 1) The oppressive high temperatures due to the current heatwave.
 - 2) The major roadworks (gas pipe replacement) on the A425 resulting in traffic backing up a long way in both directions rendering speed monitoring pointless (due to continue throughout August).
 - 3) The uncertainty regarding police prohibition on conducting SpeedWatch operations during school drop off and pickup times (now hopefully resolved).

Operations will be resumed as soon as it is safe and practicable to do so.

- In the June SpeedWatch report, I introduced Simon Skipp who has taken over from Gary Strain as Warwickshire Police Road Safety Officer responsible for coordinating SpeedWatch activities throughout Warwickshire. One of his first pronouncements was that according to a hitherto unseen “rule book”, SpeedWatch activities are not allowed to take place during school drop-off and pickup times – these being the time periods over which most of our activities take place. I challenged this ruling which was followed by a helpful telephone conversation with Simon and subsequently an email from him confirming that following discussions with senior police officers it is now agreed that we (and all other groups) are able to conduct operations during these times.
- Simon has also provided me with revised data recording sheets (DRS) about which I have some comments and feedback which I will submit to him. In addition, Simon has stated that the designated sites will be reviewed and new risk assessments will be carried out which is a welcome move. I will solicit opinions from members of our team regarding the suitability of the existing sites and suggestions for any additional ones.
- A resident has contacted both me and Matt Weston regarding unspecified speed control measures on the A425. Matt has responded that owing to the very low reported casualty rates, he has been informed by Mark Ryder (a senior officer of WCC) via his executive assistant that there is no funding available directly from WCC.

Councillor Roger W Munn

21 July 2026