

## Radford Semele Community SpeedWatch Annual Report 2025/2026

Community SpeedWatch is a national initiative whereby proactive members of local communities, with the support of the local police, record details of speeding vehicles using an approved detection device. Registered owners of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 5 mph or more are contacted by letter warning them of the consequences of speeding with repeat offenders receiving a “knock on the door” from a Police Officer irrespective of where in the country they live. The whole exercise is designed to raise awareness of the consequences of speeding and act as a deterrent against breaking speed limits.

The Radford Semele SpeedWatch initiative was initially set up in the winter of 2020 so we have been running for nearly six years continuously (except for a non-operational period during the Covid “lockdown” months). We currently have a pool of 13 volunteers, all of whom have received “roadside safety training” from our local Police Community Support Officer Ed King or one of his colleagues. Twelve volunteers have undergone further Police training in the use of the LASER device and after passing an examination, are qualified to operate the device at the roadside. Unfortunately, health issues have continued to impact on our team this year reducing the number available for “duty”. We were recently delighted to welcome a new addition to the team.

We operate at two main sites on the A425 Southam road and another in Offchurch Lane. You will be aware that former approved (30 mph) sites on School Lane and Lewis Road are now designated as 20 mph zones (as of January 2024 after much lobbying by the Parish Council). In spite of a great deal of further lobbying of Warwickshire Police by members of the Parish Council, there will be no official action or support with regard to enforcement of the 20 mph limit. This has been raised directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner who initially appeared to support our representations but has since dodged the issue.

We conduct roadside sessions for around 60 to 90 minutes per session and on average detect the speed of around 200 vehicles per session. We typically detect an average of 7 vehicles travelling at 35mph or greater per session, the highest number reported in one session this year being 12. As stated earlier, we report vehicles detected to be travelling at 35 mph or more with some exceeding 40 mph in spite of our obvious presence! We are always looking to expand our volunteer numbers in order to operate more sessions so if you would like to contribute to road safety in our village, get out in the fresh air (we do not operate in adverse weather conditions) and make new friends, please contact me at [speedwatch@radfordsemele-pc.gov.uk](mailto:speedwatch@radfordsemele-pc.gov.uk) – include your phone number if you would like a callback to discuss any queries you may have.

This year, Warwickshire Police organised a CSW workshop which was held in Warwick on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February. It was attended by Cllr Mrs Janet Malin, a further member of our SpeedWatch group and myself.

During the course of the year, the Parish Council sometimes receives approaches from residents regarding specific speeding concerns which are outside the remit of the SpeedWatch group or the Parish Council as a whole. Anyone with specific concerns should submit these via: *Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership Central Reporting System - Warwickshire Road Safety – Warwickshire Road Safety Speed Concern* <https://warksroadsafety.org/safe-speeds/> This is the central

reporting method for speed concerns within Warwickshire, which enables a consistent and data-led approach.

### **Warwickshire Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team (WRE-SNT)**

The SNT comprises a number of Police Officers and PCSOs. Many of you will know PCSO Ed King who can often be encountered in and around our village. The SNT also organises Crime Prevention Events Crime Prevention Events and “Ward Walks” in association with Parish Councillors in which we carry out a walking inspection tour of the village and talk to those we encounter to gauge any specific concerns. The WRE-SNT holds quarterly Councillors’ Meetings (chaired by Ed King) at Leek Wootton Police HQ (or Jubilee House in Kenilworth) attended by representatives of Parish, District and County Councillors from our area in which the SNT reports on activities, specific events and general crime figures as well as noting any concerns of the attending Councillors. On behalf of the RSPC, I attend the meetings together with Cllr Jack Dempsey. I incorporate a brief report of the proceedings in my monthly SpeedWatch Reports which are published on our website <https://radfordsemele-pc.gov.uk/> The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 22 June 2026.

The following contact details may be used for general enquiries or to raise specific concerns regarding our area:

[SNTWarwickRuralEast@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:SNTWarwickRuralEast@warwickshire.police.uk)

Facebook: @kenilworthandwarwickshireruralpolice

Please do not use these details (or social media in general) to report incidents and/or crimes. For non-emergencies dial 101 or submit a report online <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk> (select the “report” tab on the homepage).

**Always dial 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.**

Councillor Roger W Munn

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