

Lydford on Fosse Community SpeedWatch 4th September 2024



What is Community SpeedWatch, CSW?

- It consists of a team of residents who are willing to volunteer an amount of time each week and are trained by Police approved personnel.
- The teams are issued with speed detection equipment to monitor the speed of passing vehicles.
- The Avon & Somerset Police support the teams, provide the equipment and the clothing.
- If required, the Police will assist at the roadside.
- The data collected is actioned by the Police.

Lydford on Fosse CSW team

- At present, we have seven team members, five ladies and two men.
- Usually, we undertake two or three sessions a week.
- New volunteers would be welcomed as it means that the burden on the seven is lightened by each new member.



Where and when can the CSW team operate?

Only at sites where the speed limit is 20, 30 or 40mph

Only at an Avon and Somerset Police approved site.

Only during daylight hours.

There must be a minimum number of two and a maximum number of four trained team members.

The team must use A&S supplied jackets, speed gun, digital recorder and vehicle counter.

Conditions that are not acceptable

Teams cannot operate in darkness, heavy rain, snow or fog

Police Approved Sites in Lydford on Fosse

- **ME1401** A37 near the Clearway Motorhome, 30mph
- **ME1402** A37 near the Clearway Motorhome, 40mph
- **ME1403** B3153 The Rookery, Cary Road, east, 30mph
- **ME1404** B3153 Toy Farm, Cary Road, 40mph
- **ME1405** A37 Bridgefoot, 40mph
- **ME1406** B3153, Cary Road west, gas installation, 30mph

Equipment supplied by A&S Police

Clicker for counting the total vehicles



Hi Vis long sleeved jacket with Police logo



Digital speed gun



Digital recorder

Information that is collected by the team

Criteria for reporting is 36 and above in 30mph, and 47 and above in 40mph stretch of road.

Vehicle Details

Vehicle registration number.

Make and colour, and the model if known.

Useful but not essential is the type of vehicle e.g. hatch, van, tractor, bus, taxi, LGV.

Gender of the driver.

If the vehicle is a taxi, that is noted and if possible, the authorising authority and number is noted. The team also note any logos on vehicles, eg Ocado, Asda, Hermes

Information that is collected by the team

Additional Required Information

Time of incident.

Direction of travel of the vehicle.

Speed at which the vehicle was recorded.

Any comment the team wish to have recorded, such as gestures, abusive language, complying then speeding away.

Total number of vehicles passing the monitoring point.

How is that data checked

On completion, one of the team members checks online that the registration number recorded by the team at the roadside is a valid number. Also checked is that the number applies to the vehicle reported, i.e. the same make and colour and whether a car, van or other type of vehicle. For example, if a vehicle number AB12CDE is reported as a Ford Fiesta in blue but the sites give it as a John Deere tractor yellow and green, this will not be included in the final list of speeders. This checking is done on various websites, e.g. DVLA, Autotrader, Totalcarcheck and Carpilot.

In the last rolling twelve months, the Lydford team have reported 898 speeding drivers to the A&S Police website.

What happens to the data

One of the team uploads the list of vehicles and the rest of the data, online direct to the A&S website and it is entered into a Police spreadsheet.

There are A&S Police civilian Volunteers who are allowed to access the Police National Computer which holds records of vehicles and registered keepers. The contact details of the keeper(s) are then added to the CSW team's data. There are volunteer data inputters for the whole of the A&S Police area. There are seven areas in Somerset, and each will have their own inputter, one area has none, most have one, one area has two, but Mendip has three because the teams here are very active.

What the Police do with the data

The registered keepers of vehicles observed speeding will be sent an initial warning letter from the A&S Police, along with advice to help change their driving behaviour. If there is a further report of speeding, a second sterner letter is sent. Further action will be taken by the Police against persistent and high-end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations. Examples of the letters are available.

All data about the vehicles is recorded on the A&S Police system and is readily accessible by any A&S Officer. In addition, PCSOs are tasked with checking the system every couple of days for local speeders who might then be visited.

Operation - Fatal 5, 3rd to 7th June 2024

Following on from last November's very successful Op Toro in Frome, the A&S Police held a similar operation in June, again in Frome, which concentrated on the 'Fatal 5'.

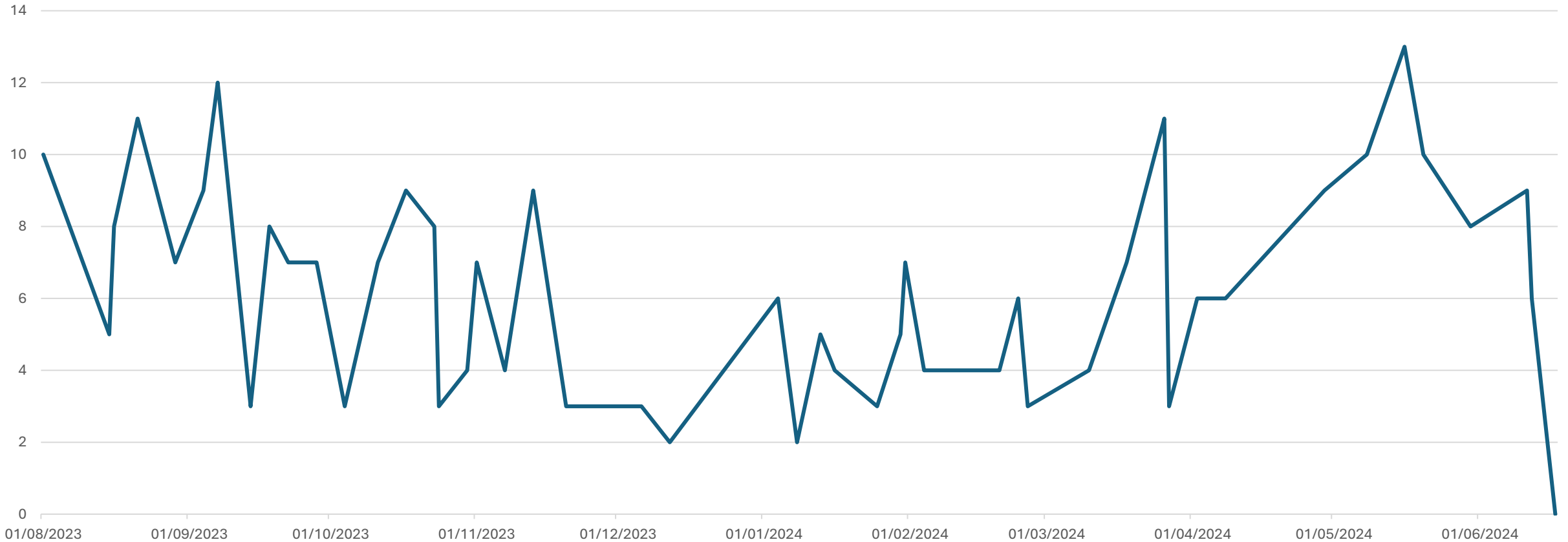
- Speeding
 - Not wearing a seatbelt
 - Distractions – using a mobile phone, a hand-held, or a hands-free device
 - Alcohol and drugs
 - Careless driving
- Mendip Community SpeedWatch also ran an operation during the same week, after 102 sessions, 668 educational warning letters have now been sent to drivers.

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Data from the B3153E - outside The Rookery



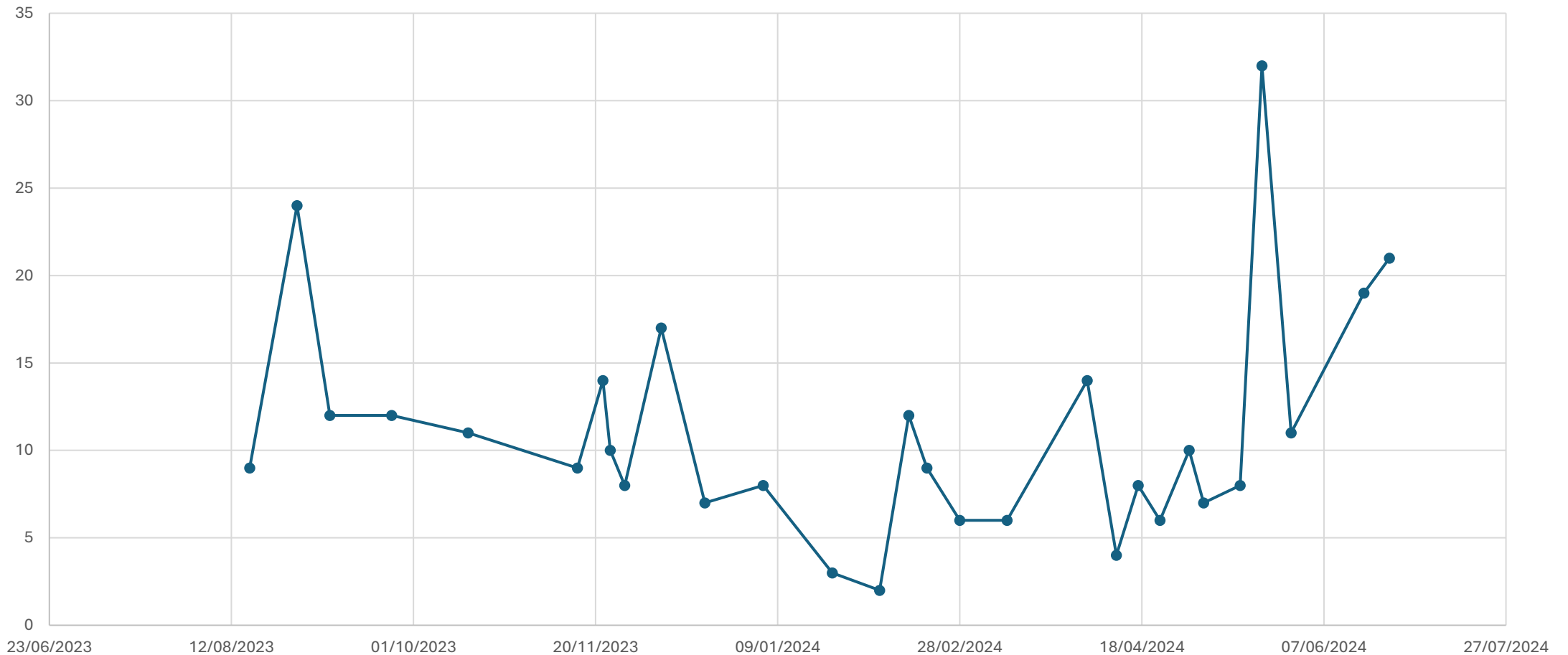
Speeders



1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Data from B3153W – Gas installation

Speeders



■ **Speed Indicator Devices – SIDs**

There are various items to be considered before a SID is purchased.

The main queries being: -

Is there a need, and are there benefits for the Parish in purchasing a SID? What criteria would the Parish Council require?

If yes, which SID would fit the Parish Council's criteria?

How much does a SID cost?

Are there grants to offset the cost to the Parish?

Are there any ongoing costs, if so, how much over what time?

What permissions are needed from A&S Police and/or Somerset Highways Department?

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ANY QUESTIONS????