

Walberswick Community Speed Watch (WCSW)

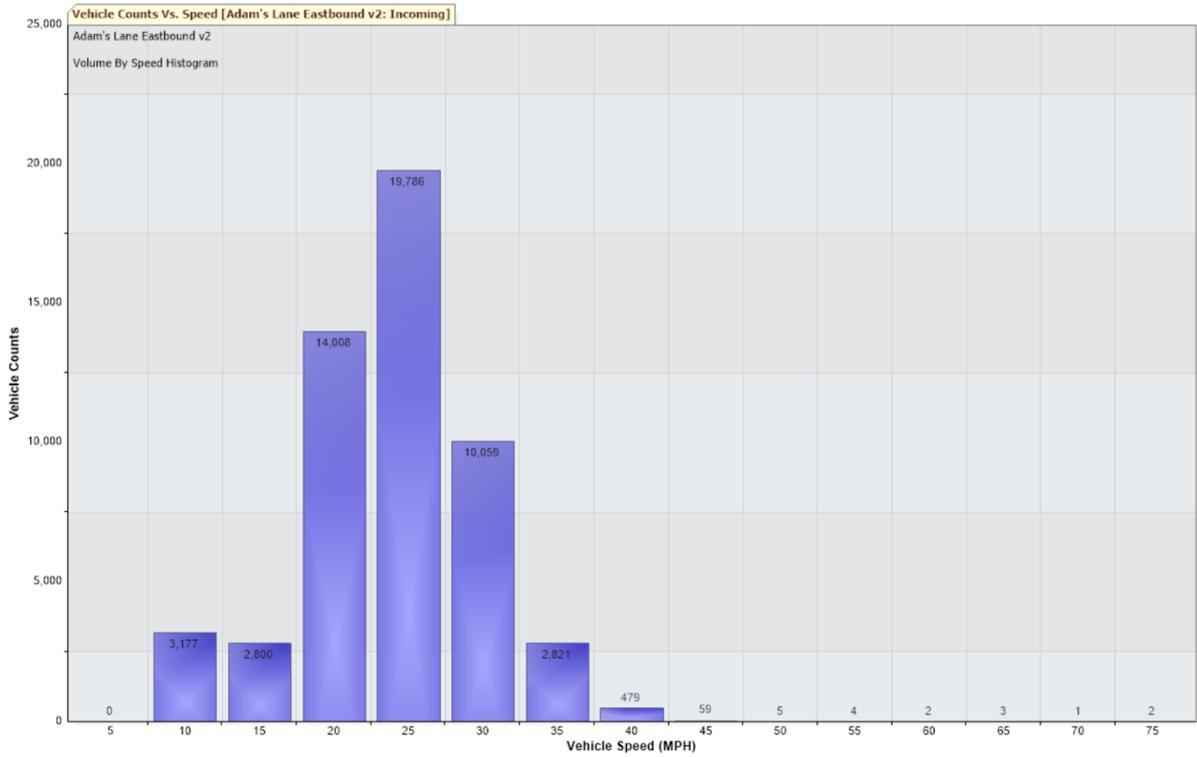
On certain mornings throughout the year a small groups of individuals wearing high visibility jackets gather by the bus stop opposite St Andrews church. You may have noticed them as you drive into the village past the 20 mile an hour sign and wondered what was going on. Depending on your speed you may also have noticed a small device held up in your direction. These are the volunteers of the Walberswick Community Speed Watch group.

Walberswick Community Speed Watch was set up in 2020 by concerned local residents. There are now 13 volunteers including 3 recent recruits and we would welcome a few more. Speed Watch sessions are held approximately every 10 days in groups of three for a period of one hour. All volunteers receive training on the use of the equipment and health and safety issues. They are also vetted by the Safety Camera Partnership and sign an agreement that they will abide by the schemes Code of Conduct.

The main aim of Speed Watch is **not** to catch as many speeding drivers as possible but to raise awareness that excessive speeds are socially unacceptable and potentially fatal. According to the Norfolk & Suffolk's police run Safety Camera Partnership there is evidence that it works. The physical presence of volunteers monitoring speeds on local roads is considered to play a significant role in raising awareness of speeding and contributing to behaviour change.

The speed monitor at the entrance of the village monitors the speed of incoming vehicles the time of day and the total number of vehicles per week, amongst other things. Over time further analysis of the data will be carried out and reported. Below are some examples of information that can be produced from the speed monitor data.

The number of vehicles and the speeds at which they entered the village during the period 18th March to 1st May, 2023.



Number of cars entering the village by speed and hour of day

