

Community Speed Watch Shepton Montague

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August 13th 2024

**Volunteers; John Sykes, June Sykes, Julia Hunter, Vanessa Stubbs,
Susan Mitchell, Sue Hester, Barry Hester.**

We have carried out 5, one hour CSW sessions between 5th July 2024 and August 13th 2024.

2 locations are currently approved for our use, The Montague Inn Car Park and the Car Park of Hillside Cottages.

**The average number of vehicles passing is 100 vehicles/hour.
August 8th 2024, only 48 vehicles/hour. Schools closed and family holidays are likely indicators of this variance.**

Less than 5% vehicles passing are Shepton Montague residents.

We register vehicles travelling at 36mph and above.

August 16th 2024, 10% of vehicles were exceeding our limit of 35mph, the highest number to date.

We are responsible for all the 30mph signs being visible to the motorist. I have cut around and cleaned most signs to date and John Sykes organised for the 30mph sign buried within the hedge of Fir Bank House to be revealed by Highways contractors. This will be an ongoing task in light of the wet weather and budget constraints of Somerset Council.

There are a high number of commercial vehicles within the mix. We are not able to provide precise data, however our experience to date suggests almost 50% of the vehicles are exceeding 30 mph, bearing in mind the practice of 'flashing' your fellow motorist, which impacts our outcomes.

John Sykes and myself are continuing to explore any potential for a 20 mph limit, this is an ambitious target.

I request that the Parish Council consent to a request for the current 30 mph signs to be moved further north and south respectively. The signs adjacent to Townsend Cottages are poorly sited as traffic remains too fast for the dangerous cross-roads at The Montague Inn, which has blind spots and a treacherous camber.

Vanessa Stubbs