



## SPEEDWATCH and WALGRAVE

In recent years, there have been a growing number of complaints from villagers of too much traffic going too fast through Walgrave. As usual, everyone had their own ideas of where and when it is worst.

Earlier this year volunteers were called for, under the COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH banner, to be trained by the Police in the use of HAND HELD RADAR SPEED CAMERAS. The intention being to find out, once and for all, how serious the SPEEDING PROBLEM really was and where and when it was happening.



During February and March, the FIFTEEN trained volunteers from the village were out and about at various police approved observation sites, using the SPEED CAMERA to monitor traffic in Walgrave.

After the first week it was apparent that the TWO main areas for SPEEDING were KETTERING ROAD and OLD ROAD - both coming into the village, in the mornings - presumably people on their way to work.

The results were quite an eye-opener. In fifteen days of observations, some 286 drivers were logged at over 35mph, many in the 40s and one at 50mph - coming towards the SCHOOL. Most, some 249, were in the mornings between 7.30 and 9 o'clock with only 37 in the afternoons. Kettering Road, coming towards the school from the A43 had 165 offenders whilst Old Road, coming into the village from the 30mph signs had 121 offenders.



Although the vehicle details of all the observed offenders were sent to the Police, no fines or prosecutions will result. However, 223 warning letters have been sent out.

The intention was to FIND THE FACTS, and we did.

**THERE IS A SPEEDING PROBLEM IN WALGRAVE**  
and we now know where and when it happens most.

What can be done about it in these days of cuts and savings is the next challenge!