



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Are you concerned about speeding in Walgrave? Would you like to help create a safer environment?

If so, read on, as you may be interested in supporting the *Community Speed Watch Initiative by signing the attached anti-speeding pledge.*

What is Community Speed Watch?

Speeding is a serious problem but not an inevitable one. Community Speed Watch is a positive and proactive way in which local communities can act together to tackle this important issue.

Research has shown that many locals speed in their local area without realising they are doing so, and in many cases, an awareness of speed is all that is needed to slow drivers down and make our roads safer. Community Speed Watch is a partnership initiative operating in Northamptonshire using the combined efforts of the local Police, County Council, Northants ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and Parish Councils/local residents.

The Community Speed Watch scheme sets out to:-

- Reduce excessive speed in villages (within 30mph limits)
- Change people's attitudes towards speeding
- Create a safer environment
- Empower communities to work together

Community Speed Watch enables local people to become actively involved in helping to slow down traffic in 30mph zones within their community. The prime aim of the project is not to prosecute motorists, but to encourage communities to take action and to become involved in their village and issues important to them. The main purpose is to promote a culture change among drivers towards speeding and so improve the quality of life of all residents. If just a few drivers become aware of their speed, other motorists are forced to slow down when driving behind the 'speed aware' drivers.

How will Walgrave benefit from the scheme?

Depending upon the scale of the speeding problem, as identified by the Safety Camera Team, a number of measures can be implemented, including:-

- A monthly visit from the Safety Camera mobile unit.
- Use of portable Speed Indicator devices.
- High visibility Community Speed Watch Boards for erection on lamp posts/telegraph poles.
- Raising awareness and risk of speeding in villages.
- Loan of a hand held speed gun for use by locally trained community members. Residents can volunteer to be trained in using the speed monitoring equipment on the pledge form below.
- And overall, **CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT**

What can you do?

In order for Walgrave to be accepted onto the Community Speed Watch scheme, a significant proportion of local residents must be willing to show their support for the initiative by:

- Committing to stick to the speed limit in the village and throughout Northamptonshire.
- Signing an anti-speeding pledge
- Encouraging others to do the same

In the first instance, **20% of local residents must sign the anti-speeding pledge before the scheme can be progressed any further.** To date, over 50 pledge signatures have been secured, but more signatures are required before Walgrave can be accepted onto the scheme.

If reducing speeding through our village is important to you, you and other members of your household can sign up to the anti-speeding pledge by completing your details below and returning this form to one of the following designated drop-off points:-

2 Paddocks Close, Walgrave, Northants NN6 9XJ
The Pyghtle, Kettering Road, Walgrave, Northampton NN6 9PH

Can I get more information about the Scheme?

If you are interested in learning more about the scheme before deciding whether or not to become involved, further information can be obtained from:-

Beth Milne
Rural Officer, Northamptonshire ACRE
Telephone: 01604 825889
E-mail: beth.milne@northantsacre.org.uk

ANTI-SPEEDING PLEDGE

In completing this form, the aforementioned residents of Walgrave agree to sign the Anti-Speeding Pledge. **Please note that pledges must come from residents over the age of 18.**

Name	Address	Signature	*

* Please tick the last column if you would be willing to volunteer to be trained on using the speed monitoring equipment. This does not affect your pledge.