

Marsworth Speed Radar Check 2022

In response to the recent petition regarding speeding I can now report results from the latest MVAS radar speed checker exercise carried out on Lower Icknield Way. We borrowed the unit from Cheddington and will continue to use it periodically. This check ran from early afternoon 13th November to mid-afternoon 12th December with the sign being turned around half way through. 76407 vehicle movements were logged.

Annualised traffic volumes are up to 958,000 from 907,000 back in 2020, but still down on the previous high of 1,050,000 pre-covid.

The average speed recorded was 25.9mph (2020 26.7mph). Uphill averaged 26.0mph and downhill 25.8mph.

78.1% of traffic moved under 30mph (2020 67.9%) a more than 10% improvement

95.5% of traffic moved under 35mph (2020 89.7%) a 6% improvement

99% of traffic moved under 40mph (2020 97.2%) a 2% improvement.

6 vehicles exceeded 60mph with 1 doing over 80mph (2020 had 32 exceeding 60 mph and 1 80mph).

Night time average speeds were highest between 5 and 6am at 31mph. 7am to 7pm average speed was 25.7mph.

An average of 5 vehicles an hour exceeded 35mph, and 26 vehicles a day exceeded 40mph.

I have yet to compare statistics between the SID device and the more accurate MVAS but the implication is that the SID has reduced speeding measurably and the investment has been worthwhile.

It must be recognised that vehicles with number plates which are false, stolen, or obscured deliberately by an anti-camera masking device cannot be caught using speed cameras since DVLA cannot trace them. It is estimated that 1% of vehicles are in this category and their drivers know of their impunity.

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