

Hatley Speedwatch Group
Report to Hatley Parish APM, May 2026

Speedwatch activity

118 speeders were reported to the police during the month of March, the fastest recording was 57 mph near the school house in the 40 mph zone and 45 mph in the 30 mph zone at St Georges Tower.

We have a new pocket radar which is much more user friendly, being hand held so no more bulky kit to move around.

This one will pick up vehicles from much further away and from either direction which is a big help as drivers do tend to slow down when they see us in our hi-vis bibs, but we cannot be out 24 hours a day.

We did have four more volunteers come forward following the bonfire event in February so, it meant that we could form two groups which works well. More help would be good.

Speed monitor sign

Unfortunately the monitor, although it still shows the speed of cars etc, has lost its ability to record the speed and amount of vehicles passing it, which is the main purpose of having it as it is there 24 hours a day and is also accepted as evidence of speeding traffic through the village by the police.

It has been looked at but no solution as to what the problem is has been found.

Possibly a new one at a cost of £3,000 which is not an easy find in a small parish like ours; I am sure the parish council will look into every option available.

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Speedwatch coordinator
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