

SpeedWatch Report for 2025

Our last session of 2024 was early December. Due to the limited daylight hours and early year cold weather we restarted our sessions early in March. The team for 2025 is now 10 people, with 3 new recruits in the past few months, and all members of the existing team are continuing for this year.

We continue to be in contact with the local police team of Justin Johnson and Paula Gilluley, when we need them. We haven't seen them on sessions that often, but they have responded to specific speeding or abuse issues we've raised.

I still regularly collect and analyse the SAM2 data and charge/replace the battery as needed - and then use the data to spot any changes in the peak days, times and locations. I have a problem of not being to read the SAM2 data onto a new computer. With John's help (putting the SAM in my garage for a day), I hope to fix this issue over the Easter weekend.

Here's some stats for the Ashill sessions for 2024 (2023 figures in brackets) ...

Sessions Ran: 38 (49)

Hours: 28 (48)

Vehicles Reported: 183 (199)

First Letter: 156 (168) -- this is the first warning letter sent to the offender

Second Letter: 16 (19) -- this is the second letter sent within a year

Further Action: 3 (3) -- the police have decided to take further action against the offender

Invalid: 8 (9) -- eg. misread of plate, incorrect vehicle, hired car, dispute letter

These figures come from the Norfolk Constabulary Speedwatch central database of the returns from the Norfolk SpeedWatch Teams.

2025 - Speedwatch and SAM2 data

So far, we have run 9 hours of Speedwatch sessions this year. We've reported 30 vehicles @ 35mph and above. 7 (almost 25%) were exceeding 40mph, and the top recorded speed was 46 mph.

This is a snapshot from the SAM2 stats in the village centre, covering 56 days - 12 Jan to 9 Feb (facing south) and 9 Feb to 9 Mar (facing north). There were 73265 vehicles, around 1300 daily.

The top speed was 55mph (5 vehicles). 6390 (8.7%) were at 35-40 mph. 881 (1.2%) were at 40-45 mph. 160 were at 45-50 mph. 45 vehicles were exceeding 50mph.

Summary

Considering we ran 77% of the sessions and for only 58% of the hours that we did in 2023, it's noticeable that the number of vehicles reported (and letters issued) is only slightly lower than 2023 figures. This backs up the feeling I have that speeding through Ashill is increasing - both the numbers of speeders and the speeds they are doing. The SAM2 data also shows this.

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