

Hampton-in-Arden

Annual Report

2012/13

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

Introduction by the Chair.

Welcome to the annual report detailing work carried out by your Parish Council during the last year.

In 2012 membership of the council has remained unchanged; at the Annual meeting on May 9th internal elections resulted in Gill Lewis being reappointed as chair with Alison Rolf and Mike Blomer each assuming the role of vice chair for 6 months. I would like to thank the person retiring from that role, Malcolm James, for the support he has given me over several years, I genuinely couldn't have managed without him! Malcolm will continue to oversee the work of the Maintenance Committee which in itself is a very busy roll.

Many thanks also to Julie Richardson, our parish clerk, who manages the business of the parish in a quietly efficient manner offering firm support of myself and other councillors when needed.

The whole village was terribly saddened by the death of Ray Parker shortly before Christmas. Ray had contributed so much to numerous aspects of village life over many years. At one time he was a parish councillor and for many years led the Conservation Group which cared for the Spinney and created the Wild Flower Meadow, a habitat for the butterflies which Ray loved so much. Ray will be sadly missed but his cheerful disposition and ready smile will never leave us.

It is then, perhaps appropriate, that in 2012 we entered the Royal Horticultural Society Neighbourhood Awards Competition. Despite huge efforts in recent years we have not fared well in the local 'Best Kept Village Competition' so we were overjoyed to receive an 'outstanding' commendation for the area that was so close to Ray's heart namely the Spinney and Wildflower Meadow together with the Fentham Trust Woodland and Arboretum and the Village Green, well done everyone involved.

Our communication group, under the chair of Alison Rolf, has continued to make the work of the parish council more evident to parishioners. The quarterly Newsletter, edited by Clive Bowen, is very well received and the website is being revised regularly. For some years a parish councillor has attended each monthly Parish Surgery. Of late, attendance by SMBC and the Neighbourhood Police team has been sporadic. Scheduling has been varied to include Saturdays but it remains rare for any members of the public to come along. As the parish clerk is now present in the parish office most mornings to deal with any enquiries we will no longer be attending the surgeries which the police will continue to schedule for their own use.

Neighbourhood Watch continues in some areas of the village and it is reassuring to receive emails from the police with warnings of any unusual activity. It would be great if the whole village was included, if you want to form a group where you live please contact Julie.

The planned road safety improvements have been implemented in Fentham Road however the School Crossing Patrol crossing Marsh Lane from the Beeches car park into Fentham Road will not go ahead as it is no longer supported by the school and current parents.

Flashing speed activated signs have been installed at the top of the High Street in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of the serious collision with the cottages. Since the Parkgate development in Shirley commenced, there has been a huge increase in HGV traffic taking spoil to Cornetts End Lane, but we have discovered that part of the planning conditions ban the vehicles from using the B4102. Eventually a heavy goods vehicle collided with the Church Wall, it was fortunate that no one was seriously hurt. We have been working with residents and the highways department to try and solve the problem. Enforcement of the regulations by SMBC seems to have had some effect and at a meeting with representatives of the quarries in early March it was agreed that signs would be erected at Catherine de Barnes and the Meriden roundabout to remind quarry traffic that it should not be using our road. We will then review the situation and assess whether more serious action needs to be taken.

To address dangerous overflow parking from the train station, Traffic Restriction Orders (yellow lines) around the Village Green and into the start of Meriden Road and Fentham Road have been implemented, as have restrictions into Old Station Road to interrupt the line of parked cars. The scheme is being monitored closely, ultimately there will have to be a balance between road safety, parking and local opinion. The parish council has also explored a suggestion by some residents of additional off road parking opposite the Old Station Road offices, however this scheme was dropped in its early stages because of the level of local opposition.

We now meet with CENTRO on a 6 monthly basis to discuss travel issues and this liaison has resulted in a shiny new wooden bus shelter at the top of the village. Two years ago the parish council submitted a strongly worded letter to London Midland opposing the planned reduction of the opening hours of the railway station booking office. Unfortunately, despite overwhelming support for maintenance of the service, the Secretary of State for Transport has allowed the hours to be severely reduced, we do not know when this will take effect. The office continues to be closed frequently, on an ad hoc basis, causing considerable access problems for travellers. I have written on several occasions reporting individual problems and also to the chief executive demanding urgent improvement of access, we await a reply. A review of bus services has taken place and CENTRO are proposing a new 88 service to start in the summer travelling directly from Solihull Train Station to Knowle and Balsall Common. This will link directly with our existing 82 and it would take about 30 minutes to travel from Hampton to Knowle via Solihull.

It is interesting that whilst the Government proclaim localism and community right to choose, there are issues that affect us in a major way about which we seem to have little say. One such is Network Rail's insistence on felling trees along the railway line within the village, they have taken absolutely no notice of remonstrations from the parish council, individuals and our MP for moderation. After over a year of lobbying we have recently seen a letter suggesting that a further tree survey will take place possibly sparing some trees and allowing some replanting...hooray! Secondly HS2; despite a resounding NO response to the public consultation, the go ahead has been given. The parish council continue to fight against the whole scheme, but are represented in several groups to push for the best mitigation measures if it goes ahead. We submitted a detailed response to the woefully inadequate proposal for compensation and will be studying the Environmental Statement when it is released this spring. HS2 propose to hold a series of road shows and are proposing one at Fentham Hall possibly on June 5th so please attend and make your voice heard.

The SMBC Local Plan is still progressing through the ratification process and locally the parish council, working with the Fentham Trust, are finding it difficult to make any headway in facilitating the provision of affordable housing safeguarded for villagers. We are working on a Neighbourhood Plan which will define how you wish to see Hampton develop over coming years and if adopted will form material planning consideration, it may then be possible to encourage developers to build the type of housing you wish to see in your village.

Progress with our youth agenda has been dogged by time constraints but we are hoping to be able to have some presence on Duncan's wonderful Youth Bus in order to form some links between the parish council and our young people.

We were very pleased that the grant application submitted by John Doidge to the Big Lottery Fund for Fresh Air Fitness Equipment was successful. The 7 pieces of apparatus have been installed and are being very well used, we hope to start a weekly 'boot camp' in the spring. John is also attempting to gain funding to create a sizable under 7s play area adjacent to the Scout Hut so also allowing use by preschool.

We are very grateful to the conservation group who work throughout the year to tend the Spinney and wild flower meadow. Also to SMBC Neighbourhood Team who organised an away day, supplying wood bark and labour to restore some of the pathways and bulbs to plant in public spaces for the spring. The tree stock has been increased by an award of 460 trees from the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, these have mainly been planted along the railway fence at the Recreation Ground to provide a buffer if more felling takes place. Together with the new woodland and arboretum this is a fabulous facility enjoyed by many walkers and dogs each day.

The three day village festival to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was a great success despite unrelentingly awful weather. It was wonderful to see so many village organisations working together and despite some concern tickets for the events were eventually changing hands on our own black market. We hope to be planting an Oak Tree and encircling bench at the Recreation Ground to commemorate the Jubilee using some of the proceeds from a most enjoyable weekend.

There have been many requests for a similar event to be held each year so a smaller 'Hampton Festival' is planned for 1st and 2nd June 2013, please keep an eye out for further details.

Finally, I would like to thank the many people who give their time in various ways to the many community organisations that flourish in Hampton-in-Arden making the village such a great place in which to live.

**Gill Lewis
Chair.**

Your Council

The Parish Council for 2012 - 2013 was as follows:

Councillor Mike Blomer 19 High Street, B92 0AE	443370
Councillor Clive Bowen 23 Lapwing Drive, B92 0BQ	443935
Councillor Bonita Bryant 26 Marsh Lane, B92 0AJ	446212
Councillor John Doidge 20 Diddington Lane, B920BZ	443579
Councillor Malcolm James 10 Elm Lodge, B92 0BG	443710
Councillor Dr Gill Lewis 69 Meriden Road, B92 0BS	443517
Councillor Alison Rolf 5 BelleVue Terrace, B92 0AR	442841

Clerk to the Council: **Julie Richardson,**

The Parish Office, Fentham Hall, Marsh Lane,
Hampton-in-Arden, B92 0AH
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Email: clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2012, the following officers were elected:-

Chair	Councillor Gill Lewis
Vice Chair	Councillor Alison Rolf
May-October	
October-May	Councillor Mike Blomer

The following sub-committees and representatives were appointed:

Planning Sub Committee:	Councillor J Doidge (Chair) Councillor G Lewis Councillor M Blomer Councillor M James
Maintenance Committee:	Councillor M James (Chair) Councillor G Lewis Councillor C. Bowen Councillor M Blomer
Communications Working Group:	Councillor G Lewis Councillor B Bryant Councillor A Rolf (Chair) Councillor C Bowen

Warwickshire and West Midlands Assoc. of Local Councils (Solihull Area):
Councillor G. Lewis
Councillor A. Rolf

Footpaths and Rights of Way Representative: Councillor G. Lewis

Airport Consultative Committee: Councillor C. Bowen

Conservation Advisory Committee: Councillor M Blomer

Local Strategic Partnership Forum: Councillor G. Lewis

Parish Plan Monitoring Group: Councillor G Lewis
Councillor J Doidge

Remembrance Day Councillor Bowen

The Parish Council also appoint trustees to:

The Charity of George Fentham: Mr N Pettman, Mr M Shalley

The Hampton-in-Arden Recreational Trust: Mr G Holloway

Meetings:

During the year 8 meetings of the full Council were held and attendance was as follows:

Councillor M Blomer	7
Councillor C. Bowen	7
Councillor M James	8
Councillor Dr G Lewis	8
Councillor A. Rolf	6
Councillor J Doidge	6
Councillor B Bryant	6

Finance.

Parish Councils are required by law to appoint an internal auditor to check the accounts, asset register, insurances and financial controls. From the report of our internal auditor a summary report is submitted for external examination by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission.

The un-audited accounts for the year 2012/13 are presented in this report. The precept is the major form by which the Parish Council raises funds to carry out its work during the year. The overall precept has not been increased for 2012-13, but council tax changes have resulted in a small increase to the cost per household. For 2012-2013 the Parish Council has set a precept of approximately £27.53 per Category D band household.

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council			
Income and Expenditure			
	Budget 2012/13	Actual(Est) 2012/13	Budget 2013/14
	£	£	£
Income			
Precept	25272.00	25272.00	25272.00
Sports Club Rental	2400.00	2760.00	2760.00
Recreation Trust Rental	500.00	500.00	500.00
Allotment Rental	90.00	70.00	90.00
Scout and Guide Headquarters Rental	50.00	50.00	50.00
Bank Interest	450.00	527.25	277.00
Other Income	300.00	365.70	300.00
Other – Lottery (outdoor gym)		10000.00	
Other – Centro (Donation for bus shelter)		4685.00	
Other – F Trust (Donation, war memorial) - Jubilee (Donation, Oak Tree/Bench)		1500.00 650.00	
VAT refund from Customs and Excise		3679.25	
Total Income	29062.00	50059.20	29249.00
	Budget 2012/13	Actual(Est) 2012/13	Budget 2013/14
Expenditure			
Section 137 Expenditure	0	0	0
Grass Cutting Parish Land	4500.00	3725.00	4500.00
Grass Cutting Catherine de Barnes Common	250.00	140.00	250.00
Grass Cutting Church Yard	1080.00	1035.00	1080.00
Parish owned land Maintenance	6000.00	4368.96	6000.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	4982.00	4987.24	5169.00
Donations and subscriptions	600.00	508.00	600.00
Office Expenses	1500.00	1190.08	1500.00
Web site	500.00	372.72	500.00
Insurance	1400.00	1554.60	1400.00
Parish Newsletter	1000.00	888.00	1000.00
Sundries	250.00	166.45	250.00
Audit and Legal Fees	300.00	285.00	300.00
Room Hire	300.00	145.00	300.00
Training	400.00	73.90	400.00
Neighbourhood Plan	0	0	1000.00
Transfer to Allocated Reserves	6000.00	6000.00	5000.00
Other - Outdoor Gym		9999.49	
Other – SMBC donation to Youth Bus		2000.00	
Other - Bus Shelter		7627.00	
VAT paid out		4840.18	
Excess Receipts over payments		152.58	
Total Expenditure	29062.00	50059.20	29249.00

Notes:

Actual Income/Expenditure 2012/13.

Income.

Other income included a contribution towards restoration of the war memorial from the Fentham Trust, a payment from Centro towards the new bus shelter, an award of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund and £650 from the profits of the Jubilee which will be used to fund an oak tree and bench as a permanent reminder of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Expenditure.

Other expenditure includes the balance for the new bus shelter and payment for the outdoor gym.

Reserves as at 31 March 2012.

General Fund.

	£
Reserves 01/04/12	46675.27
Plus contribution to reserves 12/13	6000.00

Total Reserves.

52675.27

The reserve fund is established year on year to allow for future, predicted, major expenditure such as resurfacing the car park and replacing play equipment and, additionally, any unforeseen financial liability.

Maintenance Committee.

The maintenance committee is responsible for the management of all property under the Parish Council's control, and works with other partners who share interests in the appearance and management of the village and its environs. The committee comprises members of the parish council together with representatives from the George Fentham Charity, the Parochial Church Council, the Governors of George Fentham School, the Scouts & Guides Supporters Association, the Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club, Hampton-in-Arden Recreational Trust, Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association, Solihull MBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and an Independent Co-optee.

The maintenance committee is responsible for overseeing grounds maintenance within the village whether on parish council land as in the case of the recreation ground, the common and village green, on occupied land as in the case of the school field, play area and allotments, on grounds where a financial contribution is made as in the case of the churchyard or on those areas in the control of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) where the quality of workmanship and level of maintenance impact on the appearance and well-being of the village.

Contractors are regularly engaged to carry out routine work on behalf of the parish council. The parish council also relies heavily on contributions of volunteers such as the conservation group to provide enhanced levels of care to particular areas of our environment, including helping to maintain the appearance of the spinney and the various micro environments within it.

The Spinney itself is looking really good at the moment, especially with the improvements to the footpaths, thanks to the tremendous effort of the Conservation Group. We know that many people who walk through it greatly appreciate their work. We have had several requests for additional seating in and around the grounds and spinney and we are looking into various ways of funding this. If you feel you would like to subscribe to a seat, perhaps in memory of someone, please contact our clerk for details.

The maintenance of the common on the boundary with Catherine De Barnes revolves around maintaining the paths and making an annual cut of grass. During the past year we have been fortunate to have had the help from volunteer groups together with the assistance of the Catherine De Barnes Residents Association, and the common is now looking better than it ever has been. Take a walk across it one day – you will be pleasantly surprised!

Malcolm James.

Communications Working Group

Since the last Annual meeting this group has been working hard to ensure that the people of Hampton in Arden are kept up to date with what's happening here in the village. The website goes from strength to strength and during the Jubilee celebrations last summer, had more hits than ever before! The website continues to be updated regularly with useful information, dates for your diary and so much more! I continue to be very proud of the website and what it achieves. For those who are not aware the address is www.hamptoninarden.org.uk

The newsletter has become a staple part of the village now and Cllr Clive Bowen in particular deserves a mention as he is tireless in his editing and general hard work on the newsletter. Although the newsletter is only quarterly, a lot of planning and work go into each one and no sooner has one gone out, than the next is being planned. We hope that you continue to enjoy the newsletter and would love to hear from you with any improvements that we can make or articles you would like to see in the future.

Also since the last Annual meeting, the old BT Telephone box has become an information point and contains leaflets, newsletters etc so please, if you haven't before, please pop your head inside the box and take a peep!

Last year I reported that our next project was youth issues. I am delighted to say that this has moved on tremendously, and the thanks go to the Vicar, Duncan for the fabulous achievement of the Skylark! On the back of this, the Parish Council are endeavouring to establish with the young people in the village, what other activities can be arranged for them and this is the area which we want to push forward with over the next 12 months so please, watch this space!

Alison Rolf.

High Speed 2.

We continue to oppose plans for HS2 in principle but campaign tirelessly to get the best possible mitigation measures to minimise the inevitable impact on the village and village life that will come from both constructions works and operation should it go ahead in 2017.

In January the Parish Council responded to detailed consultations on Compensation and the Safeguarding of areas affected by HS2. This effectively freezes for many years any development by owners of land and property which may be required for access or rail infrastructure work, including offices, construction and plant depots, workers temporary accommodation and electricity sub stations etc. We have strongly objected to proposals which limit compensation for owners and occupiers to those within just 120 metres of the proposed line, and to restriction of compensation to just 85% of market value. As a result of success in the recent Judicial Reviews, the consultation on compensation will be re-run this year and several appeals on other announcements are to be heard in the High Court.

The Parish Council continues to participate in the HS2 Community Forums for Hampton/ Berkswell/ Balsall Common and the new Interchange Station at Stonebridge. We also attend and make representations to the Solihull Council Members HS2 Working Party. Local meetings have been held with Solihull Council officers and elected members, HS2 representatives and with Caroline Spelman MP at which we were able to discuss issues of detail and concern regarding impact and mitigations for Hampton. As a result, some amendments have been made to the proposals affecting the diversion of Meriden Road, to lessen the impact on The Island Project Special School at Diddington Hall, and for additional landscaping and tree planting to mitigate visual and noise impact. Recently published detailed plans are now on line and will be available to view at an open village meeting planned by HS2 in June (tbc).

We are able to say with some confidence that a major works compounds will not be located in Hampton, but there will be inevitable dislocation because the A452 Kenilworth Road will be a major artery for lorries and other construction vehicles, and the construction of the Meriden Road diversion and flyover as well as the long viaduct along and over the Blythe will require local access from the Kenilworth Road. We shall continue to be vigilant in monitoring developments and amendments to plans published by HS2 and to ensure that the village is protected from construction traffic.

Detailed maps and statements from both Government and opposition groups are available on websites: www.hs2.org.uk ; www.hhag.org.uk

John Doidge and Gill Lewis

Planning Sub Committee

The Parish Council receives all planning applications affecting the village so that it may comment on all matters of concern or support. These range from tree works and house extensions to major developments. Over 50 applications were received in 2012/13.

Major issues upon which the Council has responded include further development of the Arden Brickworks site, housing applications at No 1 Meriden Road and adjacent land in Old Station Road, and a proposed housing on a site in Friday Lane, Catherine de Barnes. Our aim is always to support development that is appropriate in scale to its environment, to safeguard the character of the village, and to minimise impact on others.

We continue to monitor and respond to matters affecting the Travellers site in Shadowbrook Lane over which there is continuing uncertainty. However the site is not now included in the 'preferred options' adopted by Solihull Council in their Draft Local Development Plan, so we await further developments with interest. The Parish Council will always deal with applications constructively and sensitively, be they large or small, with the best interests of the village at heart.

Neighbourhood Plan

Last year we reported on the new Localism Act which places a legal duty on local planning authorities to support and advise parish councils in drawing up Neighbourhood Plans. In November the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the preparation of such a Plan and an application was made to Solihull Council for the whole of the Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area and this should be approved shortly. It is intended that the Plan will, to a large extent, be based on the Parish Plan published in 2010 and will involve full consultation with all village residents, businesses and those groups which have an interest in village life. This will ensure that everyone who wishes to do so will have an opportunity to influence the proposals which, when published, will be subject to a professional examination and village referendum to adopt the Plan. Once adopted the Plan will form part of the development plan for the Parish and must be taken into account by Solihull Council when making planning decisions.

Your Parish Council has identified 11 key objectives to be addressed and these are as follows:-

- Transport – to improve bus and train services
- Employment – to include facilitating opportunities for new and existing businesses to thrive and create local employment
- Farming and Food – to include the preservation of local agricultural activity and associated business
- The Natural Environment and Green Belt – to protect and enhance the natural environment and existing Green Belt
- Recreation – to protect and enhance existing recreational facilities
- Housing – to recognise and facilitate plans for housing development and the need for affordable homes for local people
- Community Facilities – the need to preserve, promote and enhance existing facilities
- Roads and Footpaths – to address the need to improve the road network through the village
- Education and Youth Services – to provide for and maintain vibrant school and ancillary youth services
- Heritage and Tourism – to protect the village heritage and support appropriate opportunities for development
- HS2 – to actively pursue all possible mitigation measures to alleviate the impact on the life of residents should HS2 go ahead

Additional objectives may be added following consultation with residents and businesses.

The Government has also announced that a proportion of a new Community Infrastructure Levy on developments will shortly be available directly to Parish Councils to aid local infrastructure projects. Those communities having a Neighbourhood Plan will receive a greater proportion of this Levy (25%), so it is in our interests to ensure we have a robust Neighbourhood Plan.

The next stage in the preparation of the Plan is to send out a full explanation of the proposals to everyone and to ask for views and opinions by way of a detailed survey. In addition there will be public meetings and newsletters keeping residents informed and giving opportunities for discussion. This will eventually lead to a draft Neighbourhood Plan which we hope to be able to present to residents by the end of this year.

John Doidge and Mike Blomer

Remembrance Day Village Ceremony

With appropriate roads closed to traffic, for the sixth year in succession, the Parish Council successfully organized, with help from the Parish Church, our own village parade and service at the War Memorial on the 13 November 2012.

Each year more villagers, with the younger members of their families, are attending this extremely peaceful interlude in village life.

The next Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday 10 November 2013

War Memorial

On your behalf, the Parish Council have commissioned a reputable company of stonemasons, Messrs. Bellamy and Waterhouse, to restore the village war memorial. This important work will commence sometime during the end of April/beginning of May, 2013 and will include:

- . machine cleaning of the complete memorial
- .the repair and repointing of all damaged areas of stonework, and
- .hand re-carving of all lettering to match the existing style

The total cost will be taken partly from the Parish Council's financial reserves, supplemented by generous contributions from both the George Fentham Trust and Hampton Society; to both these organizations we are extremely grateful.

Birmingham International Airport

The Parish Council have been actively engaged, over the past twelve months, in this significant activity with a council representative on both the Airport's Consultative Committee and the Airport's Airspace Change Focus Group (namely, Councillor Clive Bowen)

Runway extension

Works on the A45 diversion have been impacted by adverse weather conditions, resulting in this part of the development being some six weeks behind schedule. The Airport are planning this diversion to be operational in May 2013; this then leaves the work on the runway itself to begin in earnest.

Birmingham Airport still expects the runway extension to be operational in the Summer of 2014.

Airspace change process

Birmingham Airport have stated that the runway extension necessitates changes to the current flight paths (including the 'Hampton Turn') the required public consultation process has now drawn to its close which has included two village roadshows. On your behalf two individual detailed responses have been submitted to the Airport from the Parish Council for each of the two runways (ie Runway 33 arrivals and Runway 15 departures)

Also, each village household will have had the opportunity to respond to these proposed airspace changes; each Parish Council response and all individual responses will be forwarded to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), via Birmingham Airport, totally unedited.

Clive Bowen.

Conservation Advisory Committee.

The terms of reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee of Solihull MBC were substantially changed in April 2012. The Committee now rarely meets and then only to consult on major planning applications which affect land or property in a conservation area, an example being the recently approved application by Waitrose to build a new store within the Knowle Conservation Area. Any planning applications which involve listed buildings or properties or land in conservation areas are now routinely dealt with as part of the normal planning process.

Mike Blomer.

Speedwatch Annual Report

In the past twelve months the Hampton-in-Arden Speedwatch team have carried out 21 operations. This was less than the previous 12 months due to bad weather over the last winter and some operatives being poorly and the lack of operatives being available. The later point was addressed in the summer of last year by the recruitment of 13 new people from the company Fleethire in Old Station Road. They have proved to be a great asset and for that we thank them.

During these operations we monitored 2,241 vehicles of which 286 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. The speed of offending vehicles ranged from 38 mph to 57mph.

As in the past years the vast majority of offenders were on Meriden Road where we now have three sites. The flashing signs at both ends of Meriden Road have helped to keep the speeds down. It is also noticeable that the number of residents who speed through the village has greatly reduced and for that we thank you for helping to keep our roads safe.

We still have a small number of volunteers who helped set up the scheme still willing to do the work but because Fleethire only do between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday we still need a few more volunteers to do other times. We have two volunteers waiting to be trained and it would be nice to have one or two more. The Police training is only two hours and you will only be used about once or twice a month for an hour each time. If you are interested please contact the co-ordinator, Gary Wood on 01675.442976 or grwsagamore@btinternet.com

All the volunteers do a sterling job of keeping the village roads safe and for this we thank them. Without them we could not operate.

Gary R Wood

Speedwatch co-ordinator.