

Sway Community SpeedWatch Report for 2017 (V3)

Here are the key stats for 2017 (with 2016 and some of 2015 figures in brackets):

<u>Volunteer Statistics</u>	2017	(2016)	(2015)
Total number of hours at roadside	88.8	(136.45)	(116.5)
Total volunteer hours at roadside	272.4	(376.6)	(343)
Total volunteer hours overall this year	537.9	(647.35)	(582.4)
Number volunteers at start of year	8	(11)	(13)
Number volunteers at end of year	13	(8)	(11)

<u>SID Statistics</u>			
Total vehicles surveyed	14574	(22023)	(15370)
Total law abiding drivers	9054 62%	(12563 57%)	(8055 52%)
Total speeding (>=35 mph)	1992 14%	(3876 18%)	(3152 21%)
Total high speed (>=50 mph)	13	(17)	(29)

<u>Police System Statistics</u>			
Total records submitted to Police	1298	(2322)	
Total records failing PNC checks	34	(49)	(up from 2.1% to 2.6%)
Total letters	1264	(2273)	
Total First time letters	1058	(2057)	
Total Second time letters	158	(181)	(up from 8% to 12.5%)
Total Third or more timers	48	(35)	(up from 1.5% to 3.8%)
Total high speed (>=50 mph)	10	(10)	(up from 0.4% to 0.8%)

Despite having more volunteers in 2017 than in 2016, the number of hours at the roadside was just 65% of those in 2016. This is in part due to the restriction imposed on us by the police whereby we now must have at least 3 volunteers at each session. Previously we were permitted to operate with just two thus allowing more flexibility when drawing up the rotas.

It is encouraging to see the percentage of law abiding drivers steadily increasing by another 5% this year and the percentage of those exceeding 35 mph continuing to reduce this year by 4%. It is however deeply disappointing to see that the numbers caught multiple times increasing, as have those driving at excessive speeds (when the reduced number of survey hours is taken into account). This clearly demonstrates that while Community SpeedWatch is very effective at educating drivers who are minded to learn, there is a hard core of offenders for whom no amount of our gentle persuasion is going to help. The only answer in such cases is probably greater police enforcement.

The slight increase in the percentage of records failing PNC checks is not really significant as such failures are often nothing to do with the accuracy of our data.