

Monthly Speedwatch report for July

Speedwatch is now up and running with two sessions held. Two more (evening sessions) have been cancelled due to coordinator having COVID and the road being dug up by Welsh Water ironically causing slowing of traffic due to the chicane effect in place. Volunteers have been subject to foul language abuse. Facebook and Twitter accounts have bene set up.

One SIDS (out of town) by Usk school is not working and MCC says is not repairable and needs replacing. I've chased this up for a time frame. The other one coming into Town is faulty. These are older versions that flash the 20mph warning which was applicable during school times. I've asked for an update on when the data is downloaded from the new SIDS. I've had further comment that the new Bridge SIDS is appropriately placed (where there is no speeding). I'd be interested to understand the decision making here.

Reports

Speedwatch Session at Usk School Traffic Lights: 7/7/22 from 7-30am to 8-30am.

41 vehicles to be reported where the maximum speed recorded was 36MPH in a 20 MPH zone.

2 vehicles speeding were entering Usk. Some sped up as they reached the Fire Station.

39 (95%) vehicles speeding were from Twyn Square to Usk Primary School.

Disappointing to see minibuses and lorries amongst these statistics.

Once again the majority entering Usk were at 20mph or lower.

Is this because the SIDS / better signage or the existing speed camera and associated road markings?

Two more volunteers cam forward

Speedwatch Session at Burrium Gate: 8/7/22 - 9am to 10am

30mph zone.

35 vehicles reported which equates to just under 50% of all vehicles passing.

20 were in excess of 40mph

Maximum recorded 50mph.

The above included School mini buses and public buses.

All bar 2 were travelling into Usk

There is a clear issue with signage hidden by hedge growth which has been reported to MCC

We appreciated the considerable number of people who stopped to chat.

Three more volunteers came forward.