

CLIFTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

Report for the Period 16th October to 8th December, 2011.

Remember from a previous article that, in an attempt to assist Police in reminding motorists to abide to speed limits in Clifton, eleven Clifton residents volunteered to form the Clifton Community Speed Watch Group?

Its first training and on-site session took place on Sunday 16th November, 2011, and between then and the 8th December there has been a total of 20 sessions, taking up a total of 34.5 man hours. This has resulted in a significant reduction in speeds whilst the volunteers have been on site; and in **42 vehicle plate numbers being passed to the police for action.**

Whilst all eleven volunteers readily acknowledge that although speeds significantly reduce when they are out and about, they do tend to rise when they are not on site. However, there is no set date, time or place when and where they operate, and they hope that eventually the majority of drivers will get into the habit of keeping to within the speed limit, rather than be reported.

Finally, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit report that, in addition to the 42 offences mentioned above, the visits by the speed camera vans last year resulted in **182 drivers being prosecuted and 4 cautioned** for speeding offences in Clifton!

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