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Autumn 2022 Newsletter

## An Update from the Speedwatch Team



It is pleasing to report that the team has recruited more members. We have been active in the village but hope to be able to increase the number of

sessions. Our goal is to encourage motorists not to speed and to create awareness of the importance of observing the 30mph and 20mph limits.

This is for the benefit and safety of us all, children and adults. For example, if a pedestrian is hit by a car travelling at 25mph or 30mph, their chance of survival would be considerably greater than if the car was doing 35mph. Something to think about.

Would you like to help? We really would like more volunteers to be involved and your contribution may well save a life. Please do contact the Clerk if interested or even if you would just like to understand more and why we do what we do.

### New Dog Bin

We will shortly (at the time of writing) install a new dog bin at the Mill Road end of the footpath from the Street. This is a very popular thoroughfare which now has a dog bin at each end.

Good for dog walkers and if used properly, non-dog walkers alike.



#### *Time to get the shears out*

Now the bird nesting season is over, please attend to your hedges, especially those which boarder pavements or public footpaths. We receive requests each year from pedestrians with buggies or mobility aids to ask people to consider the inconvenience and sometimes danger caused by hedges not being cut back. So, please enjoy some exercise and the fresh air whilst making things safe for everyone.



#### Play area revamp and development



We will start work on the new play area with the provision of a zip wire and rope swing this autumn. The main "fort/slide" will be taken down shortly as the ground needs to be prepared and left to compact in order to accommodate more new equipment later.

The play area team have been successful in attracting significant third-party funding and await the outcome of some more grant applications. Thank you for doing your bit by supporting the local fun fundraising events.

Sadly, there has been a spate of vandalism of the old equipment and smashed alcohol glass bottles in the play area causing a danger to all who use it. Please let the Clerk know any information which might help us nip this in the bud before somebody gets hurt or the new equipment is vandalised.

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