

Speedwatch Barton under Needwood

Results for 2025 to date June25th 2025

The paper recorded sheets compiled by the team are destroyed after a month because of GDPR, so these results are a combination of the stats supplied by the police to mid May and the most recent results recorded by the speedwatch team.

Speedwatch results 2025	speed limit	sessions	hours	volume	over limit (+10%+2 mph)
The Green, Barton	30	2	02:00:00	413	34
B5016 Main Street, Barton	30	5	05:00:00	2121	48
Captains Lane	30	2	02:00:00	153	15
Efflinch Lane, Barton	30	2	02:00:00	382	13
Grand Total		10	11:00:00	3069	110

As you can see, we most frequently cover Main St, at the Knoll, by the infant school and by the squeeze to the east of the village. This is because the traffic flow is highest, and speeding through the centre of the village affects most villagers.

At high traffic flows, the speeds are generally kept down to around the limit but we always find some drivers going excessively fast in spite of the parked cars. Over 40 is common.

There are 2 sites on Captains Lane. As you can see from the data, the traffic flow is low, but, from past experience, we usually expect to see around 10% of drivers exceeding the limit. While we are present in hi-vis vests we see many drivers brake heavily to reduce their speed, so it is likely that the percentage of speeders, and the top speeds are higher normally.

Traffic on the Green is slowed by the number of parked cars, but even so, 8% of cars speed. Many of these are drivers coming into the village at high speed from Dogshead Lane, and not slowing at the 30 signs, but only braking as they hit the junction, speeding up having turned along Bar Lane or driving too fast towards the junction from that direction. Speeds over 40 are common.

Speedwatch is designed to remind and educate drivers about speed limits. For that reason we are a very visible presence at the side of the road, and we see people react to us being there by slowing and checking their speeds. This is not a record of the actual speeds witnessed by the local residents.

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