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**Thanington Without Parish Council, Canterbury**  
*Protecting and promoting the interests of everyone who lives in this community*

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## SPEEDWATCH WILL KEEP OUR ROADS SAFER

**County councillor Martin Vye helps Thanington set up mobile speed monitors**

I AM delighted that Thanington Parish Council has decided to use Speedwatch in its quest to reduce dangerous driving within the parish.

We all have our list of roads where we would like to see speed cameras, or at least permanent interactive speed signs installed. Unfortunately police and highways budgets do not stretch to doing this on more than a very few of our roads.

Speedwatch is designed to get round these budget problems. It uses low-cost, mobile but accurate interactive signs and it relies on public-spirited volunteers to man them.

Not only does the equipment indicate the speed of any vehicle passing it (like the permanent interactive signs), the volunteers will note the registration number and speed of any vehicle breaking the limit, and send them on to the police. Police action will then be taken against any driver who continually



**Parish Council clerk Roger Cheesworth thanks Martin Vye for providing the equipment**

speeds in excess of the limit in that location.

Some people might say: 'Volunteers should not be doing this, it's a police matter.' I strongly disagree. All of us have an interest in doing what we can to stop dangerous driving. I am a driver—I need and enjoy my car. But I know it is a lethal weapon. I have no problem with being reminded what the limit is on any road. And I have no sympathy with anyone who wilfully and continually drives over the safe limit, causing a danger of death or serious injury to other people.

*As a county councillor I am allowed to direct a certain amount of spending each year to worthwhile causes. I am glad to have been able to contribute to the setting up of Speedwatch in Thanington Parish.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings held in ARCA hall, Ashford Road, on the second Monday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm*

All letters to the Parish Council should be addressed to:  
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