

Presentment to the Court of Verderers

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On behalf of the New Forest Commoners Defence Association



Community Speed Watch

The Commoners Defence Association was concerned to learn that since 2016 Hampshire Police have restricted local Community Speed Watch teams to roads with a 30mph speed limit.

This prevents the volunteers from monitoring speeds on most of the roads on which our livestock have right of way. We understand that this decision was taken on health and safety grounds although we have been unable to locate details of the specific concerns that led the local force to take this unusual step.

Those involved are under the impression that the Verderers support the restriction and would oppose a return to activity outside of local villages. If this impression is false then we would welcome a clear statement that, like us, the Verderers would welcome the return of Community Speed Watch to the 40mph roads of the New Forest, and your encouragement to the Hampshire Police and Community Speed Watch to investigate ways to address the specific safety concerns involved.