

Speed information Displays (SID) Summary. (to end of January 2025)

Our Speed information displays were installed in October and while displaying the speed of oncoming vehicles they also record the speed of vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. They are in Littleworth road facing traffic entering the road from the Oxford Road and in Watlington road facing traffic entering the village from Watlington.

The speed limit in both locations is 20mph.

An analysis of the data collected is shown below. Numbers have been rounded for simplicity.

Watlington Road Daily vehicle movements

Direction	October	November	December	January	
Leaving Benson	2,700	2,400	2,000	2,100	
Approaching Benson	2,900	2,400	1,950	2,200	

Watlington road Speed summary for all traffic

Direction	October	November	December	January	
<20mph		1%	1%	1%	
<30mph		98%	6%	10%	
<40mph		99%	76%	82%	
>40mph		1%	24%	18%	

Max speed recorded approaching **68mph**. Max speed recorded leaving **62mph**

Littleworth Road Daily vehicle movements

Direction	October	November	December	January	
Leaving Benson	270	265	128	175	
Approaching Benson	670	670	308	406	

Littleworth road Speed summary for all traffic

Direction	October	November	December	January	
<20mph		82%	15%	19%	
<30mph		98%	100%	100%	
<40mph		100%	100%	100%	
>40mph					

Max speed recorded approaching **37mph**. Max speed recorded leaving **32mph**

Benson Road safety update.

- The data from the speed information displays has been summarised to the end of January. This will be updated monthly.
 - The majority of vehicles are travelling at 30mph or less, however only around 20% are travelling at the speed limit.
 - Almost no vehicles on the Watlington road are travelling at the speed limit and a significant number, around 20% are travelling over double the road speed limit.
- Following the recent Benson Parish Council drop in surgery speeding in the village remains one of the biggest cause of concern to residents.
- Benson SpeedWatch group has now sufficient members to progress, and we now wait the loan of equipment from Thames valley police. Speed assessment points have been approved for Oxford Road, Church Road and Brook Street.
- A Benson road safety working group has been set up to help identify areas of concern and potential for improvements to road safety in the village.
- Two new speed information displays are awaiting installation, and it is hoped one will be in Church Road before the end of the first week of March