**Highways Report**

**June/July 2024**

The path outside the post Office has been sprayed with numbers and arrows so maybe work will start soon. Most of the paths on the Clacton Road continue to be unpassable due to the over growth.

It has been reported that Dan Lands has been discussing this with Essex County Council who will in turn talk to the field owners.

Meanwhile I went and ‘roughly’ strimmed between the bus shelter and down towards Rectory Road getting the worst of the brambles and weeds. Elsewhere in Weeley and Weeley Heath no new problems have been noticed just things inevitably getting worse. No roadworks either at least not in Weeley or Weeley Heath.

**Speedwatch Report**

**June 2024**

In June we logged 52 speeding vehicles. All were taxed and MOT’d and the fastest was driving at 43mph on the 30 mph Thorpe Road.

In early July, Fraser and myself met up with Dave Birch (Little Clacton’s Speedwatch Coordinator) and Special Constable Tony Rowntree to ‘speed watch’ the school & Village hall side of Clacton Road.

I had previously asked for help at our site on this part of Clacton Road after Fraser nearly got knocked down by a parent mounting the kerb where we stood and a driver that just did not want to stop for Lorraine(the Lollipop Lady”) and had to do an emergency stop to actually avoid hitting her.

The only help offered was ‘move up the road a bit’.

So understandably I was really pleased to see Dave and SC Tony.

As Tony was actually giving the speeding drivers tickets an hour was easily eaten up by two drivers.

The first driver was doing 50mph, Tony directed the driver towards the village hall car park he ticketed them and off they went.

The second car Tony pulled over was speeding at 52mph, this one took some time to process as it turned out they had no tax so of course no insurance. The driver had to call a friend to transfer the contents of the car to the friends vehicle and the car was seized.

Dave and Tony both said they would come and do this site again. When has yet to be discussed. This week Fraser and I are doing a speedwatch also on the school side of the road.

Meanwhile our little group has grown to four volunteers and very soon we hope to five.

Whilst talking with Dave Birch he said that the Little Clacton volunteers get abuse even when they are not speedwatching. I was really suprprised at this as it simply does not happen in Weeley, in fact when speedwatching we get more waves and thumbs up than anything else. One person even came up to me a few weeks ago and said ‘I’m not talking to you ever again, you didn’t wave back at me when you were speedwatching’.

So if the thought of possible abuse had put you off volunteering you now know Weeley is the best place to volunteer for Speedwatching and ‘We need you!’.