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neighbourhoods.

Community Speed Watch volunteers joined PC Russ Crooks and Special Constable Ian Preston from the local policing team for the checks on Wednesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 5.

They spent time monitoring the speed of passing traffic through 30mph and 40mph zones in areas such as Brick Kiln Lane and outside Morley School.

The Community Speed Watch initiative has been set up by police to help raise awareness of speed limits on local roads.

It involves residents and volunteers who are trained to use the equipment, being given the opportunity to carry out checks alongside officers.

PC Russ Crooks, of the Ilkeston Rural Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "Community Speed Watch helps us to raise awareness of the local limits will act as a reminder to drivers that they need to be mindful of their speed as they pass through those areas.

"On this occasion eight drivers were advised on their speed and two were given traffic offence reports for excessive speed.

"Speeding is the main factor contributing to most road traffic accidents, allow a few extra minutes for your journey and think about pedestrians and other road users such as those on a push bike or motorbike."

During Community Speed Watch checks, the details of any vehicles found breaking the speed limit are noted and the owners sent a letter, which advises that they were caught during the check and urges them respect local speed limits.

Drivers are also warned that if they are caught breaking the speed limit again, then they may face a fine and points on their licence and that enforcement may be carried out in those areas in the future.

Anyone concerned about speeding in the area or interested in volunteering for Community Speed Watch should contact their local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Please contact them on 101, the non-emergency number for Derbyshire police, or email ilkeston.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk |.



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