

### **Speed Indicator Device – Report for 26 May to 7 July**

21 July 2025

F&LPC's Speed Indicator Device (SID) was installed outside Foxearth Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The SID collects data regarding the speed and amount of traffic passing the sign. It only monitors traffic entering the village towards the sign from the Cavendish end and does not monitor traffic leaving the village away from the sign.

This report summarises the traffic data collected in the period 26 May to 7 July 2026 (6 weeks).

Key highlights of the traffic data are:

- Vehicle count in the period: **40,492**
- Average daily vehicle count: **953**
- Average speed of vehicles passing the SID: **27.7 mph**
- Maximum speed passing the SID: **65 mph**
- Percentage of vehicles exceeding the 30 mph limit: **30%**
- Percentage of vehicles exceeding 35 mph: **6%**

Attached are some charts summarising the collected data.

Whilst it is clear that a large proportion of vehicles are observing the speed limit, 30% broke the limit. This is actually a smaller percentage than the national average of 43% of vehicles exceeding a 30 mph limit<sup>1</sup>. However, given the narrow pavements on one side of the road through Foxearth, and the lack of pavements on the other side, 30% of vehicles speeding is concerning, and the fact that a number of vehicles have passed through the village at speeds between 50 mph and 65 mph is very troubling.

I will continue to monitor traffic passing the SID and will submit a report to each PC meeting.

Noting these figures, I would propose that Councillors consider taking action on vehicle speed, which might include:

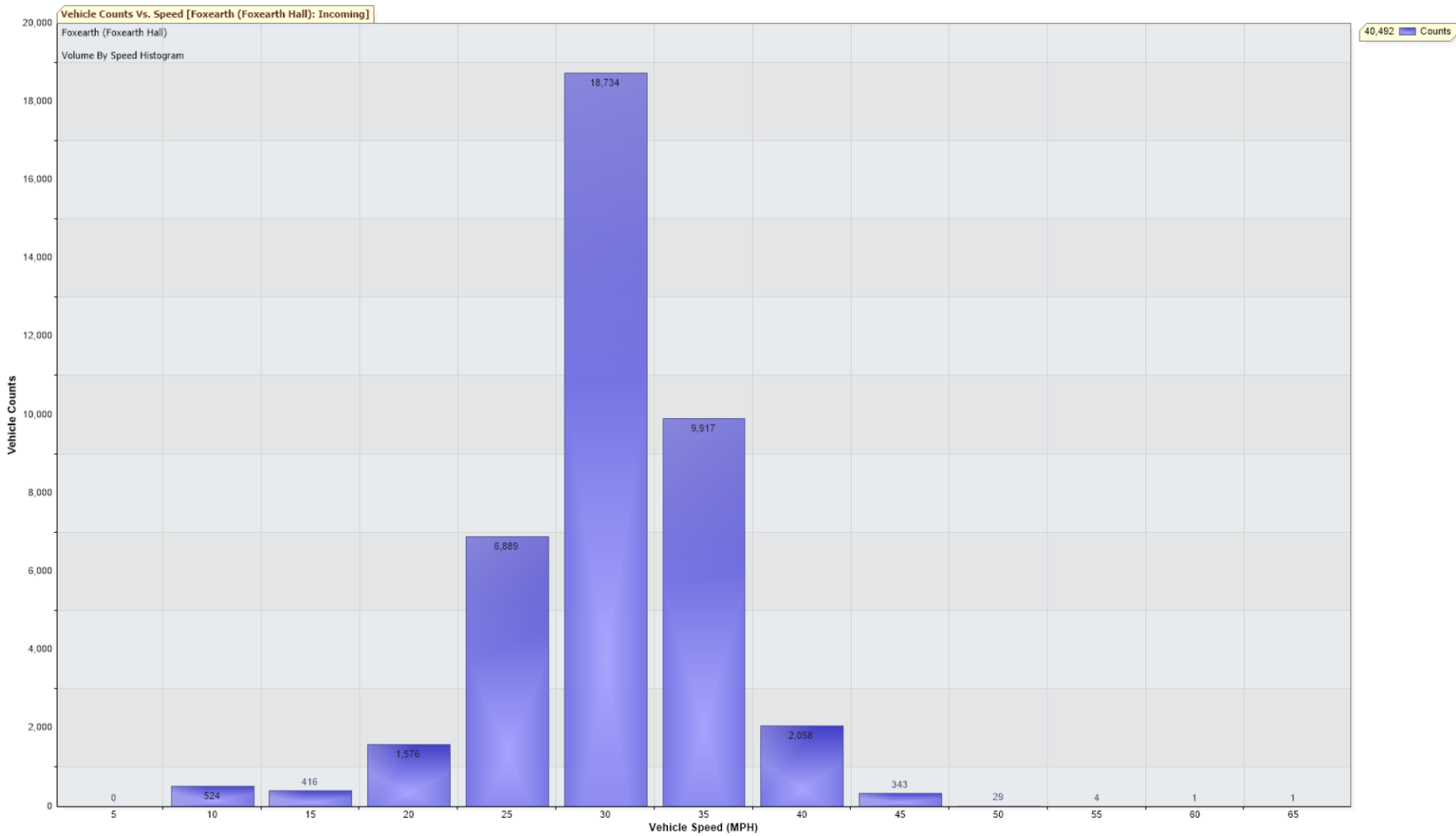
- 1) Supporting and encouraging villagers to reinstate the Community Speedwatch scheme.
- 2) Asking Essex Police to visit the village on a regular basis to conduct formal speed checks.
- 3) Trying to find a suitable location on private land at the other end of Foxearth, where a second pole could be erected, thus allowing the SID to be moved between the two sites from time to time, in order to try to slow and monitor traffic entering the village from the Rodbridge end.

**Cllr. Mark Posen**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/vehicle-speed-compliance-statistics-for-great-britain-2024/vehicle-speed-compliance-statistics-for-great-britain-2024>

Volume by Speed Chart



Percentile Speed Chart

