

Helping making our streets safer

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Young people from the Surrey Care Trust's STEPS Woking Learning Centre have been out with Surrey Police helping to make Woking's roads safer. They were taking part in the School Speed Watch scheme.

The scheme educates young people about road safety and the hazards of driving too fast.

A total of 14 students had the chance to use a Surrey Police speed gun along the busy Lockfield Drive in the Goldsworth Park area of Woking at a critical point where the speed limit changes from 50 to 30mph. All vehicles travelling at 35mph or above were stopped, a total of 52, 40 of them cars and 12 vans, with the highest speed recorded being 47 miles per hour.

The young people used the police speed cameras and also interviewed drivers who were pulled over.

"One person who got caught speeding was very lippy with the police but we managed to question him," said 15-year-old Ben Wheatley, pictured above with fellow student Louise Singleton. "After a while he calmed down and he was very lucky he didn't get a fine or a caution."

"The object of this exercise was the police coming to see us to make us realise that the speed limit of a 30 miles an hour is there for a purpose, to help save lives."

