

WINCHELSEA SPEED WATCH

RESULTS of the SPEED MONITORING EXERCISE
on the C298

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006

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The results of our survey

- Almost **15,900 vehicles per week** are estimated to have passed through Winchelsea (High Street, Hiham Gardens, German Street and Monks Walk). The number is likely to be at least 50% higher in the summer. About 40% of vehicles may be rat-running through Winchelsea to avoid the A259.
- **Over 1,000,000 vehicles per year** are estimated to pass through Winchelsea.
- 95% of weekday traffic **does not stop** in the Town to deliver or use services other than to drop off or collect children from the school.
- Some vehicles are **rat-running down Back Lane and Rookery Lane** (past the school) to try to beat the main rat-run down the High Street and German Street.
- Some vehicles risk accidents by cutting across from the High Street into **Hiham Gardens** or vice versa to try to beat the main rat-run along Monks Walk and German Street.
- The **peak weekday traffic** occurs just before 9:00am and at about 6:00pm (320 and 280 vehicles an hour, respectively).
- For every 100 vehicles rat-running through Winchelsea in the direction of Icklesham/Hastings, only 61 vehicles rat-run in the direction of Rye. The missing vehicles appear to be staying on the A259 to avoid delays at the Strand Gate and the junction at the bottom of Strand Hill.
- About 15% of vehicles are **commercial**. Commercial vehicles are the most likely to break the speed limit.
- Some 3-4% of vehicles continued to **break the speed limit** (by at least 10%) despite knowing that was a speed check taking place.
- It is estimated that over 50% of vehicles **normally break the speed limit**, mainly along German Street and Monks Walk.
- The highest speed recorded in the 30mph zone was **57mph**.

how much traffic?

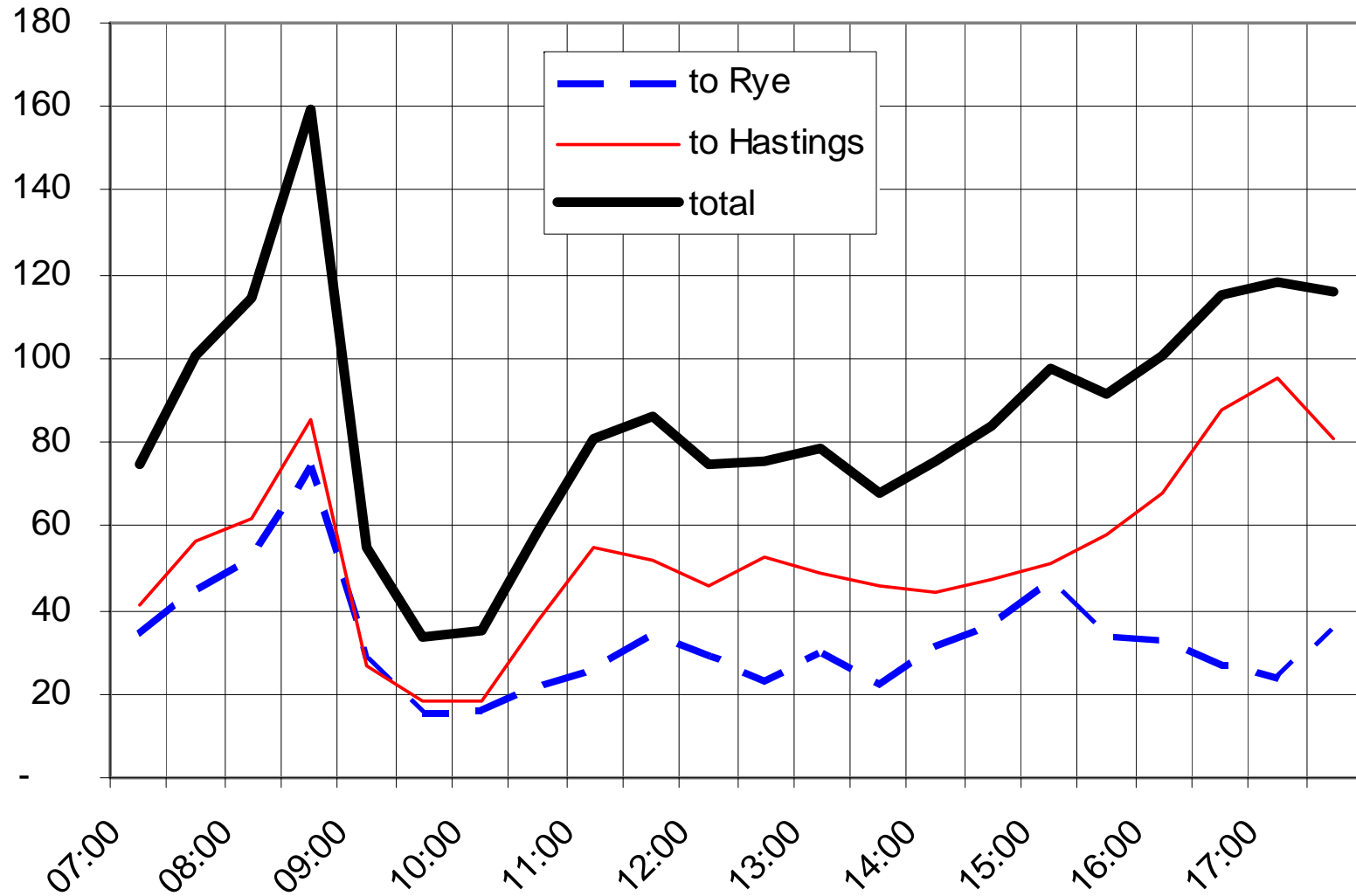
day	hours	actual	full day (24hr)
Monday	10.00	1,719	14,376
Tuesday	8.25	1,541	
Wednesday	7.50	1,261	
Thursday	8.00	1,554	
Friday	8.00	1,611	
Saturday	10.00	1,498	
Sunday	8.00	1,368	1,476
total	59.75	10,552	15,852

estimated traffic along C298

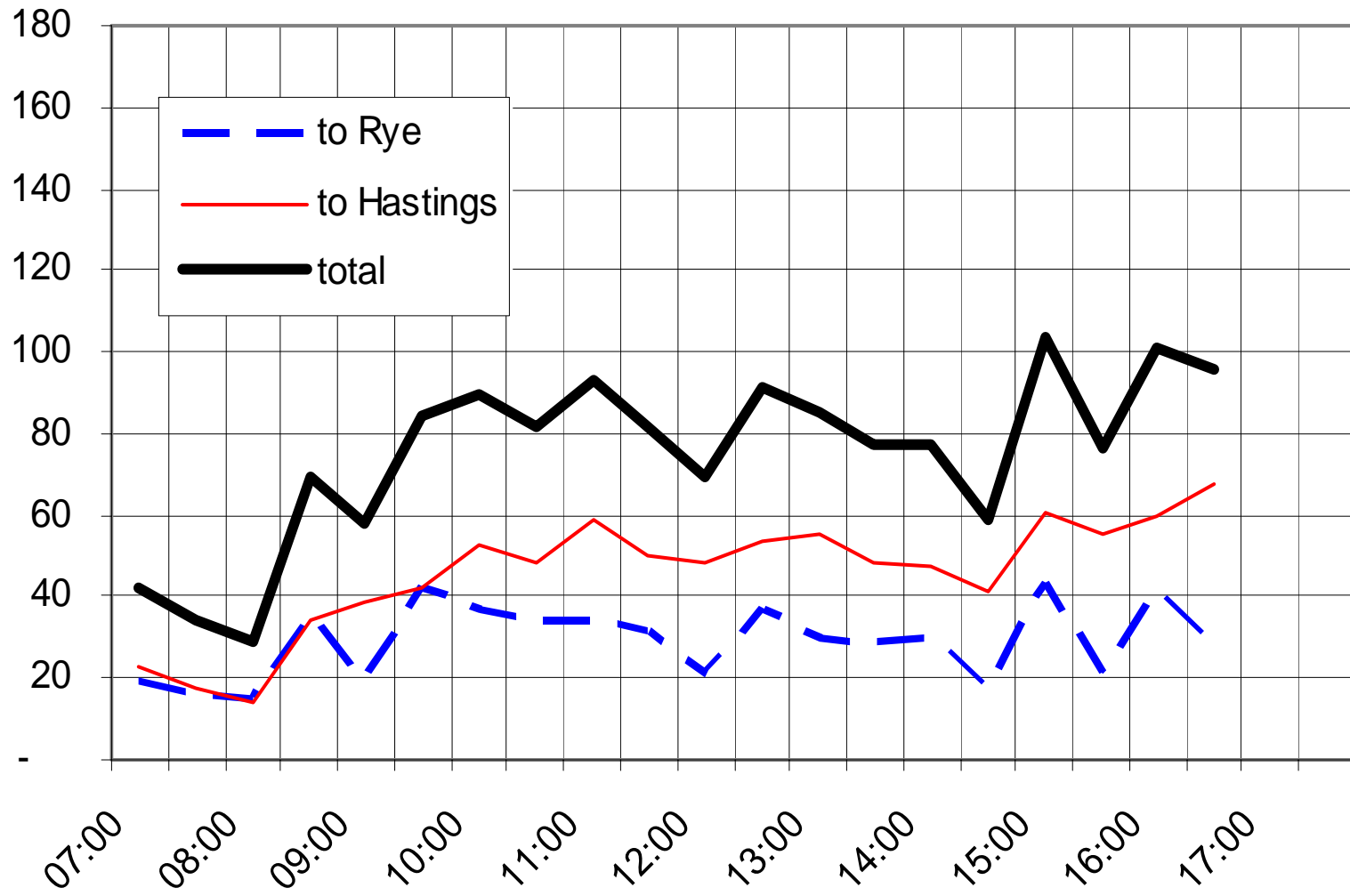
average per year

1,006,113

weekdays



Saturday



Sunday

