

Agenda Item 43/16 Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch (**CSW**) originated in Avon and Somerset due to an increased demand from the public for greater involvement in reducing the speed of vehicles through local villages. Traditional methods had been used, such as the introduction of speed limits, additional traffic calming and signage. The perception of communities was that vehicles were continuing to speed. Police resources were being used to target areas where speed was a contributory factor in collisions and casualties. CSW enables effective community engagement and participation in identifying high-risk drivers, educating drivers of the dangers associated with speed and acting as an effective means of influencing future driver behaviour.

- CSW volunteers (**CSWV**) will be instructed to record vehicles travelling above the ACPO guidelines (**10% + 2**).
- Community Speedwatch volunteers will be trained in the use of hand held speed monitoring devices by Derbyshire Police. Additional training will be provided in health & Safety at the roadside. Volunteers must adhere to the operating practices. Any breaches of this training will make any volunteer liable to removal from the scheme and loss of insurance cover.
- Trained volunteers will monitor the speed of vehicles at identified risk assessed locations within their communities. CSWV will be clearly visible at all times and no **attempts will be made to stop any moving vehicle**. Temporary signage indicating the presence of the scheme in operation will be clearly displayed on its approach. Volunteers must take care not to step into the road. **CSW will only be deployed if accompanied by a PCSO or a PC who has received training**.
 - The volunteers will create a log of vehicles exceeding an agreed speed threshold on the recognised CSW Log Sheets.
 - Registered numbers, times, dates and location will be recorded and verified by both volunteers.
 - Completed Log Sheets will be returned to the Scheme Co-ordinator.
 - The Police Co-ordinator will arrange for PNC checks on the registered numbers to be carried out and the completed CSW Log Sheets and PNC printouts will be filed for future reference by the Police Co-ordinator **in accordance with DPA Codes of Practice**.
 - The Police Co-ordinator will arrange for warning letters to be sent to the Registered Keepers.

The Aim of the policy.

- Reduce death and injury on the roads.
- Improve the quality of life for local communities.
- Contribution to the influencing and educating drivers on the inappropriate use of speed.
- Influence driver behaviour.
- Reduce traffic noise and pollution in local communities.
- Increase public awareness and perception of inappropriate speed.

All sites must be risk assessed by a member of Police staff who has received Force certification prior to use by CSWV

- High visibility clothing will be provided and will be for personal use.

- The volunteers will place out temporary signage prior to conducting every speed check. Any alternative working practices to be notified to the Section Inspector.
- CSWV will be trained in the use of speed detection equipment by fully qualified Police staff. New CSWV will always be trained by Police staff as they join the scheme. Refresher training will be provided on request.
- CSWV must comply with risk assessment specifications.

CSWV must only operate in locations subject to a speed limit of 30mph or 40mph.