



A key and highly impactful element of the Speed Watch scheme is Community Speed Watch (CSW). CSW can operate in speed limits of 40mph and below.

Members of the community who are interested in taking part in Community Speed Watch must apply to become a Police Support Volunteer to participate in the CSW Scheme.

In the first instance, we need to confirm local Police support for the scheme. We need to identify if CSW is appropriate and a safe roadside location needs to be identified for volunteers to operate from and authorised by an officer at the local station. If a suitable safe location cannot be identified then CSW cannot take place.

Ideally 6 or more members of the community are required for a team to be established. It is also well worth considering teaming up with nearby communities and forming a mobile CSW covering more than one community which can make it more manageable for the Neighbourhood Policing Team and provides more flexibility and availability of volunteers. A member of the group must be prepared to take on the role of co-ordinator within the team and the complete the paperwork to be submitted to the Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Applications will be sent out to interested volunteers from the Citizens in Policing Development Officer. Once the completed applications are received back an informal chat with the police Buddy and Citizens in Policing Development Officer will take place where identification will be checked. Once this has been done a training date will be arranged where the Force Speed Watch Co-ordinator will deliver a two hour classroom training session. The following equipment will be supplied:

- *Speed Monitoring Device (Genesis Handheld Radar Device)
- *Tripod available (for hands free operation of radar)
- *CSW signs
- Hi-Viz waistcoats
- Counter
- Clipboard, pen, forms, speed watch leaflets

*Equipment may have to be shared with other teams in surrounding areas depending on availability. It may possible to purchase/co-purchase a set of equipment to ensure sole use, this can be discussed further with the Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Appendix 1

LED Speed Display Signs (tripod mounted) are available to teams on a rotational basis and work in conjunction with the Genesis Handheld Radar.

After the training input, three supervised sessions overseen by the designated Police Buddy will take place. The team will then be able to conduct Community Speed Watch sessions independently.

Working in teams of a minimum of two or maximum of four at any one time the Community Speed Watch volunteers will monitor traffic at risk assessed sites between 0700 and 2000hrs according to availability. It is not permitted to operate in adverse weather conditions and sessions must always be conducted during daylight hours.

It is recommended that sessions last for one hour, however the length of the session and frequency is at the discretion of the team.

Details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are recorded on a submission sheet. This data is then imported onto the Community Speed Watch Database (SWAN). SWAN applies a 3 stage warning system and the relevant letter is sent to the registered keeper.

Stage 1 – Letter sent by post with Speed Watch Leaflet

Stage 2 – If the registered keeper resides within the Devon & Cornwall Police Force area a member of the local neighbourhood policing team may hand deliver the letter with words of advice

Stage 3 – Final Letter & consideration of a target package

Community Speed Watch is a scheme that empowers communities in a quest to drive down the speeds of vehicles. It aims to engage and educate drivers rather than issue fines and court summonses. Therefore it is important that you note that the letters issued as a result of your sessions are a warning letter, not a prosecution letter.

If you are interested in setting up a scheme please contact your local neighbourhood officer:

Name:

Email: