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Community Speed Watch

Frequently Asked Questions

Community Speed Watch enables local people to become actively involved in helping to slow down traffic within their community. The groups can operate within 20, 30 and 40mph limits.

Monitoring locations are chosen by members of the community who are then trained in the use of hand-held speed monitoring devices to record the speed of motorists driving through their parish. Details of vehicles exceeding the threshold are recorded on a data sheet. These sheets are processed by North Wales Police and warning letters are sent to the drivers. Speeding drivers can receive up to two warning letters within a rolling 12 month period, but if they are recorded exceeding the speed limit a third time, no letter will be sent, however North Wales Police will consider appropriate further action.

Each community involved in Community Speed Watch will receive a full package of services, as shown below as part of a rolling programme during the year, as well as regular support from the North Wales Police GoSafe team:

- 1 Full training to carry out Community Speed Watch in your village including how to use the calibrated device and recording the required information for the data sheets.
- 2 Each monitoring location selected by a group will be risk assessed and approved to ensure the safety of volunteers
- 3 Processing of data sheets from the communities and the issuing of warning letters to any driver identified as speeding as part of the Community Speed Watch programme
- 4 Administration of all letters and follow up where necessary and regular updates to communities on the number of warning letters issued
- 5 Ongoing support from local Safer Community Teams
- 6 Additional support from 'Safer Roads Team' Speed Camera Vans, particularly working with information collated by the groups

FAQ's

Q There's no CSW scheme in my village/parish, what do I do?

A Complete and submit a volunteer application form. We will then contact you and assist you in setting up a CSW group.

Q How do I join a CSW group?

A Visit the North Wales Police Website, click on the recruitment tab, select volunteers, select application form. Complete and submit application form.

Q Can I start my own group?

A Groups comprise of 6-10 operators and 1 coordinator. If there is already a group in your village/parish, you will be expected to join that group.

Q Who supplies the equipment?

A North Wales Police will supply high visibility tops to ensure safe working. There is a very limited supply of speed monitoring equipment which will be allocated to the groups as they form. When this supply is exhausted, it will be the responsibility of the groups to source funding to purchase speed monitoring equipment.

Q Where can speed be monitored?

A At whatever location you perceive that there is a problem with excessive speed, provided that the location has first been checked by North Wales Police to ensure that it is appropriate and safe to do so.