

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWSLETTER

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IN FOCUS: KNOWLE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM



Knowle adjoins Budleigh Salterton on the B3178 between Exmouth and Sidmouth. It's a small village limited at 30mph as the road is too narrow for two lorries to pass without mounting the pavement. The team was formed by the village as part of traffic slowing measures, which included removing white lines on the narrow road and the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign outside the Village Hall. We started with 7 members, and were expected to provide Make, Model, Colour and number plate of offenders (now Make, Model, VRM). Soon we realised that distractions like phone calls

might mean missing information. As a team we soon concluded that with practice we could have smaller working teams, which allowed more sessions. Our advice would be to have at least one volunteer who is reasonably good at car recognition and one who can write legibly while reading a number plate (e.g., a tail on "U" to distinguish from "V"). Then with a team of 7 we could be on visible Speedwatch for 4 or 5 sessions each week. Over the first year we received an amount of abuse. However, this has changed, and the turning point seemed to come when a lorry driver going the other way stopped and wound down his window and called "Well done! Keep it up!". Now we get lots of

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



Welcome to the December edition of your Community Speedwatch newsletter. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made 2022 such a successful year in Devon & Cornwall. Your fantastic voluntary efforts are making a big difference in your community - so thank you!

The CSW Team

thumbs up and few abusers. It was also nice to be chosen by the PCC for a visit to learn about CSW. Pictures of the team in action have since formed part of the information brochure. Our then PCSO aided with problem-solving and occasionally warned local transport managers and taxis that multiple reports could give them later problems. It definitely helps to get Police visits when a car stopped to see us in action and pulled over speeders for a quiet word. What we think would help most is more Police drop-in visits when cars are passing.



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NEWTON ABBOT CSW TEAM ACQUIRES VAS SIGN

Newton Abbot Town Council acquired these VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) signs courtesy of a Vision Zero South West grant, and our staff have so far deployed them on two major trunk roads. From residents' feedback they have certainly proved their worth by improving driver awareness and reducing vehicle speeds. The beauty of the equipment is that it records dates, times and speeds, the data being transferable to either a memory stick or computer. This information will prove very useful when shared with traffic police, Community Speedwatch and other interested parties.

For more information on this scheme visit:

<https://www.teignmouth-today.co.uk/news/making-our-roads-safer-vision-zero-571493>



ROAD WORKS

We know road closures can be an obstacle for your groups when it comes to planning and booking your CSW sessions. There are several ways of checking roadworks across Devon and Cornwall, the easiest of which is by visit your respective Council's website. In order to see current and future planned road works across Devon and Cornwall,

please visit one of the following websites.

For Devon visit:

- www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/traffic-information/roadworks/live-roadworks-information/

Click on the blue button 'Interactive roadworks map' and read the instructions when they

come up. Once done, click continue to go to the map. For Cornwall visit:

- www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/roadworks/

This brings up a map of roadworks, as well as links to 'major highway schemes' and 'planned maintenance'.



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A COUPLE OF REMINDERS FOR CSW GROUPS

WEATHER - As the poor weather continues, for your own safety please do not go out in inclement weather conditions. This includes rain, snow and ice.

REMOVAL OF DATA - We are aware that due to varying circumstance there are members of our CSW family who are no longer taking part in the scheme. With this in mind we are aiming to clear data from inactive volunteers and unused sites off CSW Online at the beginning of next year.

If you are a volunteer who hasn't taken part in a CSW session or logged into CSW Online in the past 12 months, please make sure you do so before the end of 2022. If your group has CSW Sites that haven't been used in the last 12 months, please schedule a session at these sites before the end of 2022.

If you need any help or advice in doing this, or have any questions, please drop us an email at: speedwatch@devonandcornwall.police.pnn.uk



YOUR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM

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