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I was delighted to meet many of the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinators at our update events in April and May. I really hope that you found them useful and for those that were unable to be there, you were provided a copy of the presentations. I was incredibly keen that you understood where Community Speedwatch fitted in terms of our Roads Policing and Road Safety activity. You are incredibly valued and I hope that we conveyed that. Volunteer numbers are

growing from 410 in April 2021 to 837 in July 2022. Your teams regularly complete over 150 sessions a month, and I hope that many of you will have been joined by our dedicated Speed Detection Officers who are deployed in support of your activity. We have a change in Exeter with David Burrows taking over the role from Jason Smith. Allan Reed remains as the Cornwall SDO, based at Bodmin. Following Paul Madge's promotion to Team Leader, I am delighted that Rebecca Chamberlain has been appointed the CSW Co-ordinator for Devon and Torbay. We have also appointed Sonia Littlewood as our CSW administrator based in Exeter. Our priorities are ensuring that the policies and processes are fit for purpose and remain resilient

and sustainable in line with our ambition to expand CSW significantly. This has meant a review of all Traffic Regulation Orders to ensure activity carried out is lawful, developing a more efficient process of producing and printing the Stage 1,2 and 3 letters, including revising the content and to ensure all teams have the correct equipment by conducting an audit. Thank you for bearing with us through this. I really hope you can feel the energy that the new team have brought and that you continue to be part of our ambitions to make the 13,670 miles of road network across Devon and Cornwall a safer place. We have much to do, which will not be possible without your support. I look forward to seeing you at the annual conferences in October.



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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH HITS THE HEADLINES

Community Speedwatch Coordinator Elaine Fell talks about being behind the scenes and in front of the camera for a recent BBC story on CSW.

The Wednesday morning in mid-July started early at 0730hrs, when myself and Al Reed had agreed to meet the Lostwithiel Team at their site on the A390 - along with BBC Spotlight reporter Jemma Woodman. She spent about half an hour with the Lostwithiel team filming them and asking them questions about the scheme and what they do. A small part of their session was aired on BBC spotlight that night. We then moved on to spend some time with the Liskeard Team in Widegates, where the BBC Spotlight cameraman joined us. Again Jemma interviewed team members and myself... I was extremely nervous talking to camera, as this was the first time I had ever done this, but the Liskeard Team all took it very well in their stride! Allan Reed, the speed detection officer who supports CSW groups with risk assessing sites and enforcement action also was asked to put a piece to camera, which was to be aired on TV. It was great be involved in this piece of work and I



found it fascinating to see how it all works 'behind the camera'. Not only for the TV, but also to see first-hand how the CSW teams operate their speed devices ('cameras') too, and to see how they all work in unity to record all the information during the speed monitoring sessions. Unfortunately the memory of this event has been tinged with some sadness, as soon afterwards Michael Chorlton, the CSW Group Co-ordinator for Liskeard passed away. He is seen in some of the

photos attached and also spoke to camera which was aired on TV. After being given this opportunity to go out, meet and work alongside these two groups, I have an ambition to get out and about a lot more to try and meet as many CSW volunteers as I can over the coming months.

You can read the article that came from this filming at: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-62155031



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CORNWALL TEAM WELCOMES POLICE CADETS FOR GROUP SESSION

BY ROB KNILL, CHACEWATER CSW COORDINATOR

The Chacewater CSW Team hosted a group of young Police Cadets in August for a two-hour CSW session. A really good session, the young lads really engaged with the process and were overseen by some great quality D&C Police Instructors. All were genuinely interested in what they and we were doing, a definite sense of responsibility. We gave them a brief on the benefits, issues and methods associated with CSW and how to form a good team. Importantly, many of the drivers who passed by recognised that it was young people who were doing the business of trying to make places such as Chacewater much safer; for that we will be eternally grateful because we believe it sets in train a more appreciative and understanding driver mindset. It was hugely worthwhile.



CHARLIE, SIERRA, WHISKEY - GETTING IT RIGHT FIRST TIME

BY ELAINE FELL, COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH CO-ORDINATOR

It is very important, during CSW monitoring sessions, for volunteers to record vehicle information quickly and clearly. The exact information recorded at the scene, is transferred in to the Community Speed Watch online database - without first amending any recorded information by conducting checks against other online databases. This is an important part of keeping Community Speed Watch the reputable scheme it is, as it ensures the right vehicle keeper receives the right written warning letter. We appreciate conditions for recording information varies from site to site, sometimes being difficult to hear the correct letters of the registration numbers as they are called out. So we thought it might help our volunteers to consider using the phonetic alphabet. All frontline police and emergency personnel have to learn it as part of their training - it's good fun to learn especially if you can get your family and friends involved too!

UK PHONETIC ALPHABET

A - ALPHA	N - NOVEMBER
B - BRAVO	O - OSCAR
C - CHARLIE	P - PAPA
D - DELTA	Q - QUEBEC
E - ECHO	R - ROMEO
F - FOXTROT	S - SIERRA
G - GOLF	T - TANGO
H - HOTEL	U - UNIFORM
I - INDIA	V - VICTOR
J - JULIET	W - WHISKEY
K - KILO	X - X-RAY
L - LIMA	Y - YANKEE
M - MIKE	Z - ZULU



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CSW OCTOBER SEMINARS - STILL TIME TO BOOK!



There's still time to register and come along to our free CSW Seminar events in October. The Devon event takes place at Westpoint in Exeter on Tuesday, October 18th with the Cornwall event taking place at the Royal Cornwall Showground Pavilion in Wadebridge on Thursday, October 20th. The agenda for the seminars includes updates from senior officers, a fun quiz from the CSW coordinators, a Q&A session and of course a free networking lunch. To book your place, simply reply to the invite sent out by Elaine Fell.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH - MY EXPERIENCE AND EXPECTATIONS

BY DERRIS WATSON, CSW GROUP CO-ORDINATOR OF LISKEARD AND STOKE CLIMSLAND

I first had experience of the Liskeard Community Speedwatch when invited to accompany and observe their sessions. I know from that time how very useful and effective Speedwatch can be in promoting safety on our roads. Stoke Climsland had only one site originally, where almost everyone passed us at 20-25mph but this was ideal as a training location and we have quickly managed to get all seven members trained

and ready to go. The school have thanked us for our presence, and more sites are in the offing. I have always remembered the sites where the original Liskeard team took me 17 years ago and even now as I approach each one my thoughts are, "What is my speed" "Do I need to slow down?" Each area where I travel, I now note the limits and the need to be aware of my speed of travel. Sometimes it isn't easy when the road is wide and clear, but Speedwatch can definitely help to

raise awareness and encourage everyone to think and to drive within the law, making the roads safer for everyone. I hope that Speedwatch will continue to remind and educate drivers that roads are safer when limits are observed. To me that is the reason for my participation, not how many motorists can we catch or how many letters can we get sent, but how many people will drive more mindfully having seen us in our Hi-Viz beside the road.



YOUR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM

Cornwall:

- Elaine Fell, CSW Co-ordinator
- Theresa Garrod, CSW Administrator
- Allan Reed, CSW Speed Detection Officer

Devon:

- Rebecca Chamberlain, CSW Co-ordinator
- Sonia Littlewood, CSW Administrator
- David Burrows, CSW Speed Detection Officer

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