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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



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CSW PERFORMANCE DATA (AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022)

415,096

Total vehicles monitored
(↑ up from 253,428* on Dec 31, 2021)



955

Volunteers
(↑ up from 582 on Dec 31, 2021)



23,217

Speeding drivers detected
(↑ up from 17,015* on Dec 31, 2021)



Number of letters sent

18,780

1st letters sent
(↑ up from 13,331 on Dec 31, 2021)

719

2nd letters sent
(↑ up from 552 on Dec 31, 2021)

58

3rd letters sent
(↓ down from 65 on Dec 31, 2021)

3,208

Number of CSW sessions
(↑ up from 1,299* on Dec 31, 2021)



614

Sites used



181

Active groups
(↑ up from 141 on Dec 31, 2021)



* data available from 01/04/21 to 31/12/21 only



2022 has seen significant growth for Community Speedwatch (CSW) in Devon & Cornwall. Thanks to funding from the Vision Zero South West partnership, we have recruited two CSW Scheme Managers and two CSW administrators, in addition to two dedicated Speed Detection Officers who enforce alongside CSW team deployments. This has effectively enabled a re-launch of the activity and we held update events in April and May 2022 inviting volunteers to understand how their significant contribution fits into wider Roads Policing activity. We also held our first ever annual conferences in October where we facilitated interactive discussions around improving CSW. This increased level of support has translated into significant growth in the number of CSW teams, from 146 in January to 181 in December - and with that almost 400 new registered volunteers. As a result, we've been able to monitor a record number of vehicles and provide a visible deterrent to speeding motorists. I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time and commitment to achieve this and help make our roads safer - we couldn't do it without you! There is, of course, still much more to do. We are working hard to formalise CSW into the constitution of DaCCWA (Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association) and are encouraging more people in more areas to sign up to the CSW scheme, particularly in communities where 20mph limits are being introduced. If you know of anyone who would like to set up a new CSW team, please ask them to get in touch at speedwatch@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

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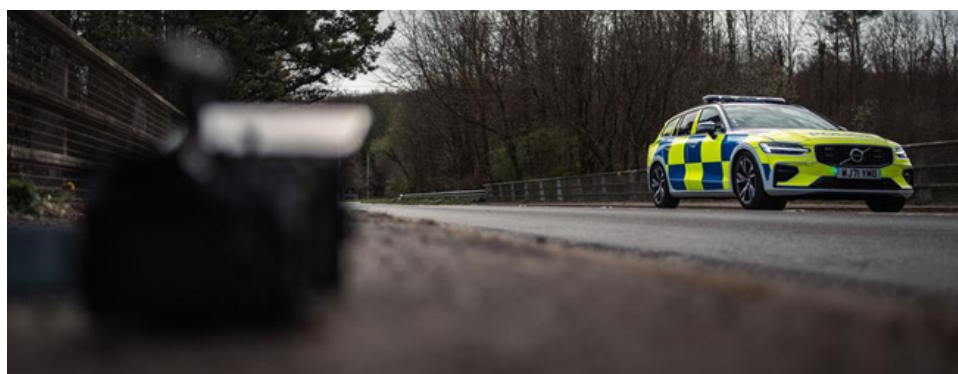
MEET YOUR CSW ADMINISTRATORS



Hello, we are the Community Speed Watch Administrators (CSW) Theresa for Cornwall and Plymouth and Sonia for Devon. We work closely in the team with the Speed Detection Officers for Cornwall and Devon. Our role involves the daily administration of the CSW databases and email inboxes. We deal with the varied enquiries from volunteers ranging from any problems they may be experiencing to the

administration and allocation of equipment and uploading data to CSW online. We also process any new site requests as and when they come in (once they have been authorised) and load information and site details onto our other Police database called SWAN. We communicate with members of the public who may have received letters from CSW or would like more information about the scheme and we also

prepare statistics for Police circulation. We are both still very much learning the numerous processes and databases involved as they rapidly change and evolve. Thank you for your patience! The job is both challenging and rewarding but we try to assist everyone as much as we possibly can as we really appreciate all the time and effort that our volunteers kindly give to help educate drivers.



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: MY EXPERIENCE & EXPECTATIONS BY ROB KNILL, CHACEWATER CSW COORDINATOR

I first had experience of the Liskeard CSW 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.



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NEWS

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.



CORNWALL TEAM WELCOMES 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.



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NEWS COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH HITS THE HEADLINES

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

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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IN FOCUS

KNOWLE VILLAGE CSW 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 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.

KNOWLE VILLAGE TEAM CELEBRATE AFTER HITTING 750 SESSION MILESTONE

Rebecca Chamberlain, Devon & Cornwall Community Speedwatch Scheme Manager, said: "I recently had the pleasure of joining the Knowle Village CSW Group for their 750th CSW session. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their teamwork and perseverance. It was brilliant to see the team in action, and really wonderful to see the positive community response to their work."



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HIGHLIGHTS: CSW SEMINARS 2022



In October last year we welcomed hundreds of Community Speedwatch volunteers to our CSW seminars held in at Exeter's Westpoint in Devon and The Royal Cornwall Showground. As well as giving us all a chance to meet up in person, we were also able to communicate updates from senior officers, take part in a fun quiz organised by the CSW coordinators, listen to your questions and, of course, enjoy a free

networking lunch. The planning is already underway for the 2023 CSW seminars, which will once again take place at the same venues. We are currently looking to host the Cornwall event on Thursday, October 19 and the Devon event on Monday, October 30. We will be in touch nearer the time to finalise details, but look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

YOUR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM

Cornwall:

- 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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