

# COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWSLETTER

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## CSW HITS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

I am delighted to be able to introduce the CSW Newsletter for September. We have reached a significant milestone since the last update and have 1,393 volunteers in 222 registered groups. We celebrated recruiting our 200th group in Dolton Winkleigh with a video produced by Vision Zero South West and BBC Spotlight featured the rise of CSW in their key evening bulletin. We have also completed the transfer of data from the old manual process to our camera software designed to process multiple letter batches. This has enabled you to monitor speeds in 20, 30 and 40 mph limits at



National Police Chiefs Council guidance thresholds. With the new system, letters are often processed within 72 hours which means that offending drivers are receiving more relevant and timely updates around their behaviour. The CSW team are exploring how visibility of the outcomes of your sessions can be provided in CSW online. We have welcomed a new member of the team, Amy Turton who is the new CSW Scheme Manager for Devon and Torbay. Amy is an experienced member of the organisation who is already having a positive impact in her new role. We have also welcomed Mick Hinton into the CSW Speed Detection Officer role in Cornwall, job sharing with

Al Reed. Mick is keen to be getting out and about on the motorcycle, visiting teams and supporting new site risk assessments and assisting with training of new teams. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our two CSW conferences in October. The team have been working hard on the agenda and incorporating issues which you have raised for discussion. I hope that you will be able to attend and that the conference is of value to you and other volunteers. There is a networking lunch provided for the sharing of contacts and best practice. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our roads safe. Your commitment in terms of time and energy is truly appreciated.



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## STARS IN THE MAKING?

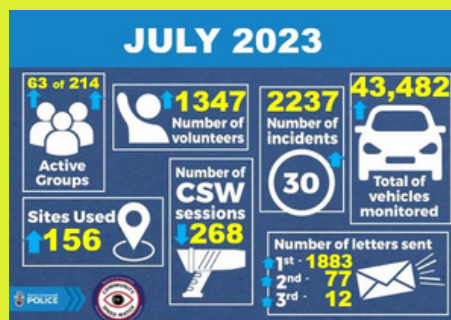
With the announcement of our 200th group to register with us, we had interest from a local news reporter to run a story in our local BBC Spotlight news. Our Chacewater team were all too happy to step in and help with this enquiry. The BBC joined them at their pre-booked sessions on September 4th and filmed the team whilst they monitored passing vehicles. Team Co-Ordinator Rob gave an interview to camera which put Community Speed Watch into a positive light and into the homes of many viewers. Thank you Rob, and team!



Members from Dolton Winkleigh, who became our 200th registered CSW group, and our own Amy Turton and Dave Burrows, were also thrust into the limelight as our Vision Zero South West Communications Team met up with them in August to make a promotional video around the scheme. Thanks to all involved - the video can be watched via these links:



## STATISTICS



The presence of CSW volunteers will have been noted by over 48,000 motorists, with the majority being speed compliant. This goes a long way to educating drivers and keeping our roads safe!



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## OUT & ABOUT...

CSW biker Dave Burrows and Braunton CSW Team attended the Braunton Wheels Event on Sunday 30th July 2023.

The event took place with a wide variety of classic and show vehicles, food stalls and the local Radio station. Braunton's CSW team was in attendance headed up by coordinator Graham and some of his loyal team. The speed watch team also brought along some of their own classic vehicles.



Also attending were Devon & Cornwall Police's Road Casualty Reduction Team headed up by Sgt Owen Messenger, PC Ian "Harvs" Harvey and SDO Dave Burrows. The team brought a couple of their own vehicles including the Ford RS Focus which highlights how cars can legally be modified without compromising road safety. The Police motorcycle was a hot favourite with many children who had their pictures taken by very proud parents, some of whom couldn't resist having a go themselves. There was a super atmosphere at the event that had to be curtailed early due to some atrocious weather!

Cornwall's Community Speed Watch biker Allan Reed, met up with our Ladock/New Mills/Menna CSW team in Ladock, Cornwall to support their activities. On this occasion, helped with roadworks in the area, all passing motorists kept within the speed limit. Job Done!



IF THERE ARE ANY COMMUNITY EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE A COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM AND/OR OUR ROADS SAFETY TEAM TO ATTEND, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [SPEEDWATCH@DC.POLICE.UK](mailto:SPEEDWATCH@DC.POLICE.UK) WITH THE TIME, DATE, LOCATION AND DETAILS OF THE EVENT. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOU.



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## INTRODUCING... AMY TURTON

I have spent much of my career within Devon and Cornwall Police, spending the last 17 years working within the very busy and challenging Force Contact Centre based within the Control room at Middlemoor HQ. I started out as a Contact Officer dealing with non-urgent and 999 calls, before moving to the Force Contact Centre Supervisor role leading a team of Contact Officers to strive to provide an excellent customer service for all who have the pleasure of experiencing life within Devon and Cornwall. I have lived in Devon all my life and I count myself lucky to live in such a beautiful and varied location. To live in an area in which I am able to access so many wonderful beauty spots and having the mix of urban and Rural settings

is fantastic. My two dogs have definitely taken me on some amazing adventures in Devon - trying to tire out 2 Spaniels is no mean feat. I have been in the role of Community Speedwatch Manager for just over a month now and have been lucky enough to come out and meet some of the CSW groups already. I am really looking forward to continuing with this whether to provide training or dropping in on CSW sessions to get to know many more of the volunteers who provide Devon and Cornwall Police with their time and efforts in making their local areas safer. From my time as an emergency Contact Officer I have first hand experience of talking to those who have been involved in or been a witness to serious Road



Traffic Collisions and I am well aware of the devastation speeding vehicles can cause. Vision Zero and the work carried out by Community Speedwatch groups is so so important, I feel incredibly proud to be joining Community Speedwatch and again I look forward to meeting you all.

## AND FINALLY...

Community Speed Watch is all about educating drivers to change their driving behaviour. It's working! Here are some communications our team have received:

*I write in response to your generous Advice Letter of 10 August, regarding my exceeding the speed limit at Nomansland. I was not paying sufficient attention to my driving and was shocked to see your camera at the top of the hill. I realised I had exceeded the limit, though had seemed confused by the changing from 30 to 40 mph and backwards. I had fully expected to pay a fine, so your letter was an undeserved surprise. Thank you. It certainly has had the desired effect of making me pay closer attention when driving.*

*I think the community speed watch programme is amazing and goes a long way towards educating drivers about speed!*

**A huge THANK YOU  
for all your efforts!**

