

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



WELCOME AND UPDATES

After what seems like an interminable bout of rainy weather, we have the first signs of spring. I am hugely grateful to the groups who have continued to operate during these last few cold and wet months, helping to demonstrate that local communities want safer roads which benefit those who live in neighbourhoods blighted by speeding traffic. Your CSW team have been working hard over these last few months ensuring that our data quality is the best it can be, writing to registered keepers of vehicles who have shouted abuse or made gestures to CSW groups, and developing plans to feedback data on the results of your sessions, following the changes made to our software last summer. We are generally getting warning letters out within 72 hours of a session and are developing advanced plans to roll out Body Worn Video cameras to active groups from April. Training will be provided in the use of the equipment, which will simply need powering up/down and charging and will be handed to attending police officers in the event of a reported incident. We have secured 100 of these cameras



which are exactly the same as those used by police officers in Devon & Cornwall, and the CSW Handbook will be updated soon with the amended processes. The dates for our October Conferences are booked and I am really keen to understand how we could make these more interactive and give volunteers the floor to suggest improvements to the scheme. Please contact us with any ideas or suggestions as to how we make the sessions as enjoyable and informative. They are put on for you, and we need to hear from you. Thanks for all you are doing to promote road safety in your communities. you are making a difference.

Adrian Leisk
Head of Road Safety

THANK YOU FROM A PASSING MOTORIST

"I am fully supportive of your community Speed team and anything that slows drivers down - especially in built up areas. Keep up the good work!"

Thank you to all the Community Speed Watch teams who have been actively out in this very challenging period with the cold and very wet weather. We appreciate that it can be hard getting people out when it is cold and the frustration of having to cancel sessions due to heavy rain. But for those of you who have persevered and managed to get sessions completed, we thank you. Here's to some slightly warmer spring weather and hopefully with it some longer dry spells.

Thank you from everyone at the Speed Watch team!



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HELLO FROM JANE HARRINGTON – DEVON AND TORBAY COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH ADMINISTRATOR



About five years ago with these skills I decided to move from Kent and moved to the beautiful county of Devon in this clinical healthcare role. I had been in healthcare for 12 years when I decided that now was the time to try and move back into my previous career with the police. I chose to apply for the role of community speed watch administrator as it fit in with my interests, I have volunteered for various different organisations over the years and although I work full time currently, at the moment I also volunteer at a sailing club on the social side and as a National Trust volunteer for one of the many beautiful properties that are to be found in Devon. I genuinely enjoy working with people and

as volunteering is close to my heart the role in community speed watch seemed like a good fit for me. I have enjoyed working for community speed watch since the beginning of January this year, there is a lot to learn but I am enjoying the challenge of learning my new role. I love living in the county of Devon and must pinch myself every now and again to make sure its really happening. My ambition is to live close enough to the coast so that I can go for a swim in the sea without getting in my car to get there. One of my favourite things to do at the weekends is go out and explore my surroundings and am always amazed at the views that I find during and at the end of my journeys.

I started my career in various administration roles finally ending up in Kent Police in 1996 doing several different job roles which I really enjoyed and found very interesting. I worked there for just over 13 years before I decided to retrain and move into healthcare. I initially did an admin role but then moved into clinical healthcare work ending up as an assistant practitioner in mammography.

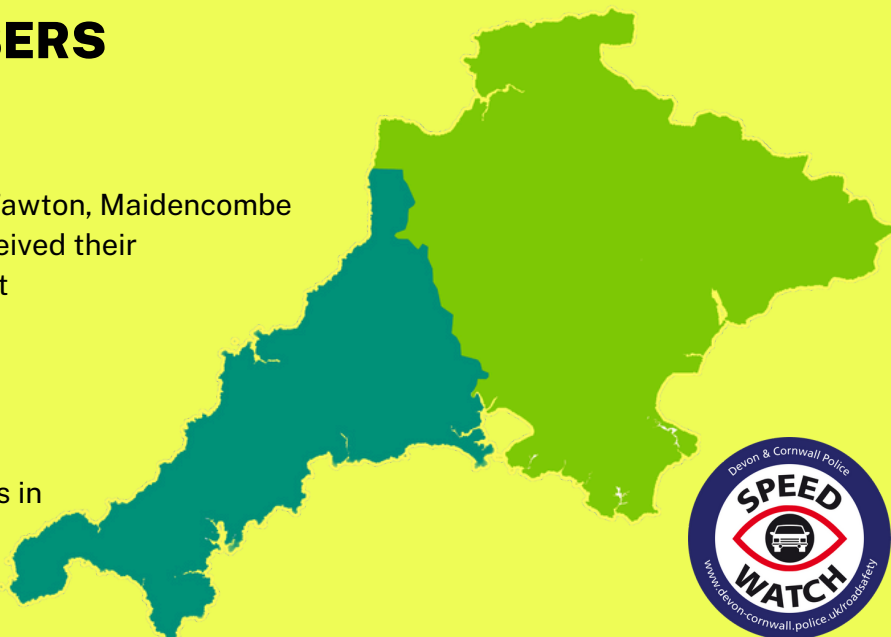
NEW GROUPS & MEMBERS

Devon

Welcome to West Garth, Otterton, North Tawton, Maidencombe and High Bickington who have all now received their monitoring equipment and training to start undertaking monitoring sessions.

Cornwall

We welcome new teams and new members in Looe, St Mellion, Par and North Hill and look forward to meeting more volunteers across Cornwall in the very near future.



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

PC CHAMBERLAIN VISIT



In January, Rebecca Chamberlain - who was the previous Community Speed Watch Manager and now a Police Constable - visited the

Newton Poppleford CSW group alongside SDO Dave Burrows to help carry out a one-hour enforcement session. During

this hour no vehicles were noted for enforcement and in total two vehicles were monitored speeding by the CSW group. PC Chamberlain said: "It was lovely to join the Newton Poppleford CSW group and do some speed enforcement. It was brilliant to hear that they have noticed a drop in the number of speeding vehicles since they have been active."

PICTURE: The Newton Poppleford group who are an extremely active group appear to be having a really positive impact in their local community.

The Cullompton and Tiverton CSW group have successfully recruited new members to join their team. Amy Turton and Dave Burrows attended a refresher training session in February to bring the new members up to speed. A positive social media post was put out via the Neighbourhood policing team's Facebook page to highlight to the local community that the group would be out and about monitoring vehicles.

GROUP REFRESHER TRAINING



SEND YOUR GROUP PICS TO US USING THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW  



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DATA SHARING

We are now happy to say we are in a position to share a monthly report that shows how many advisory letters are being sent out to registered keepers from each CSW team. Some may have already spotted a message that has come out via CSW online to advise group members as to where these reports can be located on the website.

These reports will be compiled monthly and published around the 15th of each month, on CSW online in the documents section. Groups will be able to view how many letter 1, 2, and further action (letter 3s) that have been sent out



to drivers during the month. This will hopefully provide groups with an overview of all their hard work and the results being generated. A one-off report has been uploaded to CSW online to cover the period May-Dec 2023 which is the period that we were

not able to provide results of groups submissions. January and February 2024 monthly reports are now available to view.

To find these reports please log in to CSW online, go to the Help tab, then to Documents and then the tab FYI.

Group abuse - From the beginning of February 2024 we introduced a process to start addressing reports of abuse directed towards CSW groups during monitoring sessions. The aim of this new process is to provide advice to drivers who direct abuse towards CSW groups whether that be by gesticulating whilst driving past, shouting abuse out their windows or even stopping and approaching groups. When submitting any reports of abuse via CSW online please could you use the comments box to explain in detail the circumstances of the abuse.

Body Worn Video - In the coming months we will start to see body worn video being issued by Devon and Cornwall Police to CSW groups. We will have in total 100 body worn videos available to CSW and will be focusing on allocating these to groups that are actively conducting Speed Watch sessions in their communities.

