



## WELCOME TO YOUR UPDATE FOR JULY

As we finally start to see signs of warmer and drier weather, we are seeing increased sessions being completed by teams, for which we are incredibly grateful. Our CSW team have been working hard behind the scenes ensuring that we are complying with the General Data Protection Regulation and only holding personal data which we are entitled to process. This will mean that the keen eyed among you have observed numbers of volunteers reducing, and this will be part of an ongoing process to ensure continued currency around data retention.

We have developed a robust process to ensure that the Stage 3 advice letters are personally delivered by a police officer and use our force systems to record an audit trail. These warning letters apply on a rolling 12-month cycle. We also send out advice letters where you record abuse levelled at volunteers during a session and have been doing so since the start of the year.

Elaine and Amy are visiting active groups and issuing a police specification body worn camera to assist in deterring and recording instances where the group are approached by a motorist or member of the public in a threatening manner.

These cameras, when powered up correctly, have a 30 second pre-record function where if activated they have already captured the events leading up to the camera record button being activated.

We have also provided continuity of our public liability insurance cover for all volunteers and at any age. The Insurers have offered additional personal injury provision but have applied some limitations in terms of cover. Insurers base their proposals around risk and whilst questions have been asked around whether this is discriminatory, we are unable to influence this additional cover and have reviewed this with Equality and Diversity experts. All volunteers of all ages are fully covered for any acts of omissions by Devon & Cornwall Police whilst conducting speed monitoring sessions in accordance with the CSW handbook.



I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our October CSW Conferences.

Adrian Leisk  
**Head of Road Safety**







## OUT & ABOUT...

We started distributing Body Worn Video devices in June to active CSW groups.

We currently have 100 devices available to us and are distributing these devices in a phased approach, this is due to us needing to travel out and link each device to the necessary software every 8 weeks to ensure that it remains updated.

At present we have successfully delivered the first 30 Body Worn Video devices and provided guidance in their use. Whilst out and about meeting groups we are receiving some encouraging feedback from volunteers. Par's group co-ordinator said:

*"Although we endure the odd rude gesture or comment from some drivers, overall our presence has been a very positive one with people stopping us and asking how they can get involved or could we do a session in the road where they live etc. We have enough problems with our one-way system in Par alone and so we guide people to the website. Furthermore, there is a, I don't really know what you would call it but another PL24 website called 'not for snowflakes' where people often put derogatory comments and let off steam. On one occasion, someone had posted on this to watch out because we were out and about in our high-viz jackets and within an hour or so, instead of more negative comments being posted, it was full of praise for us and saying more community speed watches were needed to get the boy racers and speeding drivers to slow down. At least 80 to 90% of the comments were positive which was good to see as well - and not we suspect, what the person who originally had posted expected to see!"*

## HELLO AND A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW GROUPS

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### DEVON

- Newton St Cyres
- Sidmouth Salcombe Hill
- Muddiford
- Marldon

### CORNWALL

- Week St Mary
- North Hill

A volunteer from the Bissoe CSW team commented:

*"For any new groups setting up who are unsure, just do it! It's great fun (we probably have too much fun!), and we have built real friendships in the group. We feel part of the community and have many drivers who give us a thumbs-up or wave. A couple of the local businesses have gotten involved too and we also have people stopping to ask if we can do a session in a certain part of the village where they have noticed an issue with speeding. Yes, we also receive some abuse, but this is outweighed by the number of positive drivers who feel it is necessary, and we know we are helping our community be a safer place for all."*



Paignton CSW & PCSO working together







## CSW TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Day of Action in Camborne and Redruth 9/7/24

After responding to a call for action to address speeding in the local Camborne and Redruth area, the Illogan and Portreath team contacted us to say they were able to give some of their time to support the day.

The weather on the 9th July was a bit temperamental, but after a break in the rain, we all met at a location in Bridge, near Portreath at 0930hrs. Steve and Simon from the Road Safety Camera Enforcement Team joined us too.

The team spent an hour at the roadside monitoring the traffic travelling along Penberthy Road from Portreath towards Bridge. Team members Brian, Ian & Steve explained the reason they started a CSW group in the area saying it resulted from the Covid lockdowns.

They went on to say that during this time the community noticed how quiet the roads had become, but it also highlighted to them just how busy and fast the roads were at other times.



After much chat about this in the community, a local Special Constable suggested they might like to consider starting up a CSW team and explained to them what it involved. From that moment on the Illogan and Portreath team came into being, and since Nov 22 have been active in the area ever since.

Vicki explained she joined the team about a year ago and came along to assist the co-ordinator in his role. She explained she is currently busy trying to encourage more volunteers to join them so they can carry out more sessions at different locations within their community.

During the time in the area the team monitored 101 vehicles passing them. 9 of those drivers will receive a CSW warning letter and 5 more drivers will be prosecuted for excessive speed. The team are always pleased to witness the majority of drivers who pass them travel within the speed limit and they all feel their time there is a job well done. Many drivers waved to the team as they drove past, showing an acknowledgement and an appreciation to their presence.

After the session, Steve and Simon showed the team around the new Safety Camera Van and the team took the opportunity to have their photograph taken alongside it.





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We also wish to thank the Lanner 1 team for turning out to support the Camborne and Redruth Day of Action on the 9th July. They originally volunteered an hour of their time to operate in Lanner Hill, Lanner between 1500-1600hrs but unfortunately rain cut short their session, however in the half an hour the team were at their site, 204 vehicles passed them heading in the direction of Redruth. Three of those drivers will receive a CSW warning letter for travelling too fast.

**Roads Casualty Reduction Officer, Dave Langley said of the day:**

*"I put together a high visibility operation in the Redruth and Camborne areas which involved marked police vehicles and Speed Detection Officers. I also asked for support from the local Community Speed Watch groups from the area.*

*The Day of Action was put into place to support The National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Thematic for the week of 8th July which was for speeding offences. The goal was to have no offences, with high visibility staff out and about to try and achieve this."*

### THE DAY PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

2 x CSW teams were active on the day.

305 vehicles were recorded passing them by, of which 8 will get a CSW letter.

37 x SDO detected offences at CSW Sites and other locations around Redruth and Camborne area.

6 x Verbal warnings were given regarding speed.

1 x penalty given for the use of a Mobile Phone.

Dave Langley  
Road Casualty Reduction Officer

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**A BIG  
THANK YOU**  
FROM ME, TO EVERYONE  
INVOLVED







## BLUE LIGHT DAY, ROYAL CORNWALL SHOWGROUND

Wednesday 3rd July

St Teath CSW team were asked if they would like to support Cornwall Blue Light Day. This is a large event that provides an opportunity for adults with learning disabilities and their carers to attend and meet personnel from emergency services and other safety and rescue organisations.

The team arrived at 9.30 to set up their display and very soon afterwards started to meet many visitors. They showed them how their speed monitoring device works and took the opportunity to explain about the importance of keeping safe on the roads. The team handed out lots of leaflets and stickers and even took fingerprints of those who were willing to have them taken! The fingerprint activity was very popular, and visitors were given the opportunity to take them home as a memento of the day and as a reminder of the visit to the CSW stand. The team were also very pleased to meet Cornwall's High Sheriff Sam Galsworthy, who visited and spoke with them about the work of CSW - he even had his fingerprints taken too!

Overall the day was a great success and our huge thanks go to the St Teath Community Speed Watch team for giving up 5 hours of their free time to support this amazing community event.



Cornwall's High Sheriff Sam Galsworthy





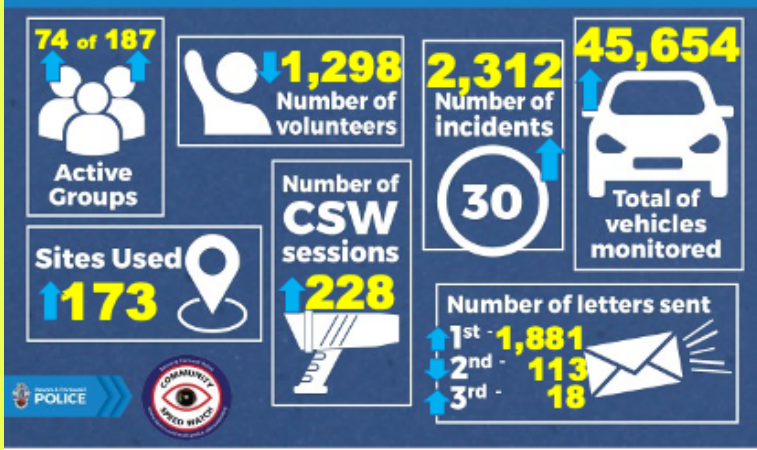
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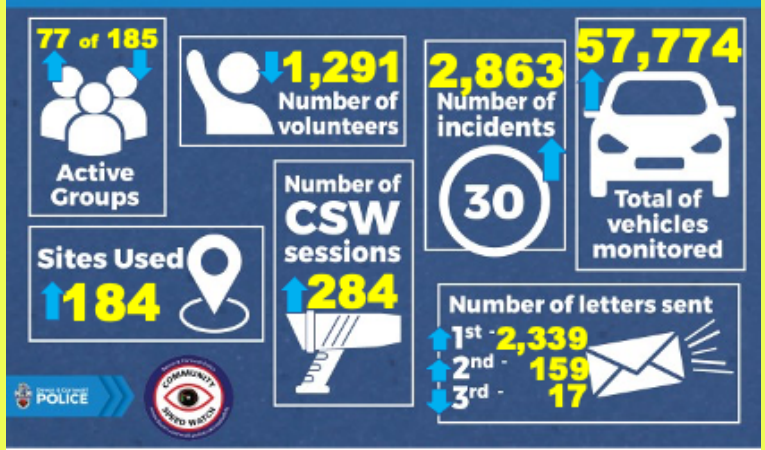
## STATISTICS

April, May & June 2024

### April 2024



### May 2024



### June 2024



**IN JUNE '24  
THE NUMBER  
OF INCIDENTS IN  
CSW AREAS  
REDUCED FROM THE  
PREVIOUS MONTH  
TO 2,231**







## QUARTERLY CO-ORDINATORS TEAMS MEETINGS

After the first successful Co-Ordinators quarterly meeting that we hosted via Microsoft Teams in May we are now busy arranging our next meeting. We are planning to hold it on Tuesday 20th August 2024 1000hrs -1100hrs.

If there are topics you would like to discuss please email the Devon and Cornwall Police CSW team at [speedwatch@dc.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@dc.police.uk)

Invitations for this Teams meeting have been sent out to all registered group co-ordinator's email addresses so if you have not yet received this, please check your junk/spam inboxes.

## CSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conferences are being held on 8th October 2024 at the Royal Cornwall Showground and on the 10th October 2024 at the West Point Arena in Exeter.

Invitations to these events will soon be emailed out to all group co-ordinators at the beginning of August - so please do keep a look out for this invitation (check your spam/junk inboxes too) and we'll look forward to meeting you again soon.







## AND FINALLY...

The Road Safety Trust and Project Edward commissioned Dr Leanne Savigar-Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Policing, Staffordshire University to undertake a survey to assess The Impact of Community Speed Watch on speeding drivers.

The hours Community Speed Watch volunteers give so freely to support the scheme really does make a difference...

### The impact of **Community Speed Watch** on speeding drivers



**66%** agreed that CSW is a useful way of tackling speed.

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**59%** agreed that CSW teams do a good job of keeping communities safe.

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Some drivers criticised the placement, timing and use of technology within CSW but... The majority appreciated its value and called for more activity that is appropriately positioned, unpredictable in nature and communicated clearly/frequently.

**Learning points:**  
Forces should provide a frequent complementary enforcement function to support public perceptions of legitimacy of CSW.  
Implement CSW where data show high speeds.  
Continue CSW in areas used by vulnerable road users and where visibility of the volunteers is high.  
Use appropriate signage and wider communication to inform communities why CSW is taking place in that area.

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