



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT





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2024 has been another fantastic year for Community SpeedWatch in Devon and Cornwall. 3,105 sessions monitoring the speeds of over half a million vehicles is a significant achievement and I remain hugely grateful for all your efforts to reduce road related harm in our communities. You are making a difference. 20,079 first stage letters have been sent out and only 172 drivers have come to notice on a third occasion. Each one of these Stage 3 registered keepers will have been personally visited by our Roads Policing and Armed Policing colleagues and had the letter served. I am sure that the impact of these visits will be a clear opportunity for reflection on their behaviour.

I was delighted to meet many of the coordinators and volunteers at the two Annual Conferences in October which were attended by over 200 people. These are supplemented by Quarterly sessions run locally and I know that Elaine and Amy are exploring how we engage with you going forward in a meaningful and locally relevant way. Please do contribute your thoughts on how we best deliver this. CSW has evolved and those who have been involved in CSW for some time hopefully will recognise the significant steps that have been made to recognise and value the fantastic contribution you make.

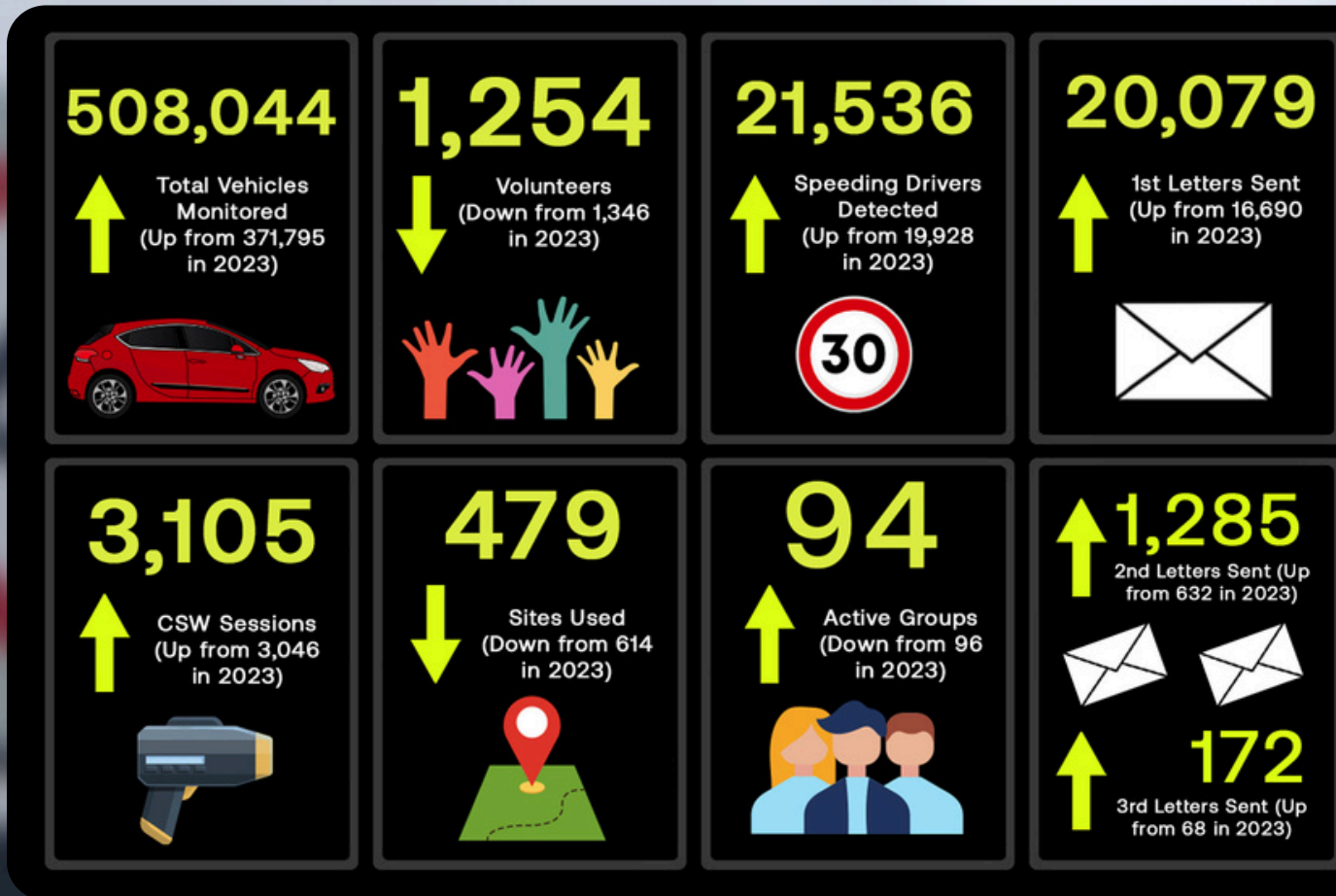
have rolled out about 80 devices. This provides an additional layer of protection for teams and provides vital independent evidence in the extremely rare case of an incident.

Our mobile speed enforcement teams continue to visit and actively enforce alongside CSW teams, including in 20mph limits, providing added accountability to deal with excess speed occurrences.

I am hugely proud of Amy, Elaine, Jane and Theresa, your Devon & Cornwall CSW team, who regularly go above and beyond to support you in your efforts to improve the quality of life in your neighbourhoods. Speeding is one of the most complained about local policing issues and I regularly respond to correspondence to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner. We still, however, have polarised attitudes towards monitoring and enforcement, with some feeling that driving at excess speed is somehow acceptable. I do believe that we are turning a corner, and enforcement sites where we historically would have detected hundreds of offences, now we identify a handful of offenders.

Thank you for all that you do. It is greatly valued by Devon & Cornwall Police.

# CSW Performance Data



## Members Of The D&C Speed Watch Team



**Elaine Fell** – Community Speed Watch Manager  
Cornwall & Plymouth

**Amy Turton** – Community Speed Watch Manager  
Devon & Torbay

**Theresa Garrod** – Community Speed Watch  
Administrator

**Jane Harrington** - Community Speed Watch  
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**Mick Hinton** – CSW Speed Detection Officer

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# Milestones



## Body Worn Video Allocation

Since June 2024 we have been issuing active groups with Body Worn Video devices



# Quarterly Co-ordinator Teams Meetings

In 2024 we saw the introduction of Quarterly CSW Co-ordinator meetings held on Teams. The first meeting was held in May, with further meetings held in August and December.

These have provided us with an opportunity to disseminate messages and updates around what work we have been doing as a Speed Watch Team.

It has also provided co-ordinators with an opportunity to ask any questions they have and to link in with other co-ordinators and share their views and experiences.



# Day Of Action During Road Safety Week

The day of action saw 54 CSW groups carry out monitoring sessions on the 20th November 2024.

A total of 16,054 vehicles were monitored on this day with 647 vehicles reported as speeding – this equates to 4%.

The fastest speed recorded on the day of action was 38mph in a 20mph.



## Conferences



**In 2024 we held our 3rd annual CSW conference.**

This year we focused on getting neighbouring CSW groups sat together along with their local neighbourhood Police Officers and local Speed Detection Officers. We felt it was important for groups to meet other CSW members who are local to themselves and to also help build contacts with local police officers and PCSOs.

We welcomed presentations from the Fire service around their Learn2Live scheme, Cornwall Mobility talking about their older driver scheme and Dave Burrows highlighting Devon and Cornwall Police's Motorcycle engagement activity.



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# Blue Light Day



## Raising awareness of CSW with diverse communities.

July 3rd was Blue Light Day in Cornwall. The St Teath CSW group went along to The Royal Cornwall Showground to raise awareness of the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

It was an opportunity for Adults with learning disabilities and their carers to meet members from the team and having the opportunity to see close up how a monitoring device works.

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## Moving Into The Future

### **VAS Data**

We are currently collating which CSW groups have Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) also known as SID – Speed Indicator device. In 2025 we are going to explore the data that is available to us to help us shape when CSW areas require Speed Enforcement support.

### **Joint operations being planned in Cornwall**

Work is being undertaken to collaborate Community Speed Watch activity in Cornwall with other policing roles to support roads policing objectives. We are hopeful to engage some Community Speed Watch groups to work alongside their local police during one of their monitoring sessions. It is anticipated a speeding registration number will be passed onto uniformed officers, who will be working a short distance away from the CSW group and stop the vehicle to check the driver and vehicle for any further driving offences.



## **Developing better links with Community Policing**

We recognise the importance of support for our CSW groups therefore during 2025 we are going to focus on continuing to build our relationships with Neighbourhood Policing Teams. This will hopefully enable us to have a point of contact for relevant Neighbourhood Teams and the opportunity for us to request messages and good news stories being shared on their social media pages.

### **Recruitment and advertising**

We are exploring new ways to advertise and promote the CSW scheme to the wider public. With the intention of increasing CSW volunteering numbers across Devon and Cornwall. We will be looking at refreshing promotional material and attending venues with high footfall to engage with members of the public to highlight the CSW scheme in a face to face setting – we might be calling upon our existing volunteers to come join us if you feel comfortable doing so.



**Thank You !**

2024 has seen all our CSW members contribute a whopping 8,739 hours of their time monitoring speed in their local communities with a view to trying to make their areas safer for residents and to help change driving behaviours.

Over half a million drivers will have caught sight of a CSW team during their travels around Devon and Cornwall throughout 2024.

2023 saw 5.3% of the total monitored vehicles were exceeding the speed limit, 2024 saw 4.2% of monitored vehicles exceeding the speed limit. A reduction of 1%!! Hopefully this is a good indicator that the work of CSW groups is positively influencing drivers to stay within the advertised speed limits.

We cannot thank you all enough for giving up your time to support the Devon and Cornwall Police Community Speed Watch Scheme.