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2025 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



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Head of Road Safety

In 2025, Community SpeedWatch volunteers completed over 2600 monitoring sessions. This is a fantastic achievement, and I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the significant impact you are having in terms of making roads where you live safer. This could not have been achieved without personal sacrifice, passion, and commitment. The fact that out of 19628 drivers who you observed as exceeding the speed limit, only 158 came to notice on a third occasion. Each one of these Stage 3 notices will have been hand delivered by our colleagues in armed policing, who I am most grateful to, and I am sure that this method of delivery has added to the reflection opportunity!

Where you report high speeds or repeat offending, we work with our intelligence colleagues to follow up. A recent occasion resulted in the driver being arrested for providing a positive drugs test.

Although the collision statistics for 2025 are not published by the Department for Transport (DfT) until late May, we have seen a further reduction in the total number of people killed or seriously injured on Devon & Cornwall's roads. There is still so much more to do, and we have recently seen the publication of the first National Road Safety Strategy in 10 years. The DfT have also launched several consultations which are open for you to contribute your thoughts and observations.

You are a key component in our road safety effort and a highly valued one. I hope that you found the delivery of more local, and intimate, annual recognition events more relevant and engaging, and express my thanks to the team who make all this happen.

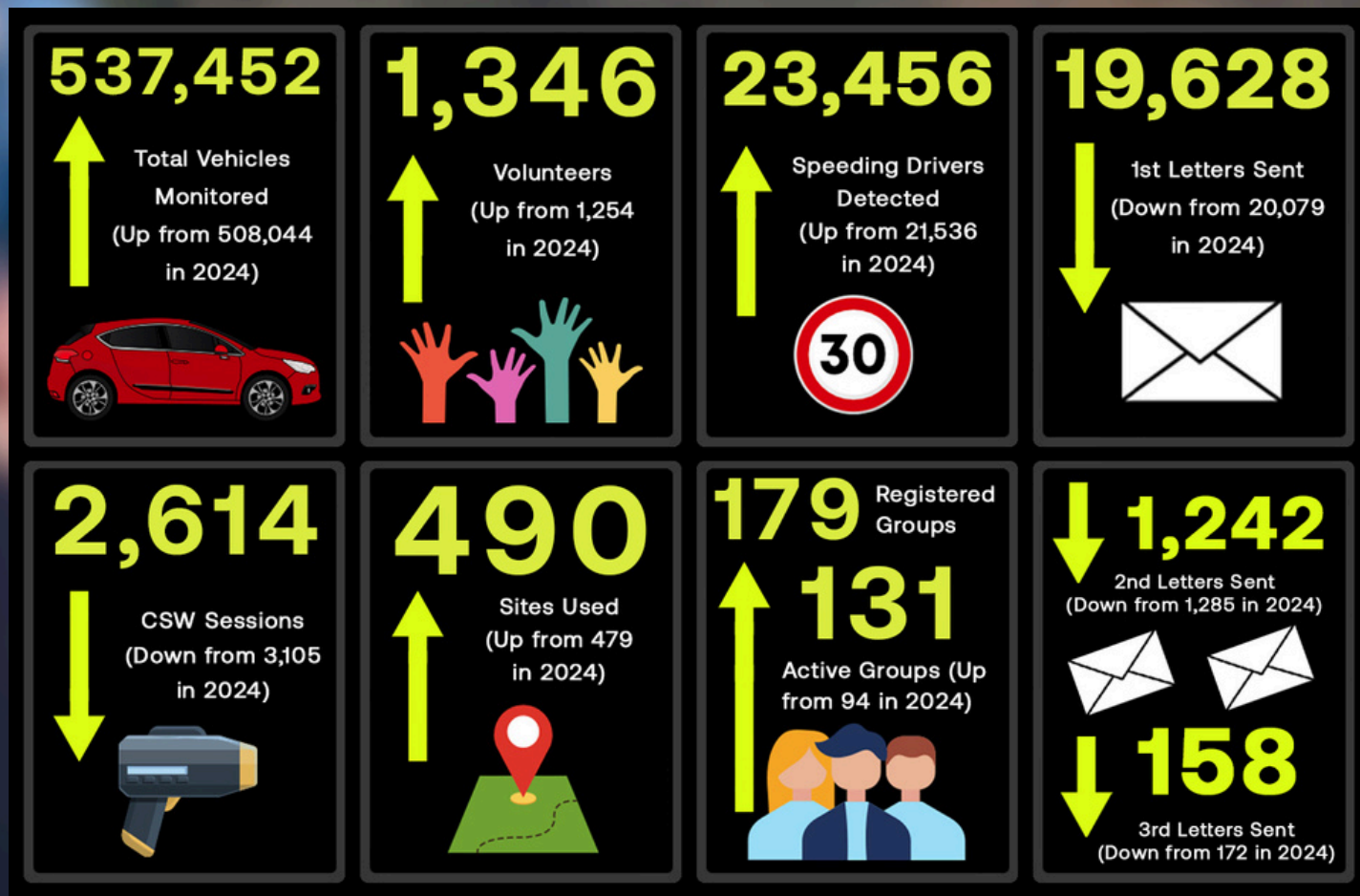
Thank you for all you are doing, it is hugely appreciated



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ANNUAL CSW DATA



SPEED WATCH TEAM MEMBERS

Elaine Fell - Community Speed Watch Manager Cornwall

Theresa Garrod - Community Speed Watch Administrator Cornwall

Mick Hinton - CSW Speed Detection Officer biker Cornwall

Amy Turton - Community Speed Watch Manager Devon

Currently hiring - Community Speed Watch Administrator Devon



MILESTONES

Localised annual CSW events – Sep / Oct / Nov

2025 saw a change to our regional annual CSW events which have been previously held at the Royal Cornwall Showground and Westpoint Exeter. We moved to smaller localised events this year to enable groups to build links with neighbouring groups as well as tailoring conversation and discussion around issues within the areas groups carry out activity.

We were keen to support local venues and caterers therefore most of our events were held at village halls and using independent/small businesses within the vicinity of where the events were being held.

Events saw representatives from our Speed Enforcement team, Local Policing teams and Highways in attendance. There was opportunity for group members to talk with these teams to highlight concerns and to gain advice. This part of the events proved extremely helpful to some groups with regards to understanding working processes for these different teams and how CSW data can contribute to decisions made by these teams.

We spent time providing updates as to what the D&C Speed watch Team had been doing and providing some advice around recruitment and when dealing with abuse during monitoring sessions. We then opened to questions from the groups which allowed for some very fluid conversations involving all the representatives that were in attendance. These conversations also allowed for groups to share their good working practices and some tips on how they try to increase positivity towards CSW on social media and within their towns and villages.



Public engagement sessions

One of our pieces of work for 2025 was to increase our public engagement to help advertise the CSW scheme and to try and help existing groups recruit new members and hopefully set up some brand-new groups.

Our engagement sessions came in all different forms; visits to Garden Centres, Community events such as fetes and partner agency open days, resident meetings and Parish council meetings. We had help from some of the CSW group members and our Speed Detection Officer colleagues at these engagement sessions.



National CSW day of action (11/07/25)

The first National CSW day of action was held on 11th July 2025 in which we saw 18 Police Forces take part. Nationally an estimated 685 CSW sessions were carried out with an estimated 91,314 vehicles passing CSW groups – around 10,150 of these vehicles were monitored speeding.

In Devon and Cornwall 73 CSW sessions were carried out with a total of 15,189 vehicles passing CSW groups - 839 (5.5%) of these vehicles were monitored speeding.

What a fantastic achievement by all of those CSW groups that were able to participate on the day.

It has been confirmed that a National CSW Day of Action will be held again in 2026, we are just awaiting confirmation of the date.





Road Safety week (16/11/25 – 22/11/25)

As in previous years we encouraged and supported CSW groups to carry out Speed monitoring sessions during Brake Road Safety week which ran 16/11/25 to 22/11/25. Brake's focus this year was on Safe vehicles and highlighting the importance of ensuring your vehicle is maintained and road worthy, also highlighting the advantages of using vehicle safety technology that is now becoming the norm in newer cars.

54 speed monitoring sessions were carried out by CSW groups during this week. Ourselves in the Speed Watch Team along with our colleagues from Speed Detection tried to visit as many groups as possible throughout the week to say hello and help with their efforts. Thank you again to the CSW groups for being so actively involved in another Brake Road Safety week, we truly believe CSW presence at the roadside is a positive reminder to all drivers about the importance of adhering to the speed limits.

Excessive speeders

Over the past year we have listened to CSW groups around their concerns with regards to those speeding vehicles that are travelling at excessive speeds.

We have joined forces with one of our intelligence teams that run the Op Dragoon project. This team focus on High risk driving where there is an elevated risk of serious concern of harm. We have implemented a new process which sees details of all speeding vehicles monitored that are flagged as excessively speeding being passed to the Op Dragoon team.

The team will take details from us of excessive speeders and any vehicles that have been reported as speeding by CSW 4 times or more in a rolling 12-month period and will include this information when building an intelligence picture around vehicles that are known to the Police for other matters.

Once they have sufficient information they will task the most appropriate policing team to take positive action.

We have recently been updated by the team to advise that a CSW report of excessive speeding was used as part of an intelligence picture which contributed to a vehicle successfully being stopped by Police and the driver arrested and dealt with for Road Traffic offences which will likely result in their driving licence being revoked.



GOING INTO THE FUTURE

Community Engagement

We will continue to carry out public engagement activity across both counties to shout about the Community Speed watch Scheme and what it can bring to local communities.

Neighbourhood Policing

We are currently continuing to build links with our Neighbourhood Policing teams to see what input they can provide to their local CSW groups. We have had a couple invites already to join Neighbourhood teams at some of their coffee mornings/residents meetings – hopefully we will have more coming.

Parish / Local Councils

We'll be aiming in 2026 to start liaising more closely with Parish/local councils to see if we can expand on CSW recruitment and encourage involvement from them to assist with advertising the scheme wider.



THANK YOU

2025 saw CSW groups in Devon and Cornwall carry out 2614 sessions across the year, at times battling with the ever-changing British weather and also a very hot summer period.

A massive 537,452 vehicles passed by CSW groups during these sessions!

Each year we are ever increasing the number of drivers that catch sight of the CSW volunteers and this will inevitably bring their speeds to the forefront of their minds.

23,456 of these vehicles were monitored and reported to the Devon and Cornwall Speed Watch Team for exceeding the speed limit – this equates to 4.3% of all passing vehicles. Letters were sent out to the Registered Keepers of these vehicles.....some of these keepers even had visits from Police Officers due to repeated speeding occasions and were given appropriate words of advice.

A big Thank You to all the CSW volunteers for the time and effort that you have given to CSW activity throughout 2025 in your communities, whether that be through Speed monitoring sessions or engagement at community events to highlight what the CSW scheme is all about and what it aims to achieve.