



Devon & Cornwall
POLICE



JULY
NEWSLETTER



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HEAD OF ROAD SAFETY

I hope you all are managing to stay cool and healthy during this relentless hot weather, ironic following the relentless rain we all experienced for the first three months of 2026, and all topped off now with a hosepipe ban. The heat has not dampened your enthusiasm for monitoring speeds in your localities with 302 sessions conducted in July alone. Earlier this month the Department for Transport published the latest validated road traffic collision casualty data for 2025. Devon & Cornwall Police area had the largest reduction of all police forces in terms of those killed or seriously injured between 2024 and 2025 and the largest reduction in England between 2016 and 2025. 129 fewer people in 2025 were either killed or left with life changing injuries requiring long term NHS care, which is clear progress.

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This has not happened by coincidence, and every single one of you should feel proud of your individual and group contribution to changing driver and rider behaviour on our roads.

We are so proud of you all, and our dedicated team will continue to support and enable your efforts in continuing to make our streets, towns, and villages a safer place.

It was fantastic to learn of your support to National SpeedWatch day on 15th July, this is something we are looking to receive earlier notification of in future years, enabling us to amplify your efforts more effectively.

Elaine, Amy, and the team are now busily preparing the more intimate local events to celebrate your successes in the Autumn, and please feel free to feedback any items you would like to be considered for discussion.

Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you do, particularly in this challenging hot weather. It is and always will be appreciated.



GROUP UPDATES

WELCOMES & GOODBYES

NEW GROUPS

DEVON:

- Bratton Fleming
- Dartington
- Newton and Noss
- Rockbeare

CORNWALL

- Nansledan
- Plympton

GOODBYES

DEVON:

- Sparkwell
- Barnstaple Old Torrington Road
- Sidmouth Salcombe Hill
- Thorverton
- Exeter West Garth

CORNWALL

- Seaview Terrace



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY - DECEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ROAD SAFTY WEEK :

Road Safety Week 2026 will take place from 15–21 November, with this year's campaign focusing on the theme 'Safe People on the Move'.

FROM BRAKE.ORG.UK :

Safe people on the move: Whether we walk, wheel, ride or drive, we all share our roads when we are on the move.

Whoever we are, and however we travel, by using our roads safely we help to protect ourselves and each other.

Those with the potential to do the most harm must take the greatest responsibility for safeguarding people who are more vulnerable on roads than them.

This Road Safety Week, we'll be learning how we can all be safe when we're on the move. Every journey and every time.

Organised by Brake, the annual campaign will begin on Sunday 15 November, which coincides with the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, and will continue until Saturday 21 November.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

MULTI-AGENCY DAYS & ACTIVITIES

TAVISTOCK MULTI-AGENCY DAY

The day was arranged by PCSO Deborah Hollinson. The local Dartmoor CSW group were invited along to advertise the CSW scheme and try and build their group numbers. Speed Detection Officer Owen Cottom also attended and between the Dartmoor Co-ordinator and Owen they both answered lots of questions around speeding. It was a very busy day but the main feedback was that there was a lot of positivity from the public that were spoken to, who were all pleased with the efforts being made to try and improve road safety.



BRAUNTON + KNOWLE

Braunton and Knowle CSW attended their local village fair to spread the word about the CSW scheme and to try and recruit some new members. They enjoyed some sunny weather and had some positive chats with local residents.

CLYST VALLEY + YETTINGTON

The Clyst Valley and Yettington CSW groups were out bright and early at 7am on 09/07/26 and were joined by a couple of our Special constable Speed Detection Officers to carry out some speed enforcement alongside the CSW group in the Clyst St Mary area. This was put together by the co-ordinator of the Clyst Valley group. It was said to be an enjoyable and productive morning with the CSW groups having an opportunity to ask questions about enforcement and take a look at the laser devices that the SDOs use.

Both Clyst Valley and Yettington have had some of their group members join the other group to help bolster numbers and provide support for their neighbouring groups which is really positive to see.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT RECOGNITION & AWARDS

PERRANWELL CSW

Perranwell CSW Co-Ordinator Stuart Douglas is being formally recognised for the commitment he has given to Community Speed Watch within his community.

He has been nominated by a Cornwall Councillor who is new to the Perranwell area, to receive a Cornwall Civic Award on 23rd July at County Hall, Truro.

The Cornwall Civic Awards celebrate individuals and organisations who make outstanding contributions to their local communities across Cornwall.

Well done Stuart, and we'll look forward to hearing about the event in our next newsletter!

If you know of other CSW volunteers who go above and beyond in their communities, and would like their work recognised, please email us with details to speedwatch@dc.police.uk and we'll put their names in the spotlight too!

NEWS

NO MOT/TAX UPDATE

NO MOT / TAX UPDATE :

From your CSW monitoring sessions the details of those speeding vehicles which CSW online are showing as having no MOT or Tax are now being monitored and actively used by another policing department leading to positive action being taken.

Whilst we are unable to share specific details, we have been informed there have been a few recent successes which have led to vehicles being stopped by police officers, drivers processed accordingly with the vehicles being subsequently MOT'd and Taxed. Your speed watch sessions are making a valuable contribution towards intelligence led policing. ***Thank you!***

ANNUAL GET TOGETHER MEETINGS :

Amy and Elaine are in the process of arranging dates for our annual get together meetings.

The localised events proved successful last year and the feedback received by those who attended last year are keen to continue with them. If you have any topics for discussion that you would like covered at these events then please email us with details - speedwatch@dc.police.uk

Please keep an eye out for future communications from us about them.

NATIONAL CSW DAY

15TH JULY 2026 -THANK YOU!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

A big shout out to all the groups who were able to turn out on this National Day of Action (and to those groups who were not able to get out on the day, but put an extra session in during the week to support us).

Amy, Elaine and the Speed Detection Officers had a fantastic day visiting as many volunteers as possible and we send our thanks on to each and every one of you for your continued support and commitment to reducing speed and improving road safety.

NUMBERS

44 PARTICIPATING GROUPS

62 SESSIONS HELD

495 SPEEDERS RECORDED

12,469 PASSING VEHICLES

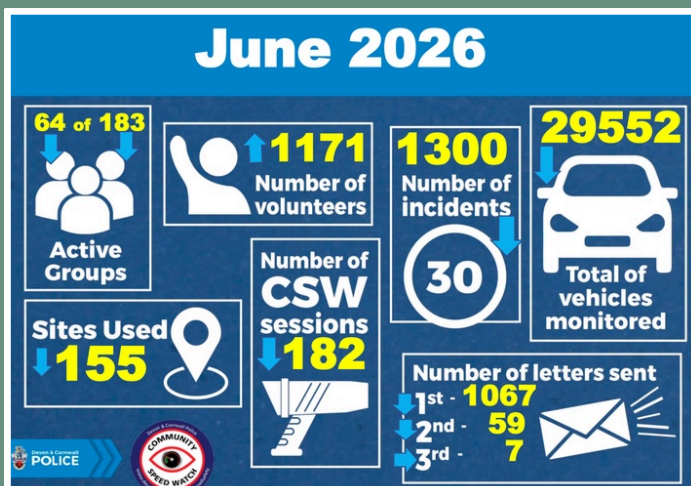
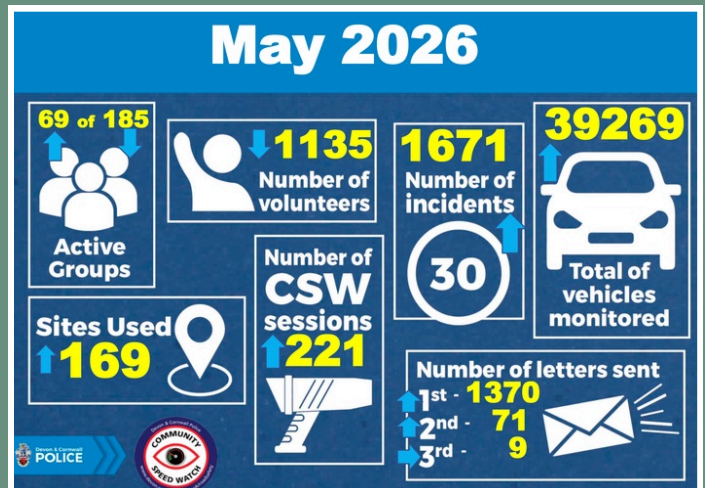
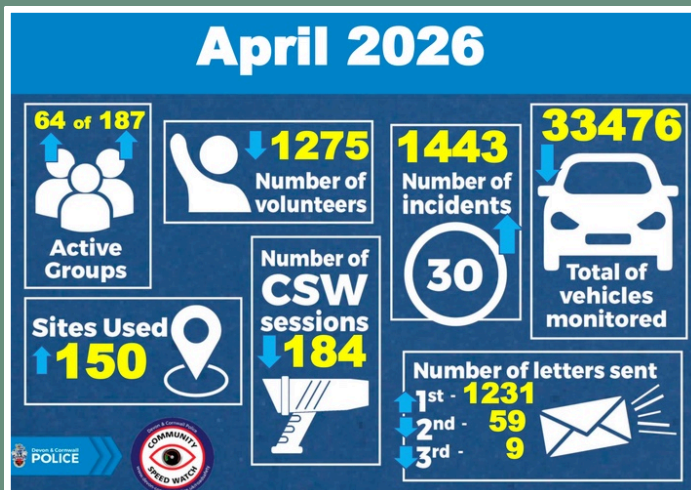
These numbers speak for themselves – 12,469 vehicles will have seen a CSW group at some point throughout the National CSW day which is fantastic as we know that visibility alone has a really positive impact.

Out of all the vehicles that passed a CSW group during the day just 3.9% of them were recorded as speeding. When we have the UK wide data for the National CSW day we will share this with you all.

A big thank you to everyone who was able to play a part during this day, it really is appreciated by us here within Devon and Cornwall Police.

MONTHLY STATS

APRIL, MAY & JUNE



CSW GROUPS IN ACTION

SPEEDWATCHING JULY 2026



BLACKWATER



CALSTOCK PARISH



KENWYN



CLYST ST MARY



EXBOURNE



LANNER



LAUNCESTON



LOOE



MARSH GATE & TRESPARRET



NEWQUAY TREVARRIAN



MINIONS

CSW GROUPS IN ACTION

SPEEDWATCHING JULY 2026



PLYMPTON



REDRUTH



WIDEMOUTH BAY



ROUSDEN

