

Community Speed Watch



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Speed Watch is a scheme that empowers and involves entire communities in our quest to drive down the speeds of vehicles in limits of 40mph and below.

Speed Watch involves members of the local community, and aims to engage and educate drivers rather than give fines and court appearances. Using a staged warning system, first time offenders will receive education and warnings, persistent offenders can expect further police action and even a court appearance.

Teams of police volunteers and/ or police officers/ police community support officers will stand at the side of the road monitoring traffic. Speeding vehicles will be recorded, and warning letters will be sent to the vehicle owner together with educational information.

Persistent offenders will receive a further warning letter, and possibly a visit from their local neighbourhood policing team to deliver some words of advice. Persistent offenders that ignore the warnings will not receive any further letters, but will be given a fixed penalty ticket or summonsed to court should the circumstances allow.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers are inducted through our Police Volunteer Programme (PVP). All prospective volunteers are required to complete the PVP application process which includes vetting and for certain roles, health assessment clearance.

- All CSW volunteers will undergo full training from our Speed Watch co-ordinator and will be provided with reflective jackets, signs, stationery and a speed detection device (depending on location and availability). They will be supported by a police officer (PVP support manager) and covered by the force liability insurance.

It is not expected that PVP Volunteers will work a minimum or a set number of hours, we appreciate any time that can be given to the scheme. A few PVP volunteers are given additional training and responsibility in the police station, to administer the process that produces the warning letters.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteer please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@hemyock.org or telephone 680968 to register your interest.