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How do I start a scheme in my community?

If you and other members of your community think that speeding traffic has a dangerous or anti-social impact in your neighbourhood and you would like to take an active role in speed monitoring, then forming a group is a good next step.

A scheme requires a minimum of six volunteers who will be trained by police in the use of speed monitoring equipment, health and safety and how to manage enquiries by motorists and/or other members of the public.

To find out more about establishing a new Community Speed Watch scheme, or to see if there is an existing scheme, contact your local **Casualty Reduction Officer** on **0845 125 2222**.

Contacting Surrey Police.

For non-emergency calls or to contact your local police officer call **0845 125 2222*** or **01483 571212**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Always dial **999** in an emergency.

* The cost of calls from landlines and mobiles may vary. Surrey Police does not profit from the provision of this number.



Community Speed Watch

Taking action to help keep your community safe

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What is the Community Speed Watch scheme?

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a locally driven initiative where active members of the community, with the support of the police and the local authority, monitor speeds of vehicles at specific locations using speed detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles that exceed the speed limit are sent letters advising them of the speed that the vehicle was driven at with the aim of educating them, changing their behaviour and reducing their speed.

Speeding vehicles through a community is normally raised as a neighbourhood issue at a public meeting or through contact with the local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Neighbourhood officers will discuss the problem with a Surrey Police Casualty Reduction Officer, who will monitor traffic through identified locations and report back to the community about the seriousness of the problem. Collecting this evidence is crucial in setting up a scheme.

If the evidence shows a significant problem, police will target the area wherever possible. But they will also ask the community if they would like to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme which allows greater flexibility in monitoring the situation and enables the community to target vehicles when they want to, and not just when the police have available resources.

Once a scheme is in place, fully trained volunteers can identify vehicles which are speeding and record the details in a special log book. This is forwarded to Surrey Police who will cross reference the recorded information with that held by the DVLA before obtaining the registered keepers' details and sending out a warning letter. If there is a persistent problem with a particular motorist, police will target the driver of that vehicle and, if appropriate, take further action.

How does Community Speed Watch work?



Is Community Speed Watch effective?

Community Speed Watch has been very successful not only in Surrey, but in other areas of the country as well. CSW has had a significant impact in re-educating motorists regarding speed and raised their awareness of the impact that anti-social driving has on communities. Schemes have also reduced the threat of safety to individuals, particularly very young people and the elderly. Communities have also reported a much improved environment and a greater feeling of safety.

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What equipment is provided and what does it cost?

Surrey Police will provide the speed measuring equipment, training, safety jackets, roadside signage, clipboards and the log books. Initial funding will be provided through sponsorship and partner agencies and funds for subsequent equipment will be dealt with on a scheme by scheme basis.

Is taking part in Community Speed Watch dangerous?

Experience so far has shown that the vast majority of drivers either support, or are neutral to CSW volunteers. Confrontation with drivers is very rare, and our training will cover how to deal with such situations.

Volunteers taking part in Community Speed Watch under the direction and control of Surrey Police will be covered by public liability, employer's liability and personal accident insurance.