



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities. It contributes to the severity of road traffic collisions and increases the impact on the lives of people in the community.

Community SpeedWatch is a traffic monitoring scheme coordinated by Thames Valley Police in partnership with local councils and other stakeholders, but managed and run by neighbourhood teams and community volunteers.

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How it works

Watches can only operate in areas up to a 40 mph speed limit. Community volunteers work alongside TVP officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit.

Registration numbers are entered onto a database which produces a letter informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit and asking them not to do so in the future.

If the same registration number is logged in another Watch anywhere within Thames Valley, the owner will receive another letter advising them that if they are caught a third time, the information will be passed onto Roads Policing, who may take further action.

Speed detection operations

Locations are suggested by the community. A neighbourhood Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer will then risk assess the location.

Volunteers must be over 18 years of age (a minimum of 6 per scheme). Depending on the type of role they wish to undertake, they may need to go through a vetting process which can take approximately three months and specialist training. Roadside volunteers are issued high visibility jackets, roadside signs and are trained to use the equipment and record the information. Confirmation of £5 million public liability insurance for roadside working must be included on the Parish Councils insurance cover.

For more information about starting a scheme, equipment or becoming a volunteer, contact your local neighbourhood police officer via Thames Valley Police call centre number 08458 505 505

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