



- ◆ Is a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in.
- ◆ Has an impact on the lives of people within local communities.
- ◆ Contributes to the severity of any road traffic collision.
- ◆ Suffolk Constabulary are committed to working with Road Safety partners to achieve casualty reduction targets, and "reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads"
- ◆ The Constabulary aim to provide the right level of reassurance and enforcement, but officers cannot carry out speed enforcement checks in every community that wants them on a regular basis. This is where working together can help.
- ◆ We need to enhance our existing methods and want to include the community by recruiting volunteers to be part of our Community Speed Watch initiative.

Community Speed Watch

HOW IT WORKS:

Trained volunteers verify and record the registration numbers of offending vehicles.

These details are forwarded to the Constabulary who will send offenders a letter.

A maximum of two letters will be sent to offenders.

Persistent offenders may be targeted for police enforcement.

Follow-up work on education and enforcement by Suffolk Constabulary and our partners will also take place as appropriate.

JOIN COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

If you are interested in setting up a scheme in your town or village or joining an existing scheme:

Email Suffolk: communityspeedwatch@suffolk.police.uk



**Working Together to
Make our Communities
Safer**



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What is Community Speed Watch?

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

The aim of the CSW initiative is to address the problem of speeding through a partnership of the police, the local community, parish councils and other partners.

The aim of the initiative is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible.

It is to reduce speed in areas of concern, make drivers aware that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods.

Police forces across the country implementing Community Speed Watch can show a reduction in overall average speeds and a significant reduction in drivers travelling well above the speed limit.

Together we can make a difference

Summary Of Scheme

There must be a minimum of six volunteers in each CSW scheme.

Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and will be subject to a vetting procedure

Speed checks must be conducted by a minimum of three volunteers.

Volunteers will be required to sign a CSW agreement.

Each CSW scheme must have a co-ordinator to be responsible for the equipment and administration.

The Parish or local Council must support the scheme.

The locations for monitoring are chosen by the scheme, however before approval the site will be risk assessed by a trained member of the Constabulary.

Training for volunteers will include use of the equipment and health and safety issues.

The cost of training volunteers, risk assessing potential sites and ongoing administration is borne by the Constabulary.

Volunteers will be covered by the Constabulary's insurance, although parishes are advised to notify their insurer of their CSW scheme.

The Constabulary will, where possible, provide a full set of equipment to conduct CSW activities.

The aim is to encourage drivers to choose to drive at or below the speed limit.

A maximum of two letters will be sent to the same registered keeper. After this, the vehicle details will be circulated for targeted police intervention



What are the Benefits?

- ◆ **Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions**
- ◆ **Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users**
- ◆ **Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers**
- ◆ **Raise awareness of anti-social road use**