



Community Speed Watch – your questions answered

1.0 What is Community Speedwatch?

CSW is a national initiative where members of communities, in partnership with the police, use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds.

2.0 What's the aim?

The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings, police can prosecute them. The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Community Speed Watch (CSW) aims to encourage safer driving, to reduce accidents, and to eliminate deaths – Vision Zero.

3.0 Is it just about speeding?

No. CSW volunteers are also looking out for people not wearing seatbelts or using mobile phones.

4.0 So does CSW take people to court?

Community Speedwatch does not result in prosecution itself and volunteers are not involved in any direct action. However, if a persistent speeding driver is identified through the scheme, police can use this evidence to take action against them if required. If there is a persistent general speeding issue where highway improvements are required (eg speedbumps), the relevant agency will be contacted.

5.0 Does CSW work locally?

Yes. The Liskeard CSW Group operates at: East Taphouse, Dobwalls, Doublebois, Liskeard (3), St Ive (2), Pensilva (3) Fore Down (2) and Widegates. Other groups operate throughout the country.

6.0 What do I have to do if I join?

Firstly, you need to register. Registration is online and simple. You then go on to take online theory training, and following successful completion, members are contacted, to take part in practical training (speed monitoring), including equipment use.

Each observation (which only takes place in dry weather conditions) lasts for one hour, with a full team briefing / debriefing, and agreement reached on next activity date and time. You can choose frequency of involvement, which ideally would be at least six times per year.

Teams are made up of a minimum of two members (preferably three, and no more than four). This is an opportunity for individuals to contribute to the safety of their community.

7.0 How can I find out more?

Join us! Volunteers receive training, and neighbourhood policing team staff will support them.

Full details of how Community Speed Watch operates can be found at:
<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org> or search online for 'Cornwall speedwatch'

It's helpful if you live in Menheniot parish to let us know if you're interested in signing up. Please tell us by contacting either:

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