



Community



Derbyshire Constabulary

Standing **Together**



## Foreword

Around five people die every day on roads in the UK while 82 are seriously injured. It's a – disappointing - fact that excess speed is a key contributory fact in many of them. Our residents are right to be concerned about reckless and dangerous drivers passing by their homes – it puts their lives and the lives of other road users at risk. As Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, I will listen and take the action they ask for to hold these drivers to account and to make our roads the safe place they should be.

Just a small amount above the speed limit, or driving inappropriately for the weather conditions, increases the risk of a fatal or serious collision. I know those who live and work in Derbyshire want to see speeding or dangerous drivers punished for their actions and I will make sure the force has the resources necessary to deliver justice. But equally, they know the importance of education in changing driving conduct and making habitually irresponsible drivers think twice about putting people's lives in jeopardy. Currently, almost 800 volunteers across Derbyshire regularly support roads policing officers through Community Speedwatch activities. I am inspired by the passion and support shown by residents and look forward to empowering many more people to get involved in the future.

There is absolutely no doubt that community-driven crime prevention works. The number of fatal and serious casualty collisions in Derbyshire has shown a general decline in recent years, and I know there is an appetite for further localised monitoring in the future. I intend as Commissioner to ensure we are exhausting all efforts to promote and remind drivers of their moral responsibilities behind the wheel. By working together for the good of all road users, we will continue to make a difference and keep our roads safe for future generations.

Victims and witnesses of crime will remain my primary focus during my tenure, and I would like to thank you for the role you are about to play in supporting this work. Your visibility and commitment to road safety will not only reduce risk but will also challenge what is perceived as acceptable behaviour among some drivers and bring about permanent transformation.



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**Nicolle Ndiweni**  
Police and Crime Commissioner

## Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Derbyshire Community Speed Watch is a scheme that enables groups of trained volunteers to directly contribute to reducing the problem of speeding vehicles on local roads. It is clear that speeding is a daily source of concern for a number of communities not only in terms of its potential to kill and seriously injure others but also the anti-social levels of noise and increased pollution it creates.

By working in partnership the police and local community can, in identifying and dealing with speeding motorists, make a real contribution towards reducing the incidence of speeding, thereby improving the quality of life for all.

## How does it work

A local community, having identified a speeding problem, contacts their Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) with a view to a CSW group being formed. Details of these teams can be found on the Derbyshire Police website.

The SNT then contacts the CSW team and verifies that the location and nature of offending is suitable for a scheme together with the fact that there are sufficient volunteers.

The group is then trained after which:

- Groups of trained volunteers carry out high visibility speed checks at approved locations
- Details of speeding vehicles are then forwarded to the CSW Team who verify the details and enter them onto a central database

- The registered owner is then sent an advisory/warning letter notifying them that they have been recorded speeding and that their details will be held pending any further incidents of them exceeding the speed limit.
- This can include a personal visit by a Police Officer to deliver the letter dependent upon the circumstances.

## Funding

While no funding is available from Derbyshire Constabulary for the purchase of kits, there are several sources where funding and kit can be obtained, details of these will be provided upon request.

## Who can volunteer

Any person aged 18 or over can volunteer for CSW on the understanding that they will receive training, though as volunteers will be unable to claim any form of payment or expenses.

Each group of volunteers should appoint a Group Co-ordinator who will receive any updates about the CSW scheme including carrying out core functions before and after each session. Whilst not onerous this position is crucial to the effective running of the scheme as they will be the first point of contact for the group and ensure that rules and regulations are complied with.

## Benefits

- Deters incidence of speeding at the location and immediate area at the time of sessions taking place.
- Enables advisory/warning letters to be sent to those recorded as speeding.

- Provides direct evidence of a speeding problem that can be utilised by Police enforcement and other agencies.
- Provides an opportunity for local communities to take a direct and positive stand against speeding.
- Due to it being volunteer lead the scheme provides the clearest sign that the community is no longer willing to tolerate speeding.
- Directly contributes towards speeding becoming socially unacceptable.


## Summary

The scheme is truly ground breaking with hundreds of volunteers already involved throughout Derbyshire. Should you or your community be suffering from speeding then don't suffer in silence or rely on the actions of others.

Instead contact your local SNT and begin the journey to enjoying the potential benefits of a CSW group in your area.



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