

# Decelerate.

## Community Speedwatch

### Newsletter # 2

Welcome to the 2nd<sup>t</sup> newsletter from your TVP Community Speedwatch co-ordinator for;

*Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. (TVP)*



Hi everyone,

Firstly can I apologise for the lateness of the second edition of this newsletter. With the evaluation of the pilot scheme and the ongoing expressions of interest in this exciting new venture, my time has been limited to edit and produce this newsletter.

The new PCC, Police Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber has fully endorsed the introduction of the project and its continuation, following the end of the pilot period in September.



With the reintroduction of CSW within the force since April, two styles of CSW have been operating.

There is the old style of which everyone is familiar and a new Pilot scheme running in two areas. Buckinghamshire have been on the pilot the longest, with results showing that the platform is working. The second pilot in Oxfordshire is still in its infancy with numerous teams joining.

Now that the pilot scheme has been evaluated, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shown an interest and your patience of having to commence activities under an old system.

## GOOD NEWS

The pilot scheme has been running since April 2021 and has proven to be a platform of which individuals and the Police are able to work seamlessly. To that end, I am pleased to announce that the new platform will now be rolled out across Thames Valley within the next 3 months. As of 01<sup>st</sup> October 2021, Thames Valley Police will slowly migrate users of the old system onto the new platform.



The use of CSW signage has been raised. The position as going forward will be as follows.

Villages/towns are able to use signage that makes road users aware of an area being active in the CSW scheme. The signs can either be placed on entry to a village or town and be permanent, fixed to existing road side furniture or a single sign that must be placed between 15-20m prior to the activity taking place.

The old and very heavy 'A' frames can still be used. These will not be replaced by TVP when they come to their end of use. These signs remain the property of TVP until that end of use comes into effect. However, they may be recalled at any time.

All prices are FROM;

A 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Wall mount Signs 600mm x 215mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on reflective yellow background £31.74

B 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Wall mount Signs 1000mm x 360mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on reflective yellow background £68.53

C 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Wall mount Signs 300mm x 420mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on reflective yellow background £30.18

D 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Wall mount Signs 420mm x 600mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on reflective yellow background £48.93

E 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Post mount Signs 600mm x 215mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on reflective yellow background £49.84

F 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Post mount Signs  
1000mm x 360mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white  
on reflective yellow background £102.70

G 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Post mount Signs  
300mm x 420mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on  
reflective yellow background £43.22

H 1 = 3mm aluminium composite Community Speedwatch Post mount Signs  
600mm x 215mm with radius corners and laminated digital print in black / white on  
reflective yellow background £60.78

Stainless steel clips for above are from £3.00

The dimensions of the signs are those that would conform to TVP Community  
speed watch protocols.

These prices quoted from Sign Wizzard Aylesbury.

Other sign makers in the Thames Valley may quote differently.

**AUTHORISATION MUST BE SOUGHT FROM YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY OR  
PARISH PRIOR TO PURCHASING, REGARDING FIXING TO EXISTING  
ROADSIDE FURNITURE.**

## **EQUIPMENT**

We strongly recommended that each group/village/team purchase their own  
equipment. This allows flexibility of the teams to undertake activities as and when  
they see fit. It takes away the potential scenario that equipment not being available

The PCC, Matt Barber is in the process of securing, short-term loan start-up kits for  
new areas that are waiting for funds to be made available to purchase equipment.  
These will be available, on a loan period of up to 6 months only, once loaned you  
cannot request to loan again. This will enable other teams starting up in the TVP  
area to get started as soon as possible.

1, **Use of hand held devices;** TVP will now support the use of such devices due to the  
cost implications that static devices were costing, therefore impeding smaller communities  
from being able to use the scheme.

Only **NON HOME OFFICE APPROVED** devices can be used. The likes of Laser LTI 20/20  
and SPEEDAR devices are **NOT** to be used within the scheme. An example of such an  
approved device, and there are others, would be a Bushnell 101911 radar gun, which is  
currently selling online around £160 online. There is however one caveat, the use of a  
device called **pocket radar** will not be sanctioned. This is due to the increased ability of  
operators to misuse the equipment.

2, **Insurance;** Providing each scheme has signed a service level agreement and had  
undergone the relative training, then the TVP insurance will be in place. This has a liability  
of £50M, far higher than that of a small parish being able to obtain. On the new scheme  
the platform will enable each location to be certified and thus creating the service level  
agreement to the group.

### The Vision.

All community speed watch activities across Thames Valley Police are aligned in the implementation and administration of the scheme.

All community speed watch activities are carried out in accordance with Policy, procedure and the best intentions of the community volunteers.

Members of the community are happy with the education process and potential targeting of persistent offenders.

**CHECK  
YOUR  
SPEED**  
CHILDREN  
LIVE HERE!!

## Some of the Evaluation Results.

	Old	new
Flexibility of speed watch groups	x	😊
Stats available to groups within 24hrs	x	😊
Communications between group members	x	😊
Online training (all trained to same standard)	x	😊
Online support	x	😊
Reduction in back office activity	x	😊
Partner agencies information sharing	x	😊
Activity known to police control rooms (daily)	x	😊

Kind Regards

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