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Community Speedwatch

Newsletter # 5

Welcome to the 5th newsletter from your TVP Community Speedwatch co-ordinator for;

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. (TVP)



Hi everyone.

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting your local Community. CSW has become a part of community life, enabling every day to be as safe as possible for those who live and work within. Since the start of this online platform, interest has grown and continues to do so. Within the Thames Valley Police area there are over 1900 volunteers who have joined the CSW community. Once again I thank you all.



The new platform for CSW has been giving individual results back to those who are involved or have a vested interest. Your statistics are available from within the individual group platform.

Yes, we have seen a great take-up of the platform, with 280 groups now registered on the system. We still have a little way to go.

Thames valley Police, along with other Police forces have different procedures and protocols. The strategic governance board within Thames Valley meet on a quarterly basis, where issues are addressed. Thames Valley work alongside Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary in an operations capacity. However, the two police forces do not run off the same platforms for CSW.

Equipment

The PCC, Matt Barber continues funding, enabling loan kits for new groups. These will now be available on a permanent loan basis. The individual group must show use of the equipment, otherwise they will be reclaimed and distributed to another group. Once loaned you cannot request to loan a second device.

There are many new devices coming onto the market and we are trying to keep abreast of these. However, I must stress that should your group wish to purchase any new device would you kindly make contact with me in the first instance. Some devices are NOT sanctioned for TVP CSW use. Your intended purchase may therefore be a costly outlay when the device cannot be used.

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 for around £160-£200 online. The likes of Sentinel from Unipar and ASWC from Westcotec are sanctioned for use with the Thames valley Police area. 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.

Issues arising.

Most of these have been raised before but need to be reiterated.



Why is the System showing 'No letters' sent?

The system will only show the words 'reported to TVP', this is due to TVP not using the lettering system of CSW online. All those vehicles that you record come into TVP letter system and their administration is carried out by us.



Where are the TVP roadside documents?

When you open the system and your co-ordinator books a session, the TVP roadside form will now be available as a pdf file at the bottom of the page. I am sorry that this has taken a while to establish. The CSW online document, has been superseded with TVPs official document. It is different from the old one. However, it is set out in evidence procedure (importance) in which the data has to be collected.



Is there a list of Thames Valley Speedwatch protocols?

TVP has just had its second full year of the platform and has been a learning curve for us all, the platform is subscribed to by TVP. However, TVP has its own protocols, as does every other police force across the country.

The protocols are posted in the TVP platform of CSW online. Their exact Location within is; 'Help'-'Documents'-'Policies'-Briefings and Protocols'.



What does TVP insurance cover?

Providing each scheme has signed up on the system and have undergone the relevant online training, only then will 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 a service level

agreement to the group. **The insurance is only in place once CSW activities are in progress and providing that the group has pre- booked using the websites calendar system.**

It does Not cover the equipment whilst it is stored.



Is the signage of Community Speedwatch mandatory or advisory?

The signage, under all CSW rules state that this MUST be in place during the CSW period of monitoring. As per the newsletters #2 and 3. The siting of fixed signage falls to either the local parish or the county highways division.



Do we have to use tally counters to record all vehicles?

Recording the amount of vehicles going through the CSW location at the time enables the percentage of excess speed to be analysed. Should you only record excess speed you would show that 100% of all vehicles are offending when the true offenders may only be 1 or 2%. Should this be the case it would therefore be inappropriate to have officers and parishioners thinking that the issue is worse than it really is, or visa-versa.



What is the letter procedure?

In terms of the operation, a motorist can receive three graduated letters over a rolling six month period; any further transgressions will lead to a visit by a Roads Policing Officer to discuss driving behaviour. If a motorist is 50% over the specified limit, they will automatically receive an Excess 50% letter, explaining potential police action if the speeding occurrence had been carried out by a Police Officer. If the motorist is detected at twice the specified speed limit, it will be flagged for a Roads Policing visit as soon as possible.



How can I get access to a copy of one of the letters?

A sanitised copy of one of the letters can be requested from me via email. However, the incorrect way to do this is by registering your own vehicle as going through a speed monitoring session. This has many implications. It is against the law to furnish Police with false information. We, the police have a duty of retaining data under GDPR regulations. If we hold incorrect data this puts the integrity of the whole system under scrutiny, we simply cannot be put in this position. Upon finding this had occurred, sanctions were applied and any further breaches of this will result in those individuals being removed from the platform.

The letters are however being revised, production will coincide with a new processing system when it becomes live. The revised letter format will not be available until the new process has commenced.



Why can't we carry out Speedwatch in 50mph limits?

Community speed watch has always had safety at the forefront of the its operations. Should a vehicle be travelling at speeds above 50mph the likelihood of the registration number being gathered correctly greatly reduces. Taking into account the mandatory allowance of 10%+2, vehicles would not be recorded until 58mph. In addition, being at the roadside with speeds of this nature, operators are susceptible to the backdraft of a vehicle, which in turn would pull the operator in the direction of the carriageway itself. I am sorry but there will not any authorised 50mph locations.

Signs



I have been informed, prices have increased recently, however being kept to a minimum. These signs available from, Sign Wizzard, Aylesbury. There are **Other** sign makers in the Thames Valley area.

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

A FEW TVP SPEEDWATCH RESULTS

PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED NEW TVP CSW SCHEME.	= 1,900+
SITES APPROVED ACROSS TVP	= 1,461
ROADSIDE SESSIONS IN HOURS	= 4,177
OPERATOR HOURS ACROSS TVP	= 11,930
LETTERS SENT (last 12 months)	= 50,487
VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH CSW SYSTEM	= 535,064
VEHICLES REPORTED TO DVLA FOR NO TAX	= 1,049
Percentage of NON re-offenders after receiving 1 st letter	= 94.84%

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT. 😊

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!!**

Kind Regards

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IT'S NOT WORTH THE RISK

