



Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities around Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It can be a factor in road traffic collisions and impacts on the day-to-day lives of people in the local community.

### **What is Community Speed Watch?**

Community Speed Watch is a scheme that enables members of the public to volunteer alongside Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary to monitor the speed of traffic passing through their area and identify vehicles which exceed the speed limit. Each scheme is run by the volunteers and managed and supported by their local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### **How does it work?**

Volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic. The volunteers manually collect details at the roadside of speeding vehicles and pass this onto Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police. Vehicle checks are undertaken by the police and entered onto a database. The registered keeper of the vehicle will then be sent an educational letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit and the impact their actions have on the local Community. If the same registration number is logged again within 2 years, the registered vehicle keeper will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

Community Speed Watch is not enforcement, it is education.

Community Speed Watch is used throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in circumstances that are necessary, reasonable and proportionate to:

- Improving the quality of life for local communities by increasing their confidence and satisfaction in the way speeding issues are dealt with
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed
- Reduce death and injury on roads
- Empower local people to take action on local issues

### **How can I join?**

If you can spare a few hours each month to take part in the roadside Speed Watch sessions, we would love to hear from you.

To obtain further information or request an application form, you can send an email to: [Speedwatch@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:Speedwatch@hampshire.police.uk)