

Community Speed Watch Bulletin

OP DRAGOON Targeting Repeat Offenders

Many of you will have heard of OP Dragoon, which is the targeting by No Excuse officers of motorist who repeatedly offend on our roads.

Op Dragoon deals with bad/inconsiderate drivers from across Dorset and the intelligence to do so includes that from CSW teams. The 375 Standard Dragoon letters had delivered by officers, includes drivers detected 4 times or more by CSW. One person reported by CSW is now an Op Dragoon target. An officer will continue to actively monitor him, and if he doesn't improve his behaviour arrest him accordingly. Officers have arrested 66 such people in the last year.

The team receive over 15,000 pieces of intelligence annually and have to prioritise their resources to the areas where there is the highest possibility of threat risk or harm, so please understand if officers are unavailable to undertake routine speed monitoring in your area. This is why CSW is so important to us.

Brian Austin

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BUSHNELL ON TRIAL

Operating instructions are being drawn up for the use of the Bushnell detector with LED screen. Thank you to the team at Winterborne Whitechurch who have been trying it out. We've had some teething troubles but we're still keen to get more of these out to you so that motorists speed can be displayed.



TESCO COMMUNITY FUND

Well done to Broadstone CSW. This week they received a cheque from Tesco for £2000 towards the operation of their team and the purchase of equipment.

SAFE PRACTICE - BE SAFE BE SEEN - To ensure your safety and that of other road users, always operate in accordance with the force risk assessment, a copy of which should be held by your co-ordinator/pcso. In addition you should only operate from sites that have been assessed and approved by your NPT or a member of Dorset Road Safe.

I have recently received complaints, albeit from those that you've probably caught, referring to volunteers leaning into the highway or standing too close to the edge of the pavement. This can be considered a distraction to drivers and all team members are asked to stand well back from the side of the road. If you do not have a clear line of sight, the site may need to be reassessed

I have also had reports of volunteers 'jumping out' from behind bushes or street furniture. I would remind you that it is important to be visible both for your own safety, but also for that of all other road users.

The need to be visible raises the issue of signage. Whilst not a requirement it should be seen as good practice. If teams require new signs can you please advise me as to what signs you want. The choices are A3 polycarbonate signs cable tied to posts (approx. cost £5 each), the triangular tri signs (a pair would cost approx. £75) or the pop up A frame (cost approx. £64). If purchased through us funding will need to be agreed from your local council, or neighbourhood or home watch.

Martha Perry

