

Community Speed Watch Bulletin

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

So finally we come to the end of what has been a challenging year with all the changes that we have had to introduce. I would like to thank you for your patience while we've sorted out the new procedures. We aren't quite there, but any further changes should be less problematic.

I'd also like to congratulate you all on a busy year.



Whilst the final count has still to be done, teams have now conducted in excess of 865 speed watch sessions. That's 865 more opportunities for driver awareness, this being added to the enforcement carried out by Traffic officers and the No Excuse and Camera Team, so a huge thank you from all of us within the Dorset Road Safe Partnership.

Consultative Group Meeting

The first of our consultative group meetings was held recently. Whilst this was more a general discussion about how the scheme is run in Dorset, a number of points were raised. Most notable of these was around the revised vetting suitability assessment procedure and the role a coordinator should play in this process.

In the Spring I intend running a series of events across the County in conjunction with the Association of Dorset Watches as I believe there is merit in showing how different watch schemes inter-relate. An example being horse watch which as well as wanting to reduce rural crime is also concerned about horse and rider safety.

In May of next year we plan to hold a conference specifically for Community Speed Watch members, this will be held on a Saturday at Police Headquarters, Winfrith. Further details will follow.



No Excuse

The "No Excuse" Operation Dragoon process specifically targets drivers who continue to commit driving offences and has achieved the following results:

- 659 Targets identified and either visited or written to.
- 99 Arrested & sentenced
- 117 Vehicles seized
- Currently 3 high risk, 19 medium & 28 standard risk being actively pursued.

