

Community Speed Watch Bulletin



DOES SPEEDWATCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

I know that for some there is a frustration that despite holding regular speedwatch sessions you may not see an appreciable reduction in speed. I understand this can be disheartening however the measure of success for Dorset Police is the lack of the number of repeats. Last year I only had 18 drivers receive a third letter delivered to them by a uniformed officer. A further four were multiple repeats and these were referred the No Excuse team for further action. This could be a letter sent to them from No Excuse, a visit from a No Excuse officer or they become an Op Dragoon target who would then be actively monitored.

Speedwatch is about education and if speedwatch can change at least the attitude of some of the drivers that receive our letters this is a positive outcome. The more villages and residential areas that have teams, the clearer the message will be that speeding isn't tolerated in our communities.

I hope that you can see that your efforts are having an effect and thank you.

DATA Protection

New data protection regulations (GDPR) will shortly come into force. The current procedure states that the information you hold in relation to registration numbers must be deleted after a period of six months. This advice will be changing. Further instruction in relation to this will follow in a separate email.

Coordinators Meeting

The next meeting of the Coordinators Consultation Group will be held at Blandford Police Station Wednesday 6th June at 6p.m. This meeting is open to any coordinator that wishes to attend but please confirm your attendance by 31st May. There are a number of outstanding issues to address, including assessment of new volunteers, risk assessments and training.

At this meeting we will be drawing up an action plan and appointing a smaller working group to look at some of these issues in more depth.

Brian Austin will also be in attendance to provide an update on Road safe.

WELL DONE

I would like to acknowledge two of our teams that have since Jan 2017 completed over 100 sessions. This is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations Iwerne Minster and to Broadstone for achieving this.

894 Community Speedwatch sessions held

2018 - 295 sessions held so far!

IF IN DOUBT LEAVE IT OUT - Please practise vehicle identification and number plate recording. I am receiving an increase in the number of complains about incorrect registrations. **DO NOT** carry out your own vehicle checks as to change or add anything is a falsification of the record taken at the roadside.



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