

Appleby & Santon Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a national scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns within their communities. It is not enforcement. It is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and educating drivers.

Community Speed Watch was officially launched in the Humberside Police area in August this year. Over 120 volunteers have been trained in 15 locations.

Aims of the scheme

1. Undertaking high-visibility roadside operations to educate speeding drivers, with a view to improving driver behaviour.
2. Reporting to the Police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of a concern.
3. Delivery of local based feedback & problem solving schemes where speeding is of concern to the Community, operated by trained, local volunteers & supported by the Police.

Roles

The Humberside Police Community Speed Watch Coordinator oversees the registration of new groups, trains the volunteers, & oversees the administration of the scheme ensuring that registered keepers receive the appropriate advisory letters or that any other appropriate action is taken.

The CSW scheme requires the Parish Council to agree to the scheme being undertaken in their parish, & to indemnify their local volunteers whilst they are undertaking CSW within their parish.

Appleby Parish Council has met those requirements, but is not involved in the operation of the scheme.

Volunteers/ Training

To ensure consistency, all volunteers must be 18 or over & will receive training from the Humberside Police CSW Co-ordinator before they are allowed to undertake roadside speed monitoring.

Our group of volunteers have undergone that training & will operate on behalf of our community within the Parish.

Each group of volunteers has its own local Coordinator who plans & oversees the carrying out of the vehicle monitoring sessions, & the submission of the information gathered to Humberside Police.

All volunteers will be indemnified by their local Parish Council whilst undertaking vehicle monitoring sessions within their parish.

Appleby & Santon CSW group currently consists of 7 volunteers who share the concerns of our residents. The activities of the group are organised by a member of the group. These volunteers are unpaid & are prepared to give up their time to help to improve the safety of fellow residents & other road users.

Deployment

CSW teams are deployed as passive observers/ recorders of vehicles passing the monitoring location from either direction. They will wear high visibility tops to ensure that they are highly visible to motorists.

Signs will be placed on the approaches to the monitoring site to inform motorists that monitoring is being carried.

It is hoped that these measures will help ensure the safety of the volunteers, maximise educational impact & reduce the risk of sudden reactions by drivers.

Each monitoring session will be carried out by 3 volunteers who will check the speed of vehicles approaching the monitoring location from either direction using a Radar gun, which is accurate to +/- 1mph. The details of any vehicles exceeding the designated speed limit, together with their speed will be recorded by the team on a spreadsheet.

