

Kent Community Speedwatch

A presentation to:
Tonbridge & Malling Parish Councils

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Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch (CSW) practitioners:

- Operate in small groups at the roadside.
- Measure the speed of passing vehicles using their own portable, pole-mounted speed indication device (SID).



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Speedwatch Support

- **Speedwatch** schemes are 'owned', funded & operated by their local community group (eg, Parish Council).
- They choose when, how often, for how long and to which sites they go.
- **Speedwatch Support** is based in the Central Process Unit at Force Headquarters, Maidstone.



Speedwatch Support

- Through education, **Community Speedwatch** increases the awareness of excessive vehicle speeds on local roads.
- **CSW** helps residents to make a significant contribution to their local road safety and the quality of life for where they live
- **CSW** can help generate valuable data and intelligence for the community (e.g. informing highway measures).

What Speeds

Community Speedwatch practitioners record:

- the time
- the speed,
- the registration number,
- the make,
- model and colour - Optional



of vehicles passing at:

25 and over* in a



35 and over* in a



46 and over* in a



(NPCC guidelines)

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Supports **Community Speedwatch** by:

- Delivering safety awareness training.
- Providing site specification sheets based on site risk assessments.
- Sending advice letters.
- Insuring practitioners' against public liability risk and personal injury whilst at the roadside.



PLAXTOL SPEED WATCH SCHEME – SITE 2
The Street eastern end, on the village green (at Plaxtol Spoute)
Speed limit 30 mph. Direction of traffic: east-bound (away from Plaxtol).

Position of SID Position of volunteers

Note: The SID is detecting across west-bound traffic that might disrupt the signal.
Speed Indication Device (SID): Position the SID on the hard surface area close to the telephone box away from the road edge. Do not obstruct the lines of sight of road users at the adjacent junction with Long Mill Lane.
Volunteers: Operate on the green in front of the SID away from the road.

PSE 54436 G Rollinson, RPU

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Version 1.0

Speedwatch Support

Criteria to Send Advice Letters to Registered Owners

'Mid-range' Speeding: The **second** and all subsequent detections by a scheme anywhere in **Kent and or Sussex** in the previous 12 months for speeds of

25 to 30 mph in a 20mph limit

35 to 44 mph in a 30mph limit

46 to 59 mph in a 40mph limit.

'Excessive' Speeding: all detections of speeds 50%+ over the limit

31+ in a 20mph limit

45+ in a 30mph limit

60+ in a 40mph limit.

Speedwatch Support

Community Speedwatch Operational Points:

- All practitioners are safety awareness trained.
- All operational sites are risk assessed.
- High visibility upper-body clothing is always worn.
- Practitioners are at least 18 years old.
- Roadside activity only in daylight.
- Operate in 20, 30 and 40mph speed limits.
- At least two practitioners per Speedwatch session – three is preferred.

Historic Observations to date

Year	Schemes Reporting Data	Observations
2012	39	6,443
2013	58 (149%)	13,344 (207%)
2014	69 (177%)	20,655 (320%)
2015	76 (195%)	27,794 (432%)
	Total	68,236

Across Kent and Medway

District	Obs. in 2015			Schemes 2015	
Tunbridge Wells	6,537	(4,314)	152%	9	(6)
Tonbridge & Malling	5,182	(2,604)	199%	4	(5)
Ashford	4,762	(2,678)	178%	8	(7)
Maidstone	4,578	(3,810)	120%	16	(11)
Sevenoaks	3,128	(3,578)	-13%	11	(10)
Shepway	1,412	(732)	193%	9	(4)
Canterbury	762	(968)	-21%	8	(8)
Gravesham	337	(382)	-12%	3	(3)
Dartford	251	(136)	185%	2	(1)
Thanet	203	(215)	-6%	6	(7)
Dover	138	(230)	-40%	3	(3)
Medway	128	(0)	n/a	1	(0)
Swale	44	(1,008)	-96%	4	(4)

Tonbridge & Malling Schemes

Tonbridge and Malling District Speedwatch teams currently have 82 sites assessed

Tonbridge & Malling District has seen a steady decline in activity, at this time it is not known for the reasons why. Current schemes in existence are as follows:-

Parish Locations	Speed Limits			Grand Total
	20	30	40	
Addington			4	4
Coldharbour			2	2
East Malling *		10	5	15
Hadlow		5	3	8
Kings Hill		10		10
Larkfield		5		5
Offham		15		15
Shipbourne			6	6
Wateringbury		4	3	7
West Malling	4	6		10
Grand Total	4	55	23	82

Tonbridge & Malling Schemes

Total Observations 2016

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Addington					5	7				12
ColdHarbour										0
East Malling										0
Hadlow	21		61		64	81	12	60	14	313
Kings Hill										0
Larkfield				13						13
Offham										0
Shipbourne										0
Wateringbury	452	227	420	390	147	278	345	326	115	2700
West Malling										0
Grand Total	473	227	481	403	216	366	357	386	192	3101

Tonbridge & Malling Schemes

Warning Letters Generated. – Multiple offenders

Parish	MATCH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Addington						1	2				3
Hadlow	2			5		5	5		7	2	24
	3					1			1		2
Wateringbury	2	68	51	67	48	11	35	30	43	17	370
	3	12	9	12	13	4	9	3	5	2	69
	4	5	2		2	1	4	2	2		18
	5	2	3		2	2			2		11
	6					1					1
	7							1			1
	8								1		1
Grand Total		87	65	84	65	26	55	36	61	21	500

Tonbridge & Malling Schemes

Excessive speeders 50% or more

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Hadlow	1		1			1		1		4
Larkfield				3						3
Wateringbury	15	10	17	24	5	23	25	21	5	145
Grand Total	16	10	18	27	5	24	25	22	5	152

Tonbridge & Malling Schemes

NO letters Generated.

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Addington					4	5				9
Hadlow	20		55		58	75	12	51	12	283
Larkfield				10						10
Wateringbury	350	152	324	301	123	207	284	252	91	2084
Grand Total	370	152	379	311	185	287	296	303	153	2386

Speedwatch Equipment



KCC Highways are offering a 50% subsidy towards equipment for NEW start up groups or for groups where the equipment is faulty. Contact Alan for further details

Speedwatch Support

Speedwatch Support analyses CSW data to help inform pre-planned speed enforcement operations.

Linking in with:-



KENT & MEDWAY
SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP



“Special Constables - volunteers supporting volunteers”

What do the Special Constabulary do to support CSW?

The current Road Crime Team that I lead currently consists of a team of 15 based at Herne Bay, we cover the following sites:-

NORTH	197
Medway	6
Swale	103
Gravesham	61
Dartford	27

North Kent Road Crime Team started July 2016

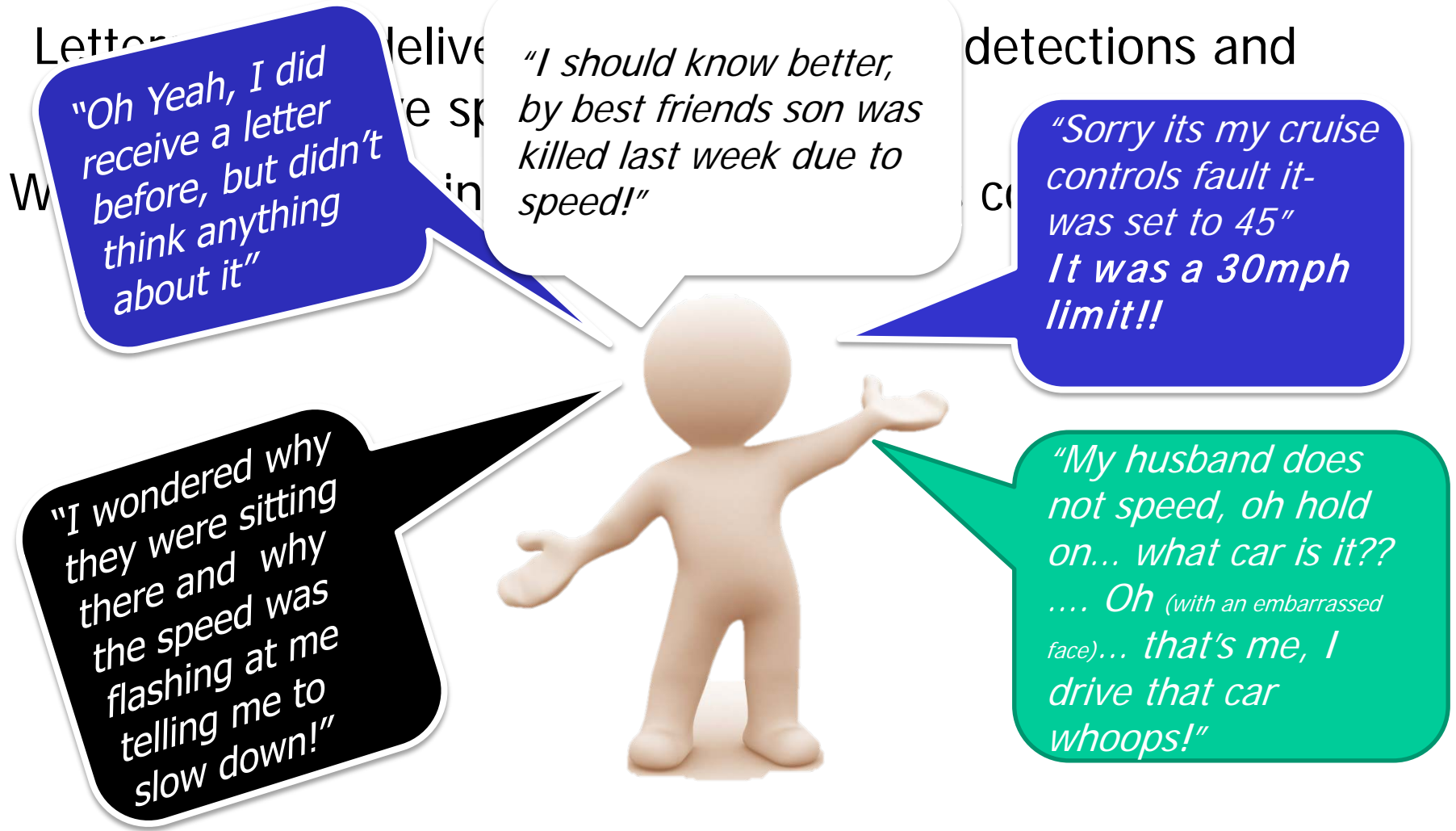
West Kent Road Crime Team started 7 September 2016

EAST	596
Canterbury	197
Thanet	36
Ashford	141
Dover	86
Shepway	136

WEST	616
Maidstone	195
Tonbridge	82
Tunbridge	
Wells	160
Sevenoaks	169

My team share their work 50/50 between Speedwatch & ANPR/Other policing duties

Hand delivered letters drives the message home



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Hand delivered letters drives the message home



Hand delivering letters comes with a health warning
As you never know what you will see when they open the door!



What's Next?

Community Engagement Event where gentleman wanted to know how fast he could go on his scooter!

He subsequently crashed at the end of the run and was breathalysed!

And passed! 😊



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CSW Online

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH Online

Alan Watson (Group Co-Ordinator - Five Oaks Green S. G.) auto Sign out in 1414 seconds

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Home Contact list My details Group Training Sites Equipment Campaigns Offences Communication Shop Help

- Arranging of Sessions
- Communicating with your teams
- New sites Identified online
- Online training for Roadside Activities
- Training delivered locally for SID Devices
- Immediate feedback of your results
- Cross Border offenders from Sussex included
- Easy reporting to Parish/Town/KCC councils
- Plus more..
- Going Live VERY SOON!

Any Questions



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