

Community Speed Watch (CSW) - Quarterly Report - October 2016

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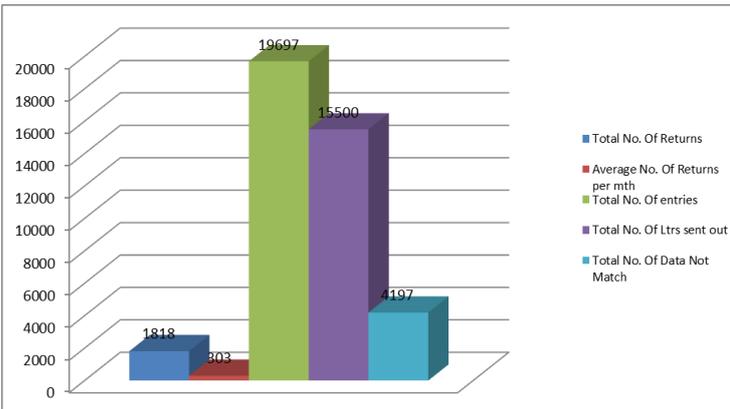
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Teams and Activity - Quarterly report

During the last 3 months, July – September, there have been 50 different teams across Wiltshire and Swindon who have been carrying out speed checks.

This report takes into account all activity up to and including Community Speed Watch (CSW) Speed check sessions on 30 September 2016.



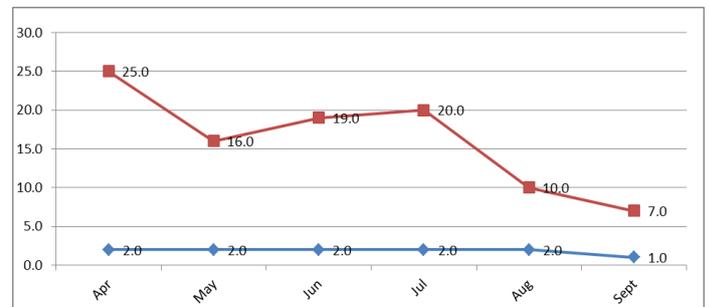
On average 336 returns were processed each month during July – September 2016.

Over the last three months CSW has seen a huge increase in the levels of activity of CSW teams in the towns and villages of Wiltshire and Swindon.

During Period 2 (July – September), 8570 letters were sent out, in addition to 1065 requests being made for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) to make home visits to those motorists observed driving excessively (50%+ over the speed limit) or those who have been recorded speeding on 3 or more occasions. Of these, the CSW Support team have been notified that 105 have been carried out.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), states that the Support Team are to process returns within 14 working days from day of receipt into the CSW mailbox.

Fig 1: Blue line: Returns coming in; Red line: Letters going out



During this period, on average, it is taking 12 days to get letters out, however, the chart above shows the decrease in time down to 7 days in September.

The top five most active teams, who have been out 20 or more times during this period are:

1. Beanacare 83 sessions
2. Sutton Benger 40 sessions
3. Durrington 31 sessions
4. Pickwick 21 sessions
5. Urchfont 20 sessions

The remaining 75 teams carried out 561 sessions between them.

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Hindon CSW Team

A recent article appeared in Valley news, written by Will Bradley.

With police resources stretched to the limits, Hindon residents have teamed up to tackle rural speeding by forming a Community Speed Watch programme.

“Teams are in nearly every village, but a surprising number of people don’t know about it,” team leader Frank revealed to Valley News. “It’s a question of resources, Police are stretched. We are more interested in education rather than punishment – the fewer people we report the better,” Frank added.

“All volunteers are interested in reducing speed in villages and are trained and supported by the police.



We keep a record of anyone speeding and send a list to the police. Devices are shared between villages’,” Frank explained.

The Hindon team currently has six members with two new recruits joining the team.

“I have no doubt this method is effective in Dinton. I think it will take time for people to notice before we achieve the same effect in Hindon. We will be speed-watching little and often,” Frank added.

“We have had a good response from Hindon villagers; not everyone has time to take part, but they are fully supportive.

“It’s a question of resources, Police are stretched. We are more interested in education rather than punishment – the fewer people we report the better,” Frank added.

For the full article please go to: www.yourvalleynews.co.uk/news/hindon-community-tackles-traffic-speed-to-assist-police/

Training and Volunteers

Two training sessions have taken place in the last 3 months, whereby 25 new volunteers are now eligible to join their CSW team.

Our training schedule for 2016/17:

- Saturday 03 December 2016, 10am – 12pm
- Saturday 28 January 2017, 10am – 12pm
- Thursday 30 March 2017, 4pm – 6pm
- Thursday 11 May 2017, 6pm – 8pm
- Saturday 22 July 2017, 10am – 12pm
- Thursday 21 September 2017, 5pm – 7pm
- Saturday 25 November 2017, 10am – 12pm

The new application, contact and vetting form which is to be completed by all NEW volunteers wishing to join your team is required for the December 2016 sessions and onwards. If you need a copy of the NEW form with all the above dates, please contact Josh.

Each date has a closing date (shown on the application form), which is when places are confirmed.

Upon receipt of a submitted application, each application will be acknowledged, but this does not constitute a confirmed place.

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In response to a recent CSW Survey, we are examining ways in which we are able to better meet the needs of our CSW Teams and we are starting to carry out local training, where needed by those teams who are starting back up following a hiatus.

If you have 4 or less trained (registered volunteers with the Volunteer Resource Unit), and in desperate need for new volunteers to be trained, please contact Josh and we will organise some local training.

These local training sessions will only take place with a minimum of 6 volunteers and we may ask you to contact local CSW teams within your locality to increase the numbers. We are happy to run local training, anytime of the day/evening to suit the volunteers needed. We do ask that the team leader is present at these local training sessions to answer any queries the volunteer may have with the running or processes used in the team.

For full details on how to apply for a training course please contact Josh.

Enforcement Initiative

Unfortunately, the Specials Enforcement Team has been unable to go out as much as they had hoped during August and September.

We are assured that this will restart for October and the Top ten has been sent to them and includes those teams that should have been visited throughout August and September.

Citizens In Policing

Continuing the work from the audit in 2014/2015, we are moving forward with the roll out the Citizen in Policing branding. All volunteers registered with the Volunteer Resource Unit will have now received a new high viz jacket with the Police Community

Volunteer badges. Please ensure you wear these jackets for all CSW sessions.

Team leaders will also receive over the coming weeks NEW Authority Cards (lanyards and holders) for each volunteer who has undertaken training and registered with the Volunteer Resource Unit.

Going forward, newly trained volunteers will be provided with the jacket at the time of training and their authority card within 4-6 weeks.

Police Marked Volvo

You will be aware that our Police Community Volunteer vehicle is a sponsored vehicle from Volvo and this was initially on an 18 month loan and which has come to an end and has been returned.

Throughout the period, the Volvo has been used in excess of 100 times by Community Speed Watch teams across the area and has been a valuable tool at your disposal. The frequency of use and the effect it has had while out during speed checks has been significant.

The results have shown that this vehicle is an important tool for Community Speed Watch. The good news is, it has been agreed that a new vehicle will be purchased and will be available for all Wiltshire Police volunteers. It will continue to be managed by the Volunteer Resource Unit.

We are committed to our volunteer cohort of over 900 (For CSW alone) and we are looking forward to expanding our partnership with the communities of Wiltshire by purchasing our own vehicle.

I will keep you updated as to the progress and as soon as we have a delivery date, we will of course let you know and bookings can restart.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the passion you have shown in regard to the Volvo and its use.

Dealing with abusive motorists

It was agreed at the team leader event in June that any motorist, who is abusive (more than sounding the horn, shouting "get a life!", or hand gestures) to a member of the Community Speed Watch, while out on speed checks, will be dealt with robustly.

There are two options to consider:

If you are out carrying our speed checks and a motorist (not speeding) is abusive to the team, please inform your Community Policing team and copy in to Leanne.

If you are out carrying our speed checks and a motorist (who is speeding) is abusive to the team, please add to your return in the normal way, but include the detail in the body of your email.

There is no need to send this information to your Community Policing as the request will be processed by the CSW Support Team.

We will monitor all such incidents and update the team leader, when information is available to us.

Reminders

Notification of Activity – Please continue to send your planned schedule of activity to the CSW mailbox and your Community Policing team (CPT).

If you let your CPT know, they will attend when they can to support you, but they cannot stop vehicles and issue tickets/fines.

There are a lot of changes taking place with regard to NPT and the move to the new

Community in Policing Model and many officers/PCSOs may well move, so I please ask that you send your schedule to the relevant generic mailbox and not a named police colleague. If you do not know who your Community Policing team is, please email Alison and she will provide you with the details.

Returns – Can we please request that you continue to inform us of the number of team members out for that session. Either add in the top section of the return or within the email.

Unfortunately we cannot remember if a team always sends out a set number of volunteers, so we please ask that you inform us on each submission.

Batteries – We now provide each team with your own supply of batteries. When you put in your last set, please send your request for new supplies to the CSW mailbox.

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