

COTSWOLD DISTRICT SPEED ENFORCEMENT REPORT 2022

This report provides a breakdown of the active processes set in place by Gloucestershire Constabulary Road Safety & Traffic Management in order to deal specifically with the issue of excess speed throughout the Cotswold District. It will demonstrate a more joined up approach between concerned residents, parish councils and the Police to the problem of speeding.

The report highlights the efforts of volunteer Community Speedwatch Groups (CSW) in this district and the advantages that they provide to the Police in order to deal with speeding issues. Below is an outline of the CSW process and how it now links in with the enforcement team and driver education process will hopefully encourage more groups of concerned volunteers to form CSW groups in their places of concern.

The report explains the active enforcement being undertaken by the Police Camera Enforcement Team (CET) to target areas of concern and to enforce the posted speed limits in urban residential areas as well as trunk roads and commuter routes.

The Traffic Management Officer and CET operate from HQ Waterwells.

Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch Groups are made up of a number of local residents who share a concern regarding driver behaviour and speed through their villages, towns and cities.

Established CSW groups consist, ideally, of three or more volunteers. New groups are generally trained on site with radar equipment and all sign up to an agreed Code of Conduct with regards to how and where they operate and behaviour on site. Generally, CSW operate where it is also possible for the CET to conduct enforcement either by using a van or hand-held device. It is important that the CSW groups form or retain an often historical contact with their local Neighbourhood officers and PCSO who can also engage with the CET and who also provide valuable support and advice and advice to the CSW groups and the CET.

The CSW conduct a monitoring session that lasts an hour in most cases at any one location. They may have a number of sites within their area that they consider as locations of particular concern. They record traffic volume by conducting a vehicle count as they go. They also record details (Speed, Index Number, Make, Colour) of vehicles that are at or above the enforcement threshold. At present this is 25mph in a 20 limit, 35mph in a 30 limit and 46mph in a 40 limit. The group does not operate on fast roads.

The data is sent to community.speedwatch@gloucestershire.police.uk on an excel spreadsheet where it is processed and compared with previous data in order to highlight particular issues of speeding related to day of the week, time of day and volume. This allows us to prioritise locations where enforcement can be used. The CET regularly work alongside CSW groups providing enforcement capability, especially where persistent offending has been identified. The data therefore supplied by the CSW volunteers is highly valued to enable a more targeted approach to speed enforcement.

In addition to active enforcement a number of advisory letters are sent to vehicles identified by the CSW groups. Where a vehicle comes to attention on a second occasion within a set time a second a sterner advisory letter can be sent. Further reports of offending can result in the vehicle being targeted by enforcement in a final attempt to rectify poor driver behaviour.

Active Community Speedwatch Groups in Cotswold District

Stow, Northleach, Chipping Campden, Mickleton, Swell, Bleddington, Moreton, Bourton-on the-Hill, Blockley, Lt & Gt Barrington, Andoversford, Longborough, Coln St Aldwyn, Bourton-on-the-Water, Southrop, North Cerney, Tetbury, Daglingworth, Maisey Hampton, Didmarton, Lechlade, Poulton, Kemble & Ewen, Whelford, Barnsley, Coates

Neighbourhood staff are encouraged to promote this as a positive way of local residents engaging with the Police to try and deal with speeding and driver behaviour issues in their areas.

Community Cameras

At present a policy is in the process of being prepared in order for the Constabulary to deal with data from automated speed monitoring devices. A trial is underway to establish a method of dealing with the larger quantities of data that the devices generate and how to progress and use the data and to add an additional tool to the armoury to deal with speeding issues.

The following have applied for funding for cameras: **Stow, Chipping Campden, Mickleton, well, Bourton on Hill, Barringtons, Coln St Alwyn, Bourton, Weston sub Edge, Willersey, Little Rissington, Southrop, Quenington, Lechlade, S Cerney, Kemble & Ewen, Whelford, Kempford, Fairford, Somerford Keynes and Long Newnton.**

Speed Survey Activity

During 2022 there have been 8 speed surveys carried out at various locations around the District. These are covert survey boxes that record traffic volume, speeds, directions and vehicle types at a location for a period of not less than 7 days. These surveys provide valuable data from which detailed reports are produced and are a useful tool in identifying speeding issues. This data is also used to direct, where required, our Enforcement Team.

Camera Enforcement Sites

At present there are 48 active Camera van sites in the Cotswold District.

There are also a further 41 active hand-held Camera sites.

There are plans to expand this number to include additional areas of local concern or where speed related collisions are prominent.

Camera Enforcement Activity 2022

The Camera Enforcement Team consists of 5 active Police Staff with access to 4 fully equipped Camera vans and three Trucam 2 hand-held speed camera devices. The Team

operates in urban and rural areas with the capacity to target areas of concern and repeat offenders.

Below is a table showing the number of visits made to established sites by the Camera Enforcement Team in support of the Cotswold District and CSW Groups. It also contains the number of offences detected and includes speed, mobile telephone, seat belt, index plates and other (Driving without Due Care and Attention, Dangerous Driving, Tailgating).

Month	Visits	Speed offences	Seat belt	Mobile telephone	Index plate	Other
Jan	58	1332	32	3	0	0
Feb	22	451	31	3	0	0
Mar	35	783	41	0	1	0
Apr	23	483	39	1	0	2
May	65	1157	34	2	1	0
June	50	807	31	2	0	0
July	37	432	47	5	0	0
Aug	34	487	27	3	0	0
Sept	31	623	13	1	0	0
Oct	37	975	59	8	0	1
Nov	47	1131	42	13	0	0
Dec	12	188	0	0	0	0
Total	451	8417	406	41	2	3

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