



## Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speedwatch Equipment Specification

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Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Community Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. It is used in areas where speeding has been identified as a concern.

The scheme is administered by the Constabulary, but run by local communities. Community Speedwatch is not an enforcement tool. It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding, monitoring trends in speeding in neighbourhoods, and raising awareness of the dangers of speeding.

Volunteers are trained in the use of speed indicator devices, SID's, which display a vehicle's speed. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from the Constabulary, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community. Repeated speeding results in a letter hand delivered by a Police Officer.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary do not recommend the purchase of speed indicator devices from any single manufacturer. Organisations buying a device can approach any supplier, but the device purchased must have the following features and specification,

- The speed indicator device must be portable, lightweight and easy to use
- It must have internally mounted batteries
- It must be free standing and mounted on a Tripod, for extra stability as it may potentially be used on uneven ground, as shown in the picture below



(The image is shown for illustration purposes only and is not intended as a recommendation to approach the manufacturer concerned, for purchase.)

- The speed indicator device must ideally have speed threshold settings of 20, 30 and 40mph
- Speed activation must be triggered at 24, 35, and 46mph respectively
- It should only flash the speed when above these limits, and no smiley/sad faces or wording like 'slow down' or 'well done' should be used in order to prevent 'sign blindness'. It should have the phrase 'Speedwatch' on the face, highly visible to the public.
- The device must not register a flashing speed above 60mph to prevent dangerous drivers attempting to get higher speeds displayed
- The speed indicator device should ideally have a protective case or cover for storage and when being transported between sessions
- Other equipment required during a session includes portable Community Speedwatch warning signs, high visibility orange or yellow tabards for all volunteers present, clipboards and recording sheets, click counters, and carry bags. Personal mobile telephones should also be taken as a means of communication with the force, if required in an emergency.

Other evidential speed detection devices including hand held radar, and photographic equipment must not be used as they are likely to lead to confrontation and unnecessary personal risk.

We do not have a preferred supplier that should be used, but Suppliers of speed indicator devices meeting Cambridgeshire Constabulary's specification include the following,

**Morelock Signs Ltd**

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