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# Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speedwatch Newsletter February 2018

Welcome to the second edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speedwatch newsletter designed to keep volunteers informed about new developments within the scheme.

**New volunteers are  
required to support  
the Speedwatch  
scheme**



New Volunteers are needed to support the Speedwatch Scheme across the county. Cambridgeshire Police are seeking to recruit some more 'District Speedwatch Co-ordinators'. In this role you would work with and support the Forcewide Watch Co-ordination Officer. Successful volunteers will help continue to grow and manage the scheme. With over 140 schemes running and over 1300 members across the county, you will be responsible for managing your own area. The role is varied and key tasks will involve providing positive representation at Parish and local meetings, supporting and training new members, diary and equipment management, and visiting existing groups and offering support. The position would suit an already active Speed watch member but all applications will be considered. Interview date and times TBC. Please write to Mike Brooks at [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk) for more details or to register your interest, saying what you would be able to bring to the role.

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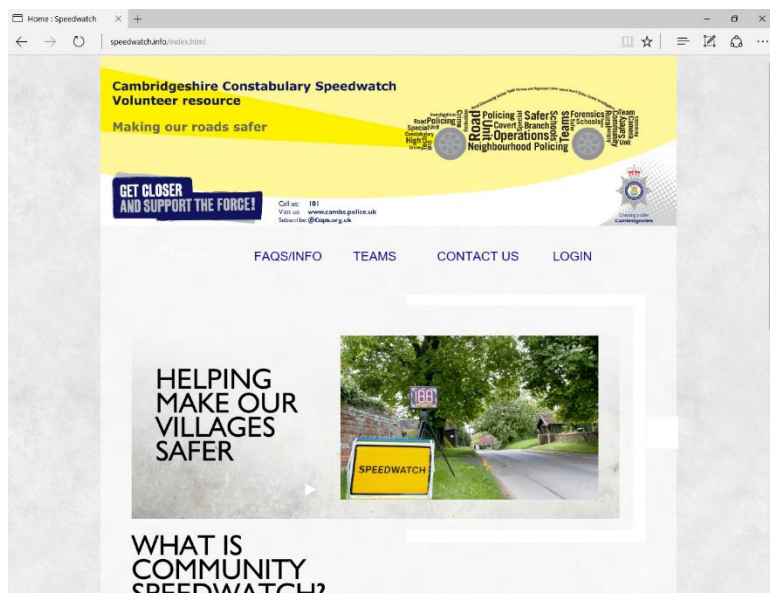
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## Our Speedwatch website

Please do look at and use our website,  
[www.speedwatch.info](http://www.speedwatch.info)

We have added extra information on here and we do receive queries from the public through the 'contact us' section. We would encourage groups to sign onto their areas on the website and add in when they will be running sessions. No log in details are necessary, anyone can post on here. This will enable officers and our volunteers to know when and where sessions are running, and to visit teams and offer their support and encouragement.

If there is anything you'd like to see on there do let us know. We would like this to be a useful resource for everyone across the county.



## Submitting returns after sessions

After running a Speedwatch session we would ideally like the results sent into the Business Support Unit within 48 hours. We are aware that some groups aren't submitting zero returns into the Constabulary. If you are lucky enough to hold a session and don't record any speeding vehicles, please do send this into the Business Support Unit. This allows us to monitor the success of the scheme and the individual locations that you operate from.

Additionally, there are some groups that run sessions and then don't send any results into us. If you are aware of this, please encourage every group to **always** submit a return. If we don't receive the details of speeding vehicles through we cannot write to the drivers, and the whole scheme is undermined.

Please always let us know the results of every session you run.



## New sites

If you would like new locations authorising to run sessions from please let your co-ordinator know and we can arrange this. We would need to come out, take some photos and submit a formal request, but are more than happy to do this.

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## Speedwatch Training

We are holding monthly training sessions in Cambourne Police Station on Saturday's 10<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> April, and elsewhere as needed across the county. If you would like to attend training in Cambourne, or you have new volunteers who need training elsewhere in the county, please contact your area coordinator or e-mail [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)  
We will then book your new volunteers on, or make arrangements to come out and train them.

## Scheme numbers 2017 – a very busy year!

Across the county, between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December you have recorded 230,049 vehicles travelling through Speedwatch sessions! Of these, 12,880 were speeding, equating to 5.6% of traffic recorded. This was a record year, and all as a direct result of your efforts. And we would like 2018 to be even more successful!

We now have 144 speedwatch groups across the county, and over 1300 volunteers, and this number is growing every month!

## Elm, Coldham & Fridaybridge Speedwatch Group School Visit

Elm, Coldham & Fridaybridge Speedwatch Group visited Elm Primary School in December and ran a colouring competition. Here is an extract the Headteacher wrote in the school newsletter dated 15th December 2017.

### Speedwatch

On Thursday we once again welcomed Rob and Cilla from Speedwatch and they presented 7 children with prizes for their posters, produced with the idea of encouraging safe driving in the village. Our winners were: (removed) Well done. The school, together with the Parish Council and Speedwatch has been successful in slowing down traffic outside the school and making the village safer. It has been a real example of the community working together. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Well done to Cilla and her team for proactively working with the school to reduce speed, especially during the 'school run' times every day! If you have similar stories to share do let us know



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