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Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speedwatch Newsletter September 2018

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Speedwatch newsletter. It might only be a month since we last got in touch, but we wanted to provide an update on some important changes to the scheme, together with other news items.

The 1,000th Speedwatch Session held on 22nd July 2018

On 22nd July the county's 1,000th session was held in Brampton. Last year the 1,000th session was held in late October; this indicates the growth of the scheme and how busy our volunteers have been this year.

To celebrate the occasion, Jason Ablewhite, the Police and Crime Commissioner attended a session and this was reported in the Hunts Post. Interviews can be seen by following the link,

<https://www.facebook.com/CambsPCC/videos/2273590105991412/>



East Cambs Training

Speedwatch training for new volunteers has been arranged for Thursday 27th September from 10.30 – 12.00, at Ely Police Station. If you would like to attend please book a place via speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Cambourne Training

Our next training sessions at Cambourne Police Station will be held on Saturday's 6th October, and the 10th November, from 10.00 – 11.30. If you would like to attend please e-mail speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk to reserve a place.

Speedwatch Scheme Numbers

Since the last newsletter the scheme has grown across the county to include:

171 groups
1,663 volunteers

County Week of Action & Operation Astragal

Following the success of the Week of Action held in April we are running another week specific to Cambridgeshire, during week commencing 1st October. We have also been invited to work as part of the Operation Astragal, 24 hour county-wide road safety operation on Friday 2nd November. This will focus on the Fatal 4 of speeding, drink & drugs, seat belts, and driver distraction (such as mobile phones) – we have been invited to participate in supporting the speed reduction element. Both events will be widely publicised and supported and enable us to spread the message to road users about reducing their speed in our communities.

If all coordinators could please e-mail through to speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk detailing the sessions they plan to run during the next week of action by Friday 21st September, and for Op Astragal by Friday 19th October, we will circulate this to local officers. Please let us know the date and time, your Speedwatch group, and the location of your planned sessions. Please send in any photos of your teams afterwards too!

Hunts & Peterborough – Paul Cole & Christian Hogg

Paul is taking some time out away from the scheme and volunteering. We wish him well and thank him for all his efforts and support, and look forward to his return when he wishes to come back. Christian is a new Police volunteer covering the Peterborough city area. He can be contacted via e-mail on christian.hogg@cambs.pnn.police.uk for all training matters, general support, site surveys and for new groups within this area. All other groups in the villages surrounding Peterborough and north Hunts areas should contact speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk for support, training, site surveys and for new groups requiring help and support in setting up.

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GDPR Guidelines

We have updated the letter in the Guidelines which we recommend all groups take with them to sessions, and offer to anyone querying the validity of the Speedwatch scheme, volunteer's rights to run sessions or to record the details of speeding vehicles under the recent GDPR Act. As previously advised, a vehicle registration is not personal data in itself, and volunteers never have access to the personal details of any members of the public when it has been processed or hear any results or further information from the Constabulary.

We would recommend replacing your existing copies with these new letters.



Elton Speedwatch group attended a village magazine publicity event to highlight their scheme and their efforts. They gained 2 new volunteers as a result!



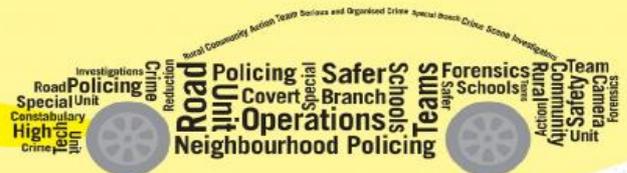
Hardwick Group have reformed and conducted their first session. Glad to welcome them back into the scheme.



Mike & Urn attended an East Cambs launch event for a new initiative for community champions, and publicised the county scheme. It was held in Ely Cathedral, accounting for the poor light in the photo.

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Cambridgeshire county council Highways new ordering process for Speedwatch Signs

Parish Council's can apply to Cambridgeshire County Council Highway's Department to have Speedwatch signage erected.

Following agreement with the appropriate Speedwatch Coordinator these notices are normally installed at, or close to, existing 20, 30- or 40mph boundary speed limit signs.

Parish Council's should apply by using the following link, and select the 'Maintenance application' option,

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/privately-funding-highway-improvements/>

The Local Highway Officer will look at each application on a site specific basis and take into account all costs, including officer time. As part of the feasibility process an estimate and realistic timescale will be provided to the applicant. There is no minimum number of signs required.



If you have any comments, photos or have anything that you would like featured please do let us know via our e-mail address,

speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

All our Speedwatch groups would welcome new volunteers and we are willing to support new groups setting up, so please do spread the word about the scheme. Anyone interested can make contact with us and we will forward details on, to their most local group.

Thank you again to all those groups that were able to take part last week, all your efforts and continued support are greatly appreciated!

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