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YOUR SPEED

MAY 2017

Welcome to the May edition of Your Speed.

Thank you to all those who attended our Speedwatch Conference in April and hope that you found it useful and interesting –

Thank you to Martin Stevens for his presentation around Serious Crash Investigation team and how speed is a factor to some collisions and shows that the work we are all doing slows traffic down in the areas of where we live. Thank you also to those that helped me put the conference on.

CSW online presented and ran a couple of workshops and we hope that this has also helped with the use of the website.

More and more schemes are now using CSW online and I along with Simon from CSW are assisting with the support to team members, to ensure that they are not afraid to use the system.

From **1st June EVERYONE** who is involved in Kent Speedwatch will be required to be registered and using the system, the old data processing spreadsheet is approaching its end of life and the author of this Derek is retiring so I will have no support for its use.

We are required by policy, health & safety and insurance to have a central database required information, including team member details, scheme locations and observations of vehicles. For those that have signed up and are using the system THANK YOU, for those that have not please can I ask that you forward this document to ALL of your scheme members and we can get them registered.

Why register when we have been doing it for years?

Since we have amalgamated various schemes from around the county, some information around the team members is missing for whatever reason – some members have left, moved away or otherwise, so this is our opportunity to collate our current Speedwatch team members so we know who we do have.

But I was trained by....

As coordinator they can request myself to OVERRIDE training IF required, the system is designed for NEW members so this is why training is the first thing it asks you to do – some teams have used this as a refresher too..

This is over the top for Speedwatch and is over bureaucratic!

It could be seen as this, however Speedwatch support consists of two people, myself and a volunteer, to enable us to develop Kent Speedwatch and support you with enforcement we need to have a way in which we can access information quickly and readily.



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We are now in the process of sharing information with Kent County Council Highways as well as Medway Council and this assists them in decision making around road improvement plans etc. In relation to the processing of data, this is now streamlined and you can see when we have sent the letters and what letters have been sent. Remember we are also sharing our observations with Sussex and likewise, we are seeing an increase in cross border visitors, especially in Hawkhurst. Working with Sussex Speedwatch and Sussex Police this will assist us and them to deal with our cross border offenders.

“I need help to set up CSW online I don’t know what to do?”

Most of this is done for you- we have been working hard in the background all of your sites should be listed, all previous observations will be showing too, the only data we are possibly missing is the operator information and the equipment.

Is the system safe and are my details safe?

ALL personal details are 100% secure and held under encryption and are safe.

I’ve registered but no email has come through?

Check your Spam/Junk mail folder as mail appears to fall into here as it’s an automated email.

How to register.

If you could log onto <http://kent.communityspeedwatch.co.uk> and register on CSW.





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Then register to join **existing** group - please DO NOT create a new group – all groups are shown on the system already.



Join existing group as an Operator

Select Kent from the drop down

Then select Your Police District

Then select your group from the drop down –

Complete your details, Click the link on the email once received to verify your email address and then undertake the training, when you have completed your training etc. You will then be approved to join the group and you're ready to go.

Please don't be put off – it's the initial set up that takes a little time – all of your sites are already shown as well as your historic data, all we need to do is amend your equipment settings and you are nearly ready to go –

For anyone of your group members who do not have access to a computer please let me know and I will explain their process.

I am on the end of the phone to offer phone support and if required I can come and provide 121 assistance too. Please ask. I can be accommodating in relation to meeting times and will come to you.



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Welcome to a new Member of the Team.

Back in December, seems so long ago; Yvonne moved into a new role of CID, and she is enjoying her inquisitive side in police work. Following our application processes etc. **Jo Mckeever** joins me in the office to assist with our admin workload. This time last year we had Guy, myself, Yvonne & Irene, then from December until now it was just me! No wonder I was busy!

Jo will be working out of Nackington and is contactable on our email address or phone. Jo has experience also as being one of the scheme coordinators for Lower Hardres in Canterbury, so Jo shares our passion to make our roads safer and slower.

Welcome Jo and thank you.

Save The Date

KENT POLICE OPEN DAY 2017

Sunday 1 July

10:00AM to 4:00PM

Held in the grounds of the Kent Police Training School, Coverdale Avenue, Maidstone ME15 9DW. Free car parking on adjacent fields behind the main buildings at Kent Police Headquarters on the A274 Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9BZ.

Attractions throughout the day for all the family include:

- Speedwatch stand with active speed measurement demonstrations.
- The latest police technologies including body-worn cameras and digital forensics used to investigate cyber-crime.
- Support for vulnerable victims through LiveLink technology.
- Live displays of rescues from road traffic crashes and how police dogs catch criminals.
- Flying visits from the NPAS helicopter.

Free entry

Food and drink available to buy

Hi vis jackets

At the conference we also handed out some new long sleeve jackets, if you did not receive or order at the time please let me know sizes required – each team are eligible for 6 jackets
Sizes available – S M L XL XXL XXXL

Please let us know what you require and we will send when we have replenished



THANK YOU and Long Service Awards Presented.

At the conference we had received 72 team members length of service details and this amounted to 410 years' worth of Speedwatch service – this is absolutely outstanding –

We recognised five members with long service awards at the conference and we will be looking to present further awards in the near future. CONGRATULATIONS, WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO:



Joan Buller – Staplehurst – 11 years



Malcolm Buller – Staplehurst – 11 years



Lorna & Derek Holland – Teston – 11 Years



Ron Moore – Larkfield – 10 Years

Information Required

I would like to ask all of the Scheme leaders to provide me with details as to how long each of your team members have been actively undertaking CSW duties. (If not already provided) I am aware of a few of our colleagues who have in excess of 10 years Speedwatch activities which is fantastic and truly inspirational and on behalf of Kent Police I would like to be able to recognise this in a more structured way.



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Kent County Council Grant Funding ** EXTENDED FOR 2017/2018 **

Kent County Council (KCC) is pleased to announce they have awarded the contract (which will supply Kent CSW with equipment) to **CA Traffic Ltd.**

The total cost of the unit is currently **£2000+ VAT**. KCC have agreed to fund 50% of the unit price, excluding the VAT, with the remainder being self-funded by your Parish/Town Council etc.

The criteria for the equipment are as follows:-

- For new start up groups
- Where current defective equipment is not viable to be repaired
- For current schemes where shared equipment is an issue
- The grant funding is currently for Kent Parish/Town Councils and excludes Medway at this time



Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to receive further details about this funding.

Thank you for all your support and your efforts for Kent Community Speedwatch as always if you need assistance please contact me

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