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# ***YOUR SPEED***

**FEBRUARY 2017**

2016 was an interesting year for Kent Community Speedwatch with staff, equipment and processing changes, with the latter allowing us to improve our efficiency both roadside as well as back office.

In 2016 we observed 34,667 vehicles exceeding the speed limit; sadly that's an increase of 7086 from 27,581 in 2015. An increase of schemes and locations is the main reason for this I believe.

I am always asked as to when we will see police at locations enforcing, as you know the Special Constabulary support us at our sites when they are able to, they are not dedicated to just CSW, as they have shared roles, we are now in a better position to actively direct the teams based on the CSW online information available to us looking for our repeat offenders, I have also been travelling around our Community Safety Units providing an update to our Police Community Support Colleagues as to what we all do and throughout this year you may see them more as they will be able to see when you are operating.

**CSW online** some schemes have said that members will not sign up online due to information security, CSW online has been tested for hacking etc and any information stored on the system is safe, and is NOT shared with any other parties, to enable me to comply with our policy, procedures, Health and Safety and Insurance requirements, I will need every operator who is involved in Kent Community Speedwatch to be registered online so I have a central database of all operators, currently I do not have this.

Moving forward in 2017 will see some exciting events, updates to these will be provided to you as I am able to.

Below you will see some updates for your review/action.

As always, thank you all for what you do, and look forward to working with you in 2017

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## **Long Service**

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. **This information is needed (if not already supplied) before the 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

## **Save The Date**

### **KENT COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH CONFERENCE**

**Saturday 22 April 2017**

Kent Police Training School, Maidstone

\* Guest speakers\* \*Practitioner's surgery\* \*Buffet luncheon\*

Open to ALL Kent Speedwatch members

Full details will be published nearer the time

## **Kent County Council Grant Funding**

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

**THE GRANT FUNDING WILL CEASE on 31 MARCH 2017,  
DON'T MISS OUT ON OWING YOUR OWN KIT!**

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



## Community Speedwatch Online

Most of your teams have been requested to register online for CSW – this is now open to ALL groups and would ask that, if not already done so, please ask your team members to register.

Why are we changing – our current process is not efficient and the new way of working with data will facilitate cross border offender and make it more efficient for all those involved.

### Why do you have to register with the new system?

So that CSW complies with health and safety, policy and insurance, ALL CSW team members are required to register with the system, you will be asked to undertake training – this is refresher training for some and for those that have recently been trained there is an option for me to override if your co-ordinator asks me to do so, with justification – Please contact me if required.

The historic record keeping is lacking information and this is why we will be asking for details – ALL personal details are 100% secure and held under encryption and are safe.

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



Then register to join **existing** group



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**Join existing group as an Operator**

Select Kent from the drop down

Then select **Police station nearest to you.**

Then select **your group** from the drop down –

Complete your details, Click the link on the email once received verify your email address and then undertake the training, when you have completed your training etc. I will be notified and then I will talk you through the next steps if required. (on the coordinators request after team members have registered I can override the training of operators if required)

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.



### **Benefits of CSW online.**

- Ease of organising sessions by Coordinators
- Availability of team members
- Booking of shared equipment
- Easier training – no requirement to wait for training to be delivered
- Booking of shared SIDS
- Recording sheets printed for ease
- Easy data entry
- Fast feedback of results
- Shared data with Sussex Police
- Easy identification of targeted locations for enforcement

All members of Speedwatch are required to register online however if some of your members do not have access to an email account they could use another members email address but add in their own personal details.

I am required to have a central list of all trained CSW members to ensure that you are covered by Kent Police Insurance at the roadside; if members are not registered on the system in future they will not be insured.

At the next conference we are planning to hold workshops where you will be able to speak to the CSW team face to face. Both Simon and Jan from CSW online will be on hand to help you and speak about future developments – however contact us anytime if you need help with the system.

Thank you to all those that have been using the system so far and the valuable feedback received.

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### **KENT POLICE OPEN DAY**

**Saturday 1 & 2 July 2017**

Kent Police Training School, Maidstone

I will be looking for volunteers who may be able to assist me with the running of the Speedwatch stand for the Open day on both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 2 per session this will be for 4 hour stints – AM or PM on both days – the Sunday will be open to you and your families to attend and enjoy the day with us if you wish.

I have been told by our Silver Commander that there will be a requirement this year for vetting to take place for any volunteers assisting on the stand, I am happy to update as to what is involved in this if required. – Please let me know by 1 May if anyone can assist.