



Community Speed Watch

Keeping North Yorkshire's roads safe



Within North Yorkshire and the City of York there are over 6,000 miles of roads, used every day by a variety of people for many reasons.

Community Speed Watch is a scheme designed to support local communities, to improve road safety by allowing residents to address speed concerns in their community, with the support of North Yorkshire Police.

Through the programme we aim to deter drivers from speeding in 20, 30 and 40 mph zones, to improve the quality of life for residents.

The scheme was rolled out after a successful pilot in 2015. A number of local communities are now seeing the benefits of adopting a Community Speed Watch scheme in their area.

Road safety is a significant concern for people in North Yorkshire. 95% of all collisions are human factor related and inappropriate speed is one of the most continuous factors.

How does it work?

The scheme allows community residents to report to the police the details of speeding vehicles in areas where speed is of a concern.

Community residents will visit pre-approved sites with a radar to record the speed and registration number of offending vehicles.

The presence of the team acts as



a deterrent and will encourage road users to take more care in this area.

Anyone caught speeding through Community Speed Watch (that is, doing 24mph or more in a 20mph zone, 35 mph or more in a 30 mph zone or 46 mph or more in a 40 mph zone) will receive a letter from North Yorkshire Police, to inform them of their offence, and the need to address their driving behaviour.

The main purpose of Community Speed Watch is to deter speeding, educate drivers, and encourage more care on local roads. North Yorkshire Police will be keeping a close watch on the recorded data, and we may take additional enforcement action if we identify a persistent or extreme offender.



Getting involved

If you feel you have a speeding problem in your community, a site of concern can be reported via the speed concern report form on the North Yorkshire Police website.

Submission of one single form is sufficient for a site to be assessed, multiple forms will not enhance or accelerate the process and may well delay any action being taken.

The speed concern will be acknowledged by North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau and will follow the process of the Speed Management Protocol.

If the site is assessed as suitable for Community Speed Watch, the informant will be contacted by North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau and further information will be provided on the scheme.

Isn't this a police job?

North Yorkshire Police is committed to achieving casualty reduction and include "reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on the road" as part of their Road Safety Strategy.

With ever-greater demand, it is simply not possible to carry out speed enforcement checks in every community that wants them on a regular basis.

Indeed, having to prioritise resources means that some communities that have a speeding problem without a corresponding collision record may be unlikely to see meaningful levels of enforcement. This is where working together can help.

Contact

For more information about Community Speed Watch, please visit our website at:

**[www.northyorkshire.police.uk/
communityspeedwatch](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/communityspeedwatch)**

Contact the Community Speed Watch team email:

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Community Speed Watch supports the aims of 95 Alive - a partnership comprising the police, local authorities, emergency services and other agencies, which seeks to lower the number of road casualties across North Yorkshire.

