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# Community Roadwatch

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## Presentation Overview

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- Processes & Procedures
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# What is Community Roadwatch?

- Community Roadwatch is a road safety scheme run in partnership by TfL, MPS and CoLP.
- Local residents work with the Police Safer Transport Team (STT) for their borough, and use speed detection equipment to I.D speeding vehicles.
- This is **NOT** an enforcement exercise; education and engagement only.



## Community Roadwatch Aims:

1. To improve road safety in London by reducing speed in residential areas.
2. To improve public confidence in the Police and TfL's efforts to reduce speed in residential areas.



# History of the Scheme

- Started around 2006 and known as “Speed Watch” nationally.
- Initially was mainly used by Constabularies in rural villages.



“80yr old Marian Coates, wields a speed camera, whilst husband Bob, left, clutches his clipboard”



## Other Forces with Speedwatch

- Suffolk
- Cambridgeshire
- Devon & Cornwall
- South Wales
- Hampshire
- Surrey
- Yorkshire
- Essex
- Kent
- Sussex
- Avon & Somerset
- Bedfordshire
- Thames Valley
- Norfolk
- Dorset
- West Mercia
- Lincolnshire
- Warwickshire





## Community Roadwatch Process

25mph



35mph



46mph



Volunteers will record details of vehicles travelling at 10% plus 2mph\* above the limit.

At no time will an attempt be made to stop or signal drivers to slow down.

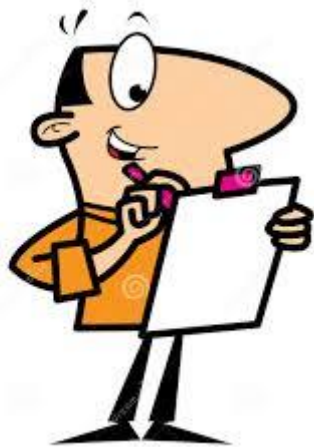


\*with the exception of 25mph in a 20.



# Roles and Responsibilities

Loggist



Speed gun operator



Observer



There must be at least 1 volunteer and 1 PCSO present and roles can be performed by either.





# Log sheet

Any motorist travelling the following speeds or over will have their details recorded:

25mph in a



35mph in a



46mph in a



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## What Happens to the Speeder?

1. Offending vehicles are PNC checked and if details match, a warning letter is sent to the registered keeper.
2. If caught a second time the second letter will warn the keeper that if caught a THIRD time the vehicle will be added to ANPR.
3. Third time + offenders will be considered for targeted enforcement. This will be a separate activity to CRW.





A partnership between



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Our ref: CRW-00136

04 September 2015

#### COMMUNITY ROADWATCH SPEEDING NOTIFICATION

Vehicle Registration:

Vehicle:

The above vehicle was monitored by Community Roadwatch volunteers exceeding the mph speed limit in by travelling at mph on at hours.

**An offence such as this typically carries a £100 fine and 3 penalty points on your driving licence.**

- If you were not the driver at the time, or the vehicle is registered to a company, I would ask you to forward this letter to the driver at the time of the incident.
- If you are no longer the Registered Keeper of this vehicle then please inform the DVLA.

The Metropolitan Police Service, City of London Police Service and Transport for London are committed to reducing the number of vehicle collisions and casualties occurring in the London area.

In 2015 there were 25,193 collisions involving injury on London's roads, with 2,092 resulting in someone being killed or seriously injured. Research has shown that speed is a contributory factor in half of all fatal road collisions, and we are working together to raise awareness of this issue.

The local community asks that drivers passing through the area observe the posted speed limits. Reducing your speed will directly contribute to saving lives and will improve the quality of life for those residents.

No further action will be taken on this occasion but this report will be held on our records for 12 months. If your vehicle comes to notice again it will be investigated further.

Yours sincerely,

Superintendent Andrew Johnstone  
Metropolitan Police Service, Roads and Transport Policing Command

You are receiving this letter as this is the second time the above vehicle has been recorded driving illegally. The vehicle details have now been entered onto police intelligence records and they will also be passed to our Criminal Justice Unit for entry onto their databases.

If the vehicle is seen offending again, it will be added to the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) hotlist. This will alert all patrolling roads policing units to the presence of the vehicle and it might be stopped and checked. In cases of persistent or extreme speeding, vehicles may be targeted for enforcement by police officers or mobile speed camera vans.



# Volunteer Recruitment

The schemes are managed locally by STTs, so it is each STT's responsibility to recruit volunteers in their borough.

## Recruitment Ideas:

- SNT colleagues
- Ward Panel Meetings
- CRW Engagement Events
- Council Road Safety Officers
- Social Media
- Press Launches (Local)
- Councillors
- Activist Groups





## Site Locations

Each borough STT is responsible for choosing CRW site locations, each of which should meet one of the following criteria:

1. Injury collision hotspot locations
2. Locations of community concern

Locations have to be residential, but can be high streets / main roads

To mitigate against potential neighbour confrontation, people will not volunteer on their own road





## Training and Health & Safety

- New volunteers are trained on how to use the devices on the roadside.
- All Volunteers have to sign a disclaimer at the beginning of each session.
- Volunteers must wear the CRW Hi-Viz at all times
- All sites will be risk assessed by a police officer prior to use.





# Evaluation Plans

Two types of evaluation:

Speed Surveys to test the aim of speed reduction.

Residential Surveys to test the aim to improve public confidence.

Evaluation is being carried out in two stages:

- 1) Before any Community Roadwatch activity has commenced.
- 2) Once the scheme has been established and running for some time.



## Roll-out Information

Community Roadwatch has been rolled out in stages from **Aug 15**, and is available pan-London as of **Dec 16**.

Borough	Roll-out Month
Bexley	Aug-15
Hillingdon	Aug-15
Croydon	Aug-15
Bromley	Aug-15
Greenwich	Sep-15
Southwark	Nov-15
City of London	Jan-16
Barnet	Jun-16
Haringey	Jun-16
Harrow	Jun-16
Brent	Jun-16
Wandsworth	Jul-16
Hackney	Jul-16
Enfield	Jul-16
Tower Hamlets	Aug-16
Hounslow	Aug-16
Lewisham	Aug-16
Ealing	Aug-16
Lambeth	Aug-16
Sutton	Sep-16
Redbridge	Oct-16
Westminster	Nov-16
Hammersmith & Fulham	Nov-16
Barking & Dagenham	Nov-16
Camden	Nov-16
Merton	Nov-16
Newham	Nov-16
Richmond	Nov-16
Waltham Forest	Nov-16
Kensington & Chelsea	Dec-16
Islington	Dec-16
Kingston	Dec-16



# MPS Roads Policing Map

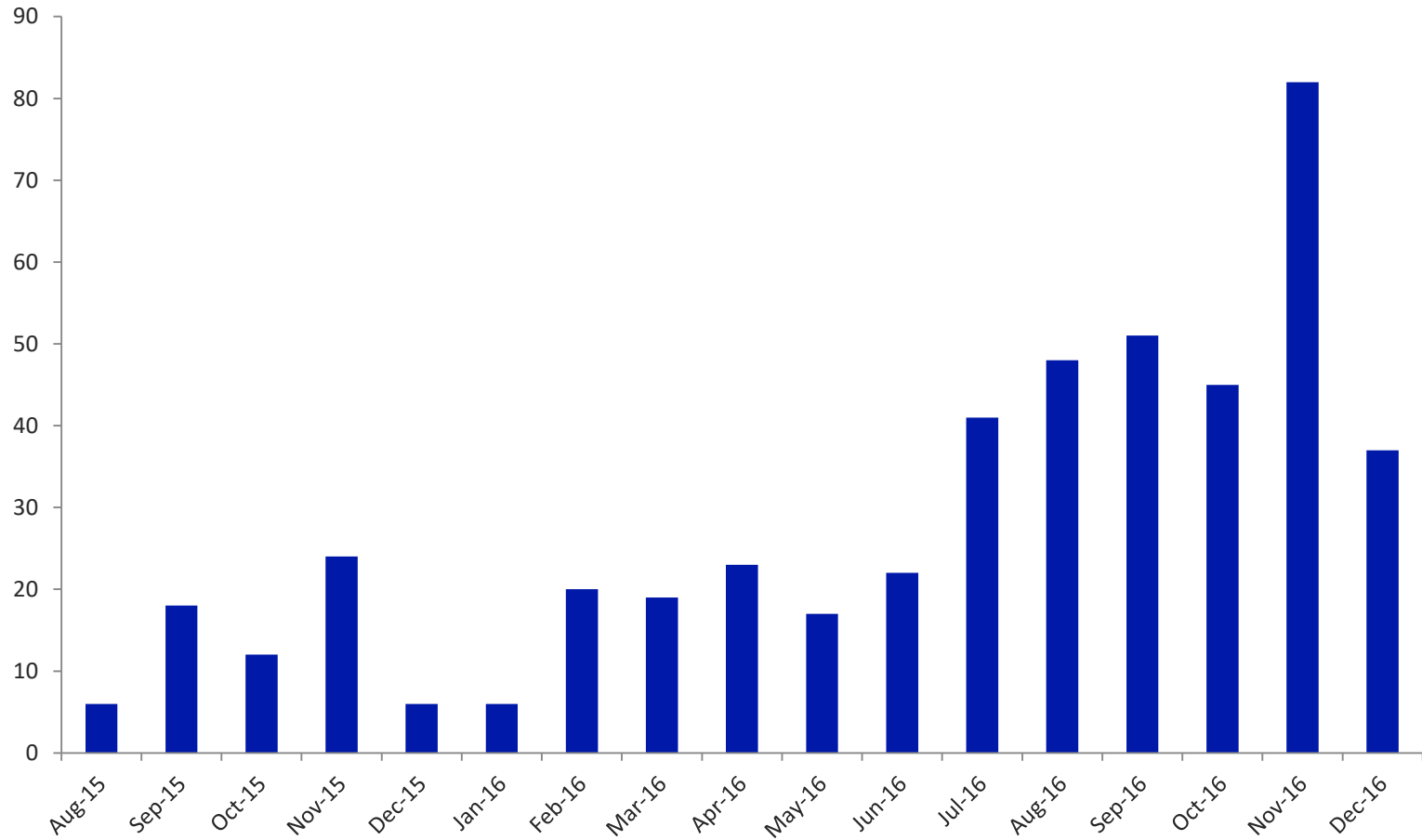


## Progress Aug 15 - Dec 16

- **11,882** vehicles detected speeding
- **477** CRW sessions held over **739** hours
- Average of **25** vehicles detected per session
- **Approx 400** volunteers Pan London



## Number of Sessions by Month



## Volunteer Feedback:

'I attend regular Community Roadwatch events in LB Southwark and wanted to say a) that the standard of organisation is extremely high and b) the interest and care shown by the all of the PCSOs that I have worked with on those events has been exemplary.'

'It was a new experience for me and an eye opener, the equipment was very easy to use and the accuracy was very impressive, I will defiantly volunteer for it in the future'.

'I had a great time at the volunteering. The PCSOs were really helpful .... I could see the usefulness of the speed gun exercise as vehicles would slow down once they spotted the PCSOs with the speed gun'.

' The two PCSOs were really knowledgeable about the scheme, got me to sign the appropriate paperwork and trained me on the use of the gun.

We got 7 cars and motorcycles I think as the effect of his viz policing was evident – drivers did tend to slow down when they noticed the yellow jackets'.

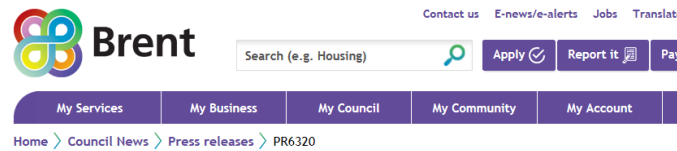




## CRW Photos



# Example Press Launches



## Local residents get hands-on to make Brent's roads safer

1 July 2016



## Croydon Guardian

### Public handed speed guns as part of road safety scheme



Inspector Mark Johnson, Geoff James, and Stephen Hedgecock

## News Shopper

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Bromley 17.5°C

### Residents of Bexleyheath get to grips with handheld speed cameras



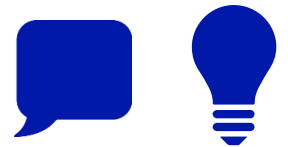
Resident learning how to use portable speed camera in Bexleyheath

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## Future Ideas

- Junior Community Roadwatch
- Introducing Mobile Phones / Seatbelts/ others
- CRW Engagement Events
- Pan-London Press Launch
- Regular CRW Stats
- Contact details at the front



# Invitation to Road Safety Officers to Share Their Experiences

**"Tell us what  
you think!"**



# Any Questions?







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