



Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Looe and its surrounding area have a Community Speed Watch team who are actively seeking new members to join them. Their sole intention is to try and make local roads a safer place for all to use.

The team founded to encourage as many drivers as possible to be more speed aware when driving through Looe and some of its surrounding villages.

They operate from police authorised monitoring sites which are chosen so they are clearly visible to approaching motorists and are placed well within a speed limited area. When motorists see the team, they should already be aware of the road's speed limit and will have had plenty of time to adjust their speed accordingly.

CSW volunteers monitor the speeds of all passing drivers but only record those travelling at 10% +2 above the speed limit and report them to the police. The police write an advisory letter to the registered keeper, which explains the dangers of travelling at excess speed and reminds drivers to reduce the speed at which they travel.

Community Speed Watch volunteers **do not** fine or prosecute drivers and fully support this alternative advisory action being taken.

They are also very thankful to the many drivers who they witness who do pass by, driving safely and within the speed limit.

Unfortunately, there are occasions when the Community Speed Watch activity does not have the desired impact of educating motorists to drive within the speed limit so the police will support local teams in delivering this message by conducting some enforcement action in the area as well.

The Looe Community Speed Watch team would really like to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining them or wish to find out more about the scheme please scan the QR code below, or email speedwatch@dc.police.uk with your name and contact number.

