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Community Speedwatch

Newsletter # 7

Welcome to the 7th newsletter from your TVP Community Speedwatch co-ordinator for;

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. (TVP)



Hi everyone.

Firstly, sorry for the delay of this newsletter. Since the start of the online platform, interest continues to grow. Within the Thames Valley Policing area, there are 2860+ volunteers who have joined the CSW community, this is a rise of 500 in the last year. Over 2300 authorised sites located across the three counties, again a rise of over 300 in the last year, building a substantial network.

I personally thank you all, for your time and dedication given to your communities.

There is a new promotional video that can be viewed using;



The CSW platform gives individual groups the ability to retrieve statistics, for those who are involved or have an interest. Your statistics are available from within the individual group's platform.

With 351 groups now registered on the system. We can still accommodate more.

Thames Valley work alongside Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary in an operations capacity. However, the two police forces do not run off the same platforms for CSW.

Equipment

The PCC, Matt Barber continues funding, enabling loan kits for new groups. These will now be available on a permanent loan basis. The individual group must show use of the equipment within a rolling 6 month period, otherwise they will be reclaimed and distributed to another group. Once loaned you cannot request to loan a second device. There are many new devices coming onto the market and we are trying to keep abreast of these. However, I must stress that should your group wish to purchase any new devices, would you kindly make contact with me in the first instance. All devices must be NON-HOME office approved. Some devices are NOT sanctioned for TVP CSW use. Your intended purchase may therefore be a costly outlay when the device cannot be used.

Where are we now!



Letter processing.

The first full year of the new lettering system has proved, that what I had been screaming for 3 years, was correct to enable the production of letters in a timely manner. However, inadvertently it has produced a bit of an issue, this will be addressed under the heading of complaints. In a nutshell, some recipients of the letters contest them, by way of formal complaint, I then have a duty to look into each case.

During 2025 my small band of volunteers, those who produce the letters, have sent out just over 37,000 letters, excellent for a group of six. Letters are now being produced five days after the roadside session and in the postal system within six days.

The CSW system will still show the words 'reported to TVP until the five days into the next month. I only upload into the CSW platform once per month, and the five days allow all of the last months letters to be produced

To find out roughly how many letters have been sent from your returns please follow; Campaigns - local council report. Change the dates in which you wish to check and click update. The first number will be those uploaded from your checks and the DVLA valid will be the letters sent. However, often there are a few that cannot be sent for many a reason.

Please enter the Report Date range

Start Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	<input type="text" value="2024-12-01"/>
End Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	<input type="text" value="2024-12-31"/>
Show Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT include Group sites report
Long Term Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT show Long Term report
Show Operator Names	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Show Sessions with Zero Speeders	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="button" value="Update"/>

Summary for this Period	
Number of Sessions this period	= 53
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	= 677
DVLA Valid vehicles	= 668
Accuracy	= 98%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	= 62 mph(+106%)



TVP roadside documents.

When you open the system and your co-ordinator books a session, the TVP roadside form will now be available as a pdf file at the bottom of the page. I am sorry that this has taken a while to establish. The CSW online document, has been superseded with TVPs official document. It is different from the old one. However, it is set out in evidence procedure (importance) in which the data has to be collected.



Thames Valley Speedwatch protocols.

TVP continue to be on a learning curve with the CSW platform, we subscribe to the platform and do not own it. However, TVP has its own protocols, as does every other Police force across the country. They are not all the same but do have similar characteristics.

If you have access, the protocols are posted in the TVP platform of CSW online. Their exact location within is; 'Help'-'Documents'-'Policies'-Briefings and Protocols'.



TVP insurance cover

Providing each scheme has signed up on the system and have undergone the relevant online training, only then will the TVP insurance will be in place. This has a liability of £50M, far higher than that of a small parish being able to obtain. On the new scheme the platform will enable each location to be certified and thus creating a service level agreement to the group.

**The insurance is only in place once CSW activities are in progress and providing that the group has pre- booked using the websites calendar system.
It does Not cover the equipment whilst it is stored.**



Community Speedwatch signs, mandatory or advisory!

The signage, under all CSW rules state that this **MUST** be in place during the CSW period of monitoring. As per the newsletters #2 onwards, the siting of fixed signage falls to either the local parish or the county highways division.



Complaints

On average I handle approximately 15-20 complaints per day in the high peak of summer, however in the winter months, a few less. There has been a bit of a social media frenzy relating to complaints, it is said, that if you receive a CSW letter from TVP, complain and it will go away. WRONG!, I treat all letters the same, with a strict protocol of investigation. 1, request the data sheet or images from the group involved, 2, a full ANPR check to determine the whereabouts in the country the vehicle was on that day, 3, send all evidence to the Roads Policing Customer relations officer for final correspondence back to the complainant. I am sorry if I do not get back to the groups with an outcome, sometimes the volume, (summer time) it is just not possible to.

From the letters of complaint I would say that most relate to 'my vehicle was elsewhere which can be substantiated by evidence of CCTV footage' (Ring doorbell etc). However, I have had door bell footage and also ANPR footage of the same vehicle in two different parts of the country at the same time. A vehicle was subsequently stopped by Roads policing officers and was found to be a stolen vehicle from London and on false number plates.

The remainder or bulk of the complaints are relating to data protection issues of which I still request the data before any correspondence back with the complainant.



Previous



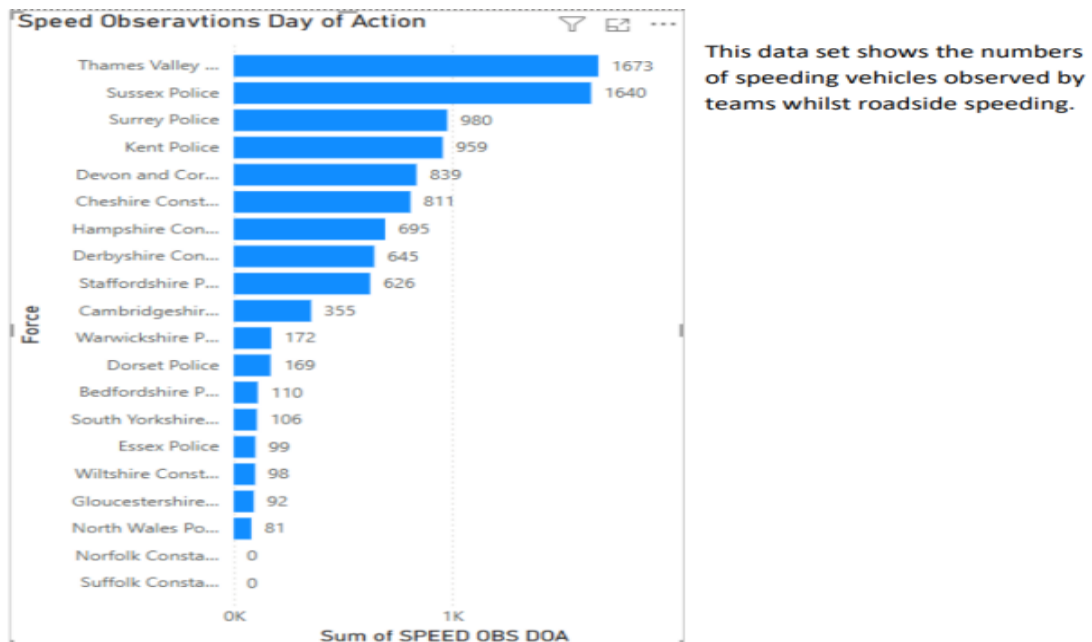
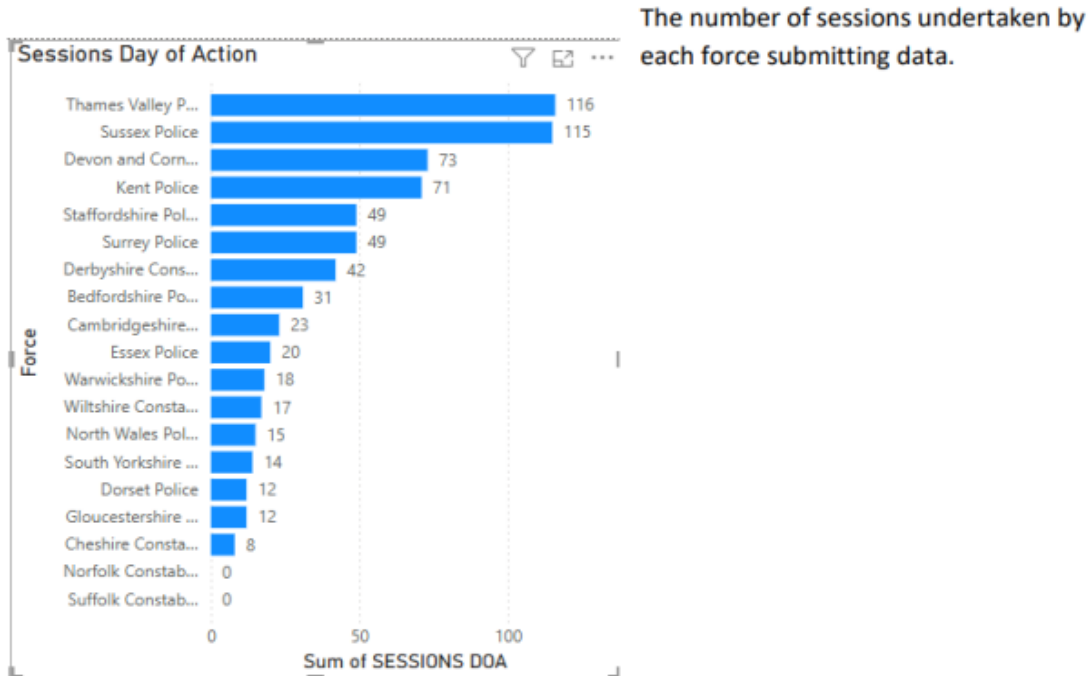
New

Some of you may be aware that Thames Valley Police has changed its corporate logo. I can confirm to you all that this does **NOT** invalidate any signage already purchased or erected within your communities. A mixture of old and new are excepted should you have to purchase additional.

AUTHORISATION MUST BE SOUGHT FROM YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY OR PARISH PRIOR TO PURCHASING, REGARDING FIXING TO EXISTING ROADSID FURNITURE.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION 2025

Thank you for all of your hard work on 11th July last year, the national day of Community speed watch. Your data was compared to that of every other Police area in the country. I can say that Thames Valley proved that road safety through education is the way forward. A total of 1673 letters were produced from this event. Hopefully there will be another nationwide day of action in 2026.



A FEW TVP SPEEDWATCH RESULTS

PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED NEW TVP CSW SCHEME.	= 2,861
SITES APPROVED ACROSS TVP	= 2,031
ROADSIDE SESSIONS IN HOURS (2025)	= 3,482
OPERATOR HOURS ACROSS TVP (2025)	= 9,907
LETTERS SENT (2025)	= 37,035
VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH CSW SYSTEM (2025)	= 498,607
VEHICLES REPORTED TO DVLA FOR NO TAX (2025)	= 814
Percentage of NON re-offenders after receiving 1 st letter	= 97.06%

Should you wish to view the New CSW informational video please use this link.

https://youtu.be/-0l3KAjwW_s

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT



The Vision.

All community speed watch activities across Thames Valley Police are aligned in the implementation and administration of the scheme.

All community speed watch activities are carried out in accordance with Policy, procedure and the best intentions of the community volunteers.

Members of the community are happy with the education process and potential targeting of persistent offenders.



TVP GDPR Policy

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IT'S NOT WORTH THE RISK

