

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND OPCC BRIEFING

CSW – Update briefing



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Welcome to the 3rd Community Speed Watch update of the year.

We hope you find the updates in this month's briefing useful and of interest. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE HQ TEAM

A warm welcome back to activity to you all, it's great to see all the returns flooding the CSW inbox. During the processing hiatus we have taken the opportunity to refine our data and improve our processes. Please ensure the returns you send to us are accurate in terms of the spelling of teams and locations - the system will reject the return if not and it will be returned to you.

RISK ASSESMENTS

It's worth a timely reminder to ensure that you are always adhering to the generic and operational risk assessments for your team and sites. We've received a few reports of teams concealing themselves from oncoming traffic, which not only goes against the operational risk assessment that states '*CSW operators are not to conceal their presence from motorists*', voiding insurance, but goes against the ethos of CSW being an educational and prevention scheme. The fewer speeders you have, the more effect you're having in your community.

CPT TASKING

We have a great relationship with our CPT with Sarah Holden as the single point of contact (SPOC) attending every tasking meeting across Wiltshire and Swindon. We are getting more and more requests from CPTs on how to drive through increased engagement and supporting communities in requesting traffic surveys.



WEB PAGES

We have recently moved our Force website to Single Online Home, which is a national platform used by all Forces across the country. If you were to view other Forces websites, they will have the same look and feel.

The CSW page on the Force website can be found by simply typing CSW into the search, which will lead you to [this page](#).

It also gives you a link to more enhanced information on the [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner](#) (OPCC) site.



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NEW FORM

We are really pleased to announce a new [online EOI form](#) making us even more efficient and reduces compatibility issues with certain versions of software. This form can be accessed via the OPCCs web page as detailed above and by scanning this QR code for those that wish.



Feel free to test the form out, using a surname of 'Test' so you can see what new potential volunteers will have to complete. We will of course continue to accept the existing form that's currently in use that is still accessible via DutySheet.

TRAINING

Training continues and since mid-November we have:

- Trained 159 new volunteers
- Offered 49 sessions to date
- Secured a further 20 new dates published.

Please keep those [expressions of interest](#) (EOI) coming in and we'll get your volunteers trained. During March we received 13 in total.

A reminder of the standard process is as follows on receipt of the EOI;

- An invite email to complete the part one training will be sent. This is an autonomous online session and at the end the volunteer will be asked to complete an electronic form which automatically informs us it's been completed.
- They will then be asked to book to a 40min online training session using Adobe Connect/Teams.
- Once complete, they receive a copy of the CSW process/policy and a link to a previously recorded session and notes.
- TLs are informed that their volunteer is now trained, authority to operate cards will be ordered and sent out with a high-viz jacket to the TL.
- TLs are responsible for ensuring all volunteers read both the Generic and each Operational Risk Assessment (ORA) for the sites you operate at. Please ensure the new volunteers sign to say they have read and understood these.

CSW online training sessions

Tuesday	11 th May	1100hrs
Saturday	15 th May	1100hrs
Thursday	27 th May	1100hrs
Saturday	29 th May	1100hrs
Tuesday	8 th June	1100hrs
Saturday	12 th June	1100hrs
Thursday	24 th June	1100hrs
Saturday	26 th June	1100hrs
Tuesday	6 th July	1100hrs
Saturday	10 th July	1100hrs
Thursday	22 nd July	1100hrs
Saturday	24 th July	1100hrs
Tuesday	3 rd August	1100hrs
Saturday	7 th August	1100hrs
Thursday	19 th August	1100hrs
Saturday	21 st August	1100hrs
Tuesday	7 th September	1100hrs
Saturday	11 th September	1100hrs
Thursday	23 rd September	1100hrs
Saturday	25 th September	1100hrs



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COMMUNITY MESSAGING



We are keen to promote the use of [Wiltshire Community Messaging](#) service which gives you:

- Free alerts from local police officers about policing and crime matters in their CPT area and from partner agencies
- Free messages by **email**, **text** or **voicemail**
- Community Messaging aims to improve the flow of information between communities and the police
- Residents can reply to messages from local officers to help them better police the area e.g. responding to police appeals for information

You are also able to join a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme in your area or request to start a new one. There are many interests you can select within your preferences which ensures you are in control of the information you receive.

Examples of the interests are as follows:

Allotment Owners
Canal Watch Scheme
Church Watch
Community Safety
Dog Watch (New)
Faith Watch

Farm Watch
Horse Watch
Hotel Watch
Shop Watch Schemes
Volunteering
Youth Clubs and Groups

NEWS

This week we launched [Dog Watch](#)



Over the past few months there has been a rising perception and concern that more dog thefts and attempted dog thefts are taking place across the country. This has primarily been driven by social media comments and reports.

As a result, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, supported by Forces across the country, carried out a national survey on dog thefts in March this year.

Here in Swindon and Wiltshire, so far in 2021, we haven't received any reports of dogs being physically stolen. However, we have received reports of a handful of attempted dog thefts which we are investigating.

The Dog Watch scheme will be driven through our Community Messaging site.

Wiltshire Police's Assistant Chief Constable Debs Smith said:

"As a dog owner myself, I appreciate the concern and worry owners have around dog thefts."



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"Despite there being no reported cases of thefts here in Wiltshire so far this year I can understand why the perception is worse than the real picture."

"We are currently investigating reports of a handful of attempted dog thefts as well as being made aware, via social media, of some suspicious activity by some individuals around dogs."

"We do take this type of crime seriously and want to be proactive in helping dog owners protect their much loved pets - and so I welcome the setting up of Dog Watch."

"This scheme has two major benefits: it helps with the sharing of information amongst a dog loving community and also helps us, the police, build up an intelligence picture of potential issues in a particular area."

"Please note though, you should still report any attempted thefts via 101 or our website."

"While we don't want people to panic or worry unnecessarily, we would continue to remind everyone to be vigilant when out walking their dogs and to ensure their animals are locked inside or kept in safe and secure kennels overnight."

To sign up to Dog Watch:

Go to www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk - once you have signed up to Community Messaging – which alerts you to lots of things happening in your community - you can select Dog Watch to received Dog Watch information.