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## About Community Speed Watch Why do we need this pilot?

Community Speed Watch is a new pilot programme, run by North Yorkshire Police in collaboration with local communities. Through the programme we aim to deter drivers from speeding in 30 and 40 mph zones, to improve the quality of life for residents.

Road safety is a significant concern for people in North Yorkshire. Last year, there were 179 accidents on our roads where speed was a factor, and 69 of those were in 30 or 40 mph zones. The Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan, is committed to improving road safety, so she has championed the introduction of this Community Speed Watch pilot scheme, to test out whether it can help to reduce problems on our roads.

At the moment, if you believe there is a speeding problem in your area, you can raise the issue with your local council through the Speed Management Protocol.

This involves filling in a short form to explain where the problem is happening. Data logging equipment is then installed to monitor vehicle speed 24:7 over a week.

Sometimes the data logging equipment will show that the speeding issue does not fall into the most severe category - but it may still be enough of a problem to affect the quality of life for local people.

Previously we did not have a specific tool to use in areas where speeding is significant but not severe.

Now, Community Speed Watch can be used to fill that gap, allowing the police and local people to work together to address speeding issues.



## How does it work?

Through Community Speed Watch, police volunteers will visit the site and – with help from local people wherever possible– they will use a radar gun and/or an LED speed sign to record speed, registration number, colour and make of vehicle.

The presence of the team and the equipment 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 35mph or more in a 30mph zone or 46mph or more in a 40mph 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.

However, 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.

## Where will the programme run?

This pilot programme will run at pre-selected sites in York, Harrogate, Selby and Hambleton. The sites will be 30 or 40 mph zones in areas where the community has already registered a concern about speeding through the Speed Management Protocol process, and where it is safe for volunteers to carry out a Community Speed Watch action.

In Selby there is also a small number of sites that haven't been through the Speed Management Protocol, but that are areas of community concern.

You can find out more about the proposed locations on the North Yorkshire Police website: [www.northyorkshire.police.uk/communityspeedwatch](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/communityspeedwatch)



## Getting involved

The Community Speed Watch scheme will be operated by police volunteers, working alongside members of the public. If you would like to join in a Community Speed Watch action near you, please contact the Community Speed Watch team at the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The contact details are in the Contacts section of this leaflet.

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

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

## Contacts

### **Community Speed Watch team**

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You can also get in touch with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner at:  
Tel: 01423 569 562

Or visit the Commissioner's website at:  
[www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)

Community Speed Watch is in line with 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.

