

Community Speed Watch

Here are my thoughts on this local possibility.

Having attended a local briefing approx. 4 years ago at Uffington village hall I would strongly suggest that it is not worth the expense nor hours that would be required to undertake this task.

This was agreed by LPC at the time.

Firstly, you have to execute the exercises at the busy times of the day, so no 10:00 start!

In my personal opinion, this should be a traffic officer's role and should, therefore be delegated within the police to maybe a 'civilian' who can undertake this task.

In case you have not read all the 'bits' from Vanessa here is a summary of the main points.

The actual process is rather involved, as you need a camera holder, a writer/car identifier the final person reads out the vehicle registration and make (if possible). Who knows car makes and models, and at the same time someone writing other details.

Once the session is complete, someone has to download the camera data, type up the vehicle registrations (or scan the original sheets) and then send all the information to the police/road safety teams. Not a five minute job after about 1.5 hours work, data collection.

When the authorities have acted upon the data, a letter is sent to the car owner WARNING them about the offence, no other action is taken, after 3 letters the police will officially follow up with the owner.

Below is the information that I received from Vanessa: -

Once you've done the formal training you need funds to buy the equipment which we had a breakdown...

Min 3 people at a time needed to survey

High viz vests with CSW on them at least 3 @£80 each but up to 6 recommended

Speed gun approx. £220

Large A boards with CSW at least 2 @£110 each approx.

Counting clicker - Estd £8

You will need to nominate a local coordinator and admin person. One person can double up.

Once you have completed the training you need to complete and sign the Volunteer Indemnity form, which can be emailed to csw.admin@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Once indemnity form completed participants are insured.

Therefore, the initial costs excluding person-hours for training and organising equates to approximately: -

6 x £80 = £480

1 x £220 = £220

2 x £110 = £220

1 x £10 = £10

Total = £950.00

We then need to fund the 'Surveys' @ £50 each location, one for East End and one for West End, equalling £100

Having travelled through quite a few of these around the country in my opinion they have little impact, faster drivers slow down when they see the signs stating CSW is in operation and then speed back up after passing them, hence not caught.

We have 2 SID's which can be moved around the village at agreed intervals, we also publish on our web site showing past and current speeding data.