



Community SpeedWatch Newsletter

June 2026

Welcome to the new quarterly CSW Newsletter

To all our volunteers across the whole of East and West Sussex, this Newsletter is designed to keep you informed about the latest important information, news, stories, safety information and policy changes.

Items with **RED** borders are **important mandatory read notices for all**. Items with **BLUE** borders are Police notices. Items with **GREEN** borders are general information. Items in **BLACK** are CSW news items. Items with **PURPLE** borders are coordinators/data input recorders items.

So, if you have anything amusing, interesting or informative you would like to be included, send it to

csw3.sussex@gmail.com

Backing Community Action to Improve Road Safety



Keeping our roads safe is one of the issues residents raise with me most often, which is why I was pleased to recently join a Community SpeedWatch (CSW) group in Wisborough Green to see first-hand the difference local volunteers are making.

Sussex now has the largest CSW scheme in the country, with more than 3,300 volunteers across 360 groups helping to deter speeding and improve road safety in towns and villages across the county.

Last year alone, CSW volunteers recorded over 43,000 instances of speeding, including more than 2,600 cases of excessive speeding

CSW is proven to work. Drivers caught speeding receive a warning letter, and compliance is high – in 2025, over 95% of motorists adjusted their behaviour after receiving a notification. This shows that community-led action can make a real and lasting impact.

Sadly, some volunteers have faced abuse while carrying out their duties. To better protect them, Sussex Police have introduced body-worn video cameras for SpeedWatch sessions. Since their introduction, there has been a 70% reduction in abuse, helping volunteers feel safer while continuing their vital work.

I am hugely grateful to all our volunteers who give their time to make Sussex's roads safer. Their dedication is helping to reduce anti-social driving and protect everyone who lives, works and travels in our county.

PCC Katy Bourne OBE

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

New Insurance Requirement for ALL Members

For Insurance purposes ALL members MUST read the Mandatory Insurance Document, complete and sign the Appropriate Age form and email it to your District Administrator. Full details and forms can be found in the "Help" section under Policies – "New Insurance Document CSW 2026".

Body Worn Video & Apple MAC Users

We now have a dedicated Body Worn Video and Apple MAC Administrator to help sort out any problems you might have; Email: csw8.sussex@gmail.com

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Sussex Road Safety Team Safety in Action Day

The **Sussex Police Road Safety Team** supported Schools Safety in Action lead by East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. CSW District Administrators SIA Team attended the Eastbourne Sports Park to run the Road Safety Scenario for schools as part of the safety in action training day. This also included fire safety, water safety, electrical safety, CPR with South East Coast Ambulance Service, alcohol safety, stranger danger, road safety and transport safety (rail).

This is a valuable learning resource for schools run yearly over several weeks, should anyone wish to help volunteer for the road safety scenario please contact District Administrator Chris Broadley email csw4.sussex@gmail.com for further information, the post will require the individual to be DBS checked through Sussex Police Road Safety Team, contact for this is stephen.oconnell@sussex.police.uk



New District Administrator

A very warm welcome to Jonathan Pratt, he has just joined our growing team of DA's, supporting groups across Sussex. Jonathan will be covering Mid-Sussex.

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Chichester Emergency Services, Armed Forces & Community Day 2nd August 2026 10am to 4pm **Location: Oaklands Park, Chichester PO19 6AP**

Chichester's Emergency Services and Community Day is a free, family-friendly event celebrating the work of local emergency services and the Armed Forces. The event provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to explore fire engines, police vehicles, ambulances, and coastguard equipment, as well as historic emergency service vehicles. It also serves as a platform to promote community resilience and inspire future emergency service personnel.

CSW Admins will be there, so come and say hello



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Cancelling Sessions

If you have to cancel a session for whatever reason, please ensure you cancel it on the system as soon as possible. Road Policing Teams, Fatal 5 Units & District Administrators use the CSW session information when planning their day. Failure to do so, can and has caused officers to travel long distances to a session, only to find nobody there. So please cancel as soon as you are able. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sussex Police News

All Out Day "Operation Spotlight"

All Out Day this year is Wednesday 15th July. Last year 18 Police Forces across England and Wales were involved. The data compiled by Kent Police shows that over 91,000 vehicles were estimated to have passed an active SpeedWatch scheme, of which 10,150 were recorded speeding. 579 groups undertook 685 sessions, amounting to 1830 hours at the roadside. Sussex CSW were top, accounted for 369 of those hours with 1640 vehicles record speeding, second only to Thames Valley with 1673 vehicles. So well done Sussex CSW. Please try to create a session that day and maintain our great record. If you cannot carry out a session on the 15th, then any day that week would be great.

If you would like a copy of last year's data, then please email me at csw3.sussex@gmail.com

Fatal 5 Unit News

Roadside support for CSW groups has shown a marked increase in visits since the formation of F5U in January, with 50% of their time is now spent supporting CSW at the roadside.

Between January 2026 and March 2026, Sussex Police have processed the following from the Fatal 5 Unit, 33 Arrests (9 self-referrals, 24 public referrals) 5 VAS interviews, 47 CSW supported sessions

649 stops

292 TORs (Traffic Offence Reports)

103 FPNs (Fixed Penalty Notices)

52 S165 Vehicle seizures

38 Intel log

30 summons

28 CRASH reports

24 S59 Warnings (Section 59 Warnings)

129 others

Trucam: (Roadside Police Officer Speeding Device)

39 visits

22 hours enforcement

344 offences (267 after No Further Action (NFA))



Police News

Hastings CSW along with 3 Student Police Officers from Hastings Response Investigations Team (RIT) conducted a SpeedWatch session. Three speeding vehicles failed to stop when requested by the officers. A lorry at 47mph and a pickup truck at 39. A third vehicle also failed to stop when requested. Further checks were made at the station. The lorry was from a hire company, and the driver has to date not yet been traced. The pick-up truck was registered out of area and was passed to the Road Policing Unit, who dealt with the driver. Further checks on the driver of the 3rd vehicle showed they were wanted on recall to prison.

Damaged SD Card in Body Worn Video units

We are getting several reports of damage to SD cards. Therefore, please ensure that you do not remove the cards, as this is how they are being damaged, they should only upload to a laptop/PC/MAC directly from the device using the supplied micro-USB lead.

Thank You for your cooperation.

Rebuilding Robertsbridge Community SpeedWatch Scheme



In April 2026 Robertsbridge Parish Council (PC) contacted Steve O'Connell at Sussex Police and requested support in rebuilding their Community SpeedWatch Scheme (CSW).

The request was passed to the Senior District Admin Officer (East Sussex) Bob Kenward to action. The original team had operated up until the end of 2019 when the coordinator moved out of the area and there was no one to take over.

The Parish Council has tasked a new councillor Mark Hamilton (retired Met Police Officer) to try to rebuild the team.

There was to be a Village Hall Public Meeting scheduled for 20 April 2026 which made a good opportunity for CSW to recruit a few new members and permission was granted for stall.



The Village Hall was packed with the local residents, with many local charity organisations represented.

PCC Katy Bourne OBE was the guest speaker at this event, she spoke for several minutes about CSW and stated that she holds its volunteers and the work they do in the highest regard. She also confirmed that CSW works well with a very high compliance rate of 95%, with first offenders not recorded again in the following 12 month.

Bob and Mark recruited 3 potential new members on the evening. They also spoke about the different types of equipment that are in use and a new device that is being trialled. Currently the PC have a starter kit that contains the Pocket Radar Device. Going forward They are interested in buying one of the new laser devices.

Top: PCC Katy Bourne OBE operating a speed detection device
Bottom: Mark Hamilton, PCC Katy Bourne OBE & Bob Kenward

New Fixed Speed Camera in Eastbourne



The Sussex Police Road Safety Team are committed to making the roads of Sussex a safer place, we have listened to residents in Eastbourne and in consultation with the Local Authority we have been able to re-instate the safety camera on Upperton Road that was damaged after a collision, the camera has already captured 34 offences, this is an area that has suffered from speed issues for some time.

Upperton Road is the main approach to the rail station and main shopping precinct with a very busy junction, hopefully this will help to reduce the number of incidents on this busy stretch of road.



AI Road Safety Cameras

700 offences detected in first week of AI Road Safety Cameras

In the first week alone, new AI road safety cameras in Sussex detected over 700 offences, mainly drivers using mobile phones at the wheel or not wearing a seatbelt. These are not minor issues – they are key causes of serious injury and death on our roads, and we know the heartbreak and devastation they leave behind for families and loved ones.

What concerns me most is that many of these offences are entirely avoidable. Wearing a seatbelt correctly and keeping your phone out of reach could, quite literally, save your life or someone else's.

The technology being used by Sussex Police is there to support safer behaviour, not to be intrusive. Most images are deleted instantly, and only potential offences are reviewed by officers, ensuring privacy is respected.

I fully support the use of modern, evidence-led approaches like this if they help reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads. While enforcement is necessary, the goal is clear: to change behaviour and prevent tragedies before they happen.

I remain committed to working with Sussex Police, our partners and residents to promote responsible driving and make Sussex's roads safer for everyone.

PCC Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Safer in Sussex Community Fund: Applications Now Open

Community and voluntary groups across Sussex are invited to apply to my Safer in Sussex Community Fund, as the next application window is now open.

Since its launch, the fund has invested over 2.4 million into more than 600 local initiatives, demonstrating the vital role community-led organisations play in keeping people safe.

Previously funded projects spanned a wide range of activities including youth services, domestic abuse support provision, homelessness initiatives, community safety interventions, and programmes supporting our veterans. These initiatives show how targeted, local action can make a real difference – helping people at the right time and strengthening neighbourhoods across Sussex.

Successful projects typically demonstrate strong community insight, collaborative work with others and clear outcomes that align with reducing harm and improving safety.

Details on eligibility, funding criteria and how to apply are available on my [website](#). If you know a local organisation that could benefit, please do encourage them to apply. My Safer in Sussex Community Fund will be open for applications until **6th June**.

PCC Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

VERY IMPORTANT

Recordable Speed Threshold Change.

As from 9th December 2024 the speed at which we can record speeding changed.

For further information go to the “Help” section of the website and navigate to “Policies” Speed Threshold Change Sussex Police.



School Zig Zag Project in East Sussex



The Zig Zag Project in East Sussex lead by East Sussex County Council and supported by the Sussex Police Road Safety Team was in action at Peacehaven Schools on the first day of the new term 23rd February 2026.

This scheme operates with a signed waiver from the Local Authority and uses funding from the Ellie Thornton Foundation to help the school with the cost of the boards, they are placed on the zig zags at school time to dissuade drivers from pulling up outside the school causing a danger to school children, they also encourage the traffic to slow down near the school.

Steve O'Connell from the Sussex Police Road Safety Team commented: that "After being rolled out at many East Sussex schools, this has made a significant addition to Road Safety and speeds outside the schools. It is a pleasure to see the community alongside schools getting involved and supporting the scheme, it highlights the issue of poor parking and speed being used inappropriately near vulnerable children on their way to school". Any school wanting to adopt this scheme should approach East Sussex County Council in the first instance by emailing RoadSafety@eastsussex.gov.uk or stephen.oconnell@sussex.police.uk for the waiver document and for funding schools should visit www.elliethorntonfoundation.org.uk

Brighton Queens Park & St Lukes group

In January, Brighton Pavilion MP, Sian Berry (left & right), visited a session on one of Queens Park Road sites. More recently, one of the Queens Park Ward Councillors, Marina Lademacher (centre), joined us at two of our sites on Freshfield Road.

Our session data for this week reflects the ongoing issue with anti-social driving with 30 vehicles speeding out of 75 passing, 9 travelling at 30-mph and above in the 20-mph road.

After three years of running our sessions and campaigning alongside residents, we're hoping to see the planned road safety improvements to Freshfield Road in the coming year.





Trade Plates

Trade Plates can now be recorded in the data the same way the standard Vehicle Registration Marks (VRM) are. When entering data the top left-hand corner drop-down box where it says, "Country Letter", Trade Plates can now be accessed via that drop-down list. The time, Speed, Make and Colour are all entered as per normal. The only thing that is different is that you enter the Trade Plate number instead of the VRM. All other boxes such as "Abuse" and "Special Interest" are used as normal.

We have compiled a PowerPoint presentation to explain this in greater detail. If you would like a copy, then please contact your local District Administrator who will be happy to email you a copy. We are, however, not yet able to report Trade Plates not correctly displayed i.e. outside the vehicle and at the front and back.

Country Letter	Time Hr	Min	Mph	Reg #	Please choose one from either 'Common Makes' or 'All Makes' but not both		Colour 1
Trade	16				Common Makes	All Makes	Unknown
Direction					ABUSE targeted at your Group ?		Colour 2
Traffic Heading South East					Inoffensive driver		Unknown
Comments/Model					Special Interest		
					non specific		

Add Record

Hint:- Input the first field and press [TAB] for the next field, continue using [Tab] to move between fields.
Hint:- In each pull down you can type some of the item description to progress through the list.
Hint:- For multiple coloured vehicles or if you are unsure of the colour please enter both colours.
Hint:- If you choose both of the Makes pull downs, the one that takes priority is the top 25 most 'Common Makes'.
Hint:- If you choose from the 'All Makes' pulldown please ensure the 'Common Makes' is blank(not UNKNOWN).
Hint:- If you wish to change the order of the **vehicle list below** - please change this in Group ->Group details.
Hint:- Special Vehicles are types that your Police Force are interested in recording.

For **UNDERSPEED** offences please input 0 in the speed field, registration, time, make and colour if available plus the type of abuse encountered.

To ALL Coordinators.

Members Leaving the Group

1, If they are moving groups or they are in two groups and are leaving yours, then just delete them from your group operators list. That way, all their details remain on the server for the other group.

2, If they are only in your group and wish to leave, then please ask them to resign by going to "My Details" – "Edit Details" and scroll to the bottom and click "I Wish to Resign from SpeedWatch". All the ex-members details are then deleted from the server.

3, If, for some reason they are unable to resign, then you must delete them from the group operators list AND inform your local DA, giving the ex-member's Name, Group and Email Address.

4, If in the past you have carried out a member's removal who is NOT in another group, then, if possible, please inform a DA with the name of the group, their names and if possible, their email address.

Member Signing into their CSW Account

To ensure accounts are still active, all members are now required to sign in at least **every six months**. **Failure to do so will automatically block the** member from joining sessions. The rationale behind this is to highlight dead accounts so they can be removed. Coordinators, please make sure all your members are made aware.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

PowerPoint Presentations available upon Request

Insurance v3: Roadside group insurance explained

New Site Wizard v1: How to generate a new site

Trade Plates v1: How to enter onto the system

New members Training Presentation v16: Introduction to CSW

Abuse v6: How to deal with and report.

More will become available

If you would like any of these, then just ask your local DA.

Equipment Recovery

Pocket Radar Recall of unused devices.

If you have one of these devices you are not using, then please inform your local District Administrator, who will arrange collection.



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Notice to all Coordinators

When groups are being observed by an external body, such as MP's or Councillors, **for insurance purposes** please ensure they are wearing a Hi-Vis jacket. If they are not, then they need to stand behind the operating group. Please also note that under no circumstances are they to operate the speed detection devices. Thank You.

Do you need a Body Worn Video?

BWV footage can be used as evidence where abuse or other offences have taken place. They can also help in further identifying vehicle make, colour and often the VRM of an offender not fully recorded at the roadside. All groups are routinely issued with these devices.

To obtain one free of charge, please contact your District Administrator. Alternatively, you can purchase your own, but please ensure it is registered with CSW before use.

Coordinators Meetings

Meetings are held via **Microsoft Teams** at 13:00 every 3rd Friday of the month. If you are not receiving the email link to attend, but would like to do so, then please send a request stating your name and the name of your group to csw@sussex.police.uk

The meetings are designed to keep groups up to date with the latest safety and policy updates. They are not compulsory but can be very informative. If for any reason you are unable to attend these sessions, then a member of your team can take your place.

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VERY IMPORTANT: DATA INPUT RECORDERS & COORDINATORS TAKE NOTE

When either the FFU (Fatal Five Unit) or Roads Policing Officers visit a group, they will be using the new Tru-Cam Devices. These devices have video capability, which negates the pulling in of the vehicles. So please check with the Officers to ensure that vehicles they are prosecuting via this device are NOT listed on the CSW record sheet. This also applies to vehicles **stopped** by Officers and have issued a Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP). It is **imperative** that there is **either** a **Police prosecution OR** a **CSW educational letter**. **NOT BOTH**, So **PLEASE CHECK**.

Newsletter Notes

Dear members, please note that important information shown in this newsletter will continue in future newsletters. I hope you enjoyed our second publication. If you have any comments, or wish to add something to the next quarter's issue, then please contact me on csw3.sussex@gmail.com

To conform with GDPR, Photographs of faces and names will not be allowed without express permission from the owner. A photo taken from behind is often the best way, as faces are hidden. By submitting face photographs of people and or names, it will be accepted that authorisation for their publication has been given by that/those person/s.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot include car registration numbers, addresses etc.

When sending emails, please add your group name in the subject line.

If you require further information on any of the subjects in this Newsletter, then please contact your DA.

Thank You