

Speedwatch Report for 31 July 2023 RSPC Meeting

- We have carried out three sessions this month (at the time of writing) with another planned for Thursday 27 July (weather permitting). We should have liked to carry out more but the weather has been against us necessitating sessions being cancelled due to rain.
- PSCO Ed King is now back on duty following a leave of absence.
- We welcome a new volunteer to the team, Olly Aires, who is now able to join us at the roadside having received his safety briefing from Ed King. I have “put his name down” for the next Laser device training session to enable him to participate fully.
- We have received a note of thanks from the Warwickshire Road Safety Unit along with announcement regarding staffing changes and an additional safety officer which should help to address the issues raised in the last report. The note is appended to this report.
- A new Data Recording Sheet has been issued and we are instructed to use it however there are a number of issues with the new form (not least silly spelling mistakes). Feedback has been sent to the Road Safety Unit. A copy of the new DRS is attached.
- The LASER speed measuring device is due for its second annual service and calibration in August. This is in hand. There is no cost to the PC as the service is paid for by Warwickshire Police.

Message from Inspector Dave Valente:

Dear CSW members/volunteers,

I just wanted to say a thank you to each of you for the invaluable time, effort and contribution you are giving to making our roads in Warwickshire safer for those who live, work and travel in our County.

Community Speed Watch has grown significantly in the last few years, with more groups and new members joining our effort to reduce not only speed, but collisions and injuries on our roads. Since March 2022 the effort of your teams has seen over 613 sessions being recorded, and approximately 4200 warning letters being issued to errant drivers. This is a significant achievement for which you can rightly be proud.

2023 has presented some challenges for us, as a new Policing model that went live in April this year resulted in CI Faz Chishty taking up a new role in local policing, and I have stepped up into his place as the Manager of the Road Safety Unit. Many of you will also know that our Road Safety Officer PC Ken Bratley suffered a family bereavement, and we are grateful for the well wishes and support from CSW members through that difficult period. I want to

thank you for your patience with us as we have worked through those, and for continuing to maintain a visible deterrence and presence in your local communities.

The increase in CSW engagement from you and your teams, and Operation Snap (in which the public send in videos of moving traffic offences) has resulted in Warwickshire Police investing in an additional Road Safety officer to work alongside PC Ken Bratley. After a robust recruitment and vetting process, we are pleased to confirm that Gary Strain will be joining the team from the 26th July.

Gary is very experienced in road safety issues, and is very much looking forward to working with you.

Once Gary has had time to settle into his role, we envisage that with this increased capacity we will be able to explore how Ken and Gary can strengthen our partnership, with increased CSW communication and group engagement.

Once again, thank you for your effort, support and commitment to road safety.

Regards

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