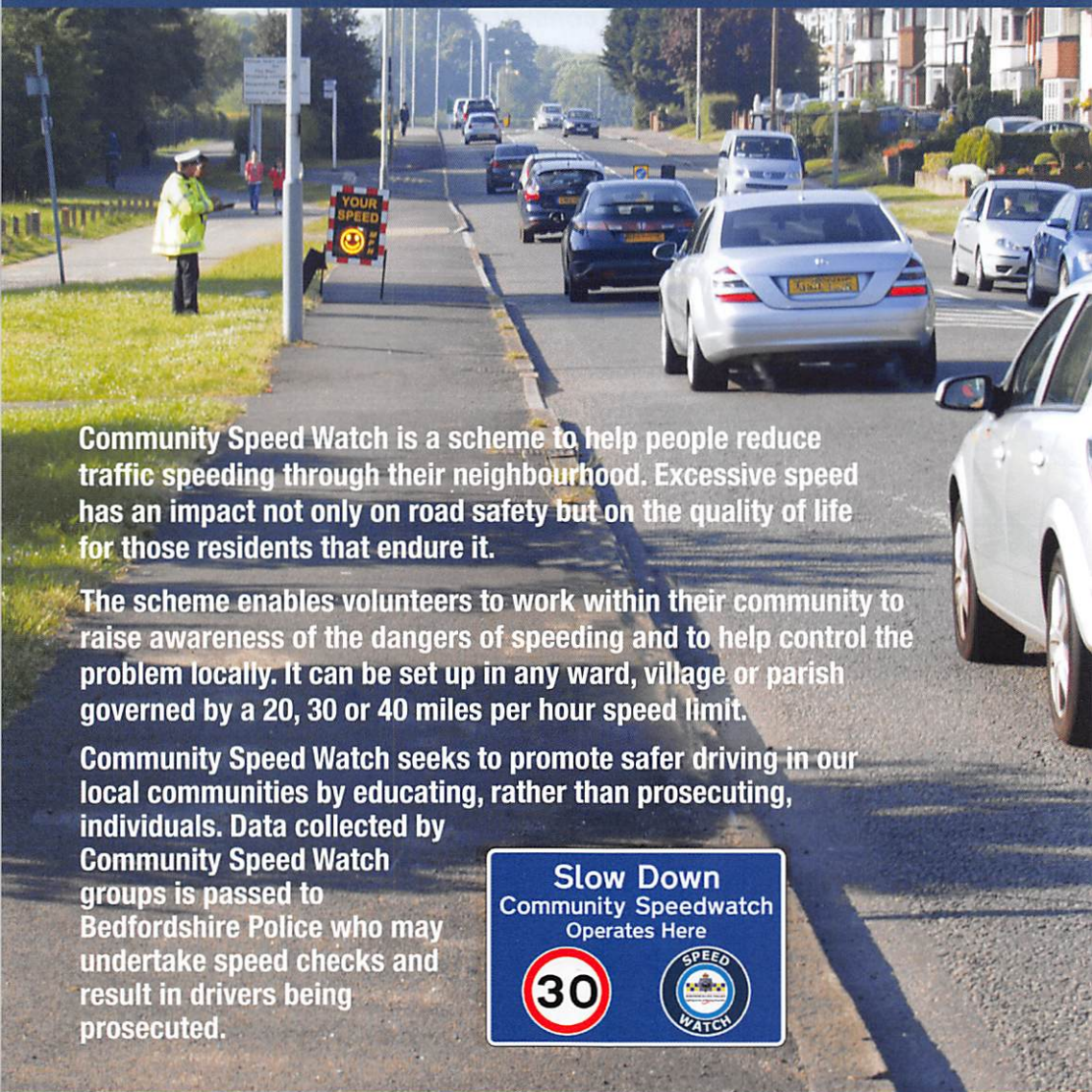


BEDFORDSHIRE SPEED WATCH



Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help people reduce traffic speeding through their neighbourhood. Excessive speed has an impact not only on road safety but on the quality of life for those residents that endure it.

The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. It can be set up in any ward, village or parish governed by a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.

Community Speed Watch seeks to promote safer driving in our local communities by educating, rather than prosecuting, individuals. Data collected by Community Speed Watch groups is passed to Bedfordshire Police who may undertake speed checks and result in drivers being prosecuted.



VOLUNTEERS

Community Speed Watch requires a group of at least two trained volunteers to operate.

Having registered as a volunteer you will be offered a training course run by Bedfordshire Police which covers the use of the equipment, training in conflict resolution and an option for basic first aid if required.

The course can be arranged at various locations around the county and consists of two modules which last for a maximum of two hours.



If you are interested in becoming a Speed Watch Volunteer visit:
www.drivesafely.org
or email: speedwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

SPEED CHECKS

Groups are provided with the necessary equipment by the police to run a Community Speed Watch session and the police control room should be notified prior one taking place.

Volunteers record details of any vehicles exceeding the speed limit and the results are forwarded to the police.

The registered keeper of the vehicle is then sent a letter informing them that the vehicle was detected exceeding the speed limit, giving the location, date and time. Persistent speeders receive a second letter and on a third occasion they can expect further action to be taken by the police.

Bedfordshire Speed Watch is supported by:

Bedfordshire Police
Bedford Borough Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Luton Borough Council
Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

