



# Community Speed Watch

## Get involved

### How to start a scheme

Community Speed Watch groups are coordinated by South Yorkshire Police but managed and run by unpaid volunteers in the community, allowing residents to play a part in making their communities safer while educating drivers.

At approved locations, volunteers monitor the speed of passing vehicles with a handheld speed detection device.

Other volunteers will record any offending vehicle details and warning letters will be sent out to the owner of the vehicle by South Yorkshire Police. The letter aims to educate the driver.

If you are interested in starting a scheme in your area, follow these steps:

A local community group, such as a Parish or Ward Council must request to become part of the scheme.

Register your interest by emailing [csw@southyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:csw@southyorkshire.police.uk)

### Why a local community group?

To join the scheme there is a small financial outlay to purchase the monitoring, safety and other miscellaneous equipment required to run a scheme. This will cost approximately £500-£600.

There must be a minimum of four people to take part as Community Speed Watch Volunteers, the more there are the easier it is to operate. One volunteer should be identified as a coordinator and another as a deputy.

All volunteers need to register and complete the initial mandatory training on the Community Speed Watch Online platform - please scan the QR code below.

Identify a site locally for the practical training to take place. Meeting rooms or halls have been used and are ideal.

When all the above is complete, you are almost there and we will inform you of the final steps required during your practical training.



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## Equipment requirements

To set up a Community Speed Watch Group, the following minimum level of equipment will be required. An estimated cost for these items would be between £500 and £600.

Please note that groups should not purchase any other type of speed detection equipment without first consulting South Yorkshire Police.

- Bushnell's handheld radar with tuning fork
- Long sleeved high visibility jacket conforming to BS EN471 Class 3 - one for each volunteer
- Community Speed Watch signs, these can be ones that are mounted on an A-Frame or the permitted correx signs which can be mounted on street furniture
- Tally counter
- Clip board - we suggest one with storage

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