



CAMBRIDGESHIRE SPEEDWATCH

Weeks of Action

Dates for your diary.



Last year, for the first time, we held 2 'weeks of action' – these allowed groups to run a series of concerted Speedwatch sessions, with their efforts publicized within the media. Force social media was used extensively along with our external media links highlighting your efforts. All groups that were able took part, and the weeks were so successful we decided to repeat the initiative.

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Dates for your diary:

We propose to hold this year's weeks of action during:

Week commencing 20th May and 7th October 2019

If you would like to organize sessions and let us know the planned dates, times and location by e-mailing speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk we will circulate these details amongst local policing teams; they will visit you where their workloads permit. We look forward to more successful weeks of action and I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can again!

HGV Watch is launching in April!

We are pleased to announce that Cambridgeshire Constabulary is launching a new scheme along the model of Speedwatch, to allow trained volunteers to address concerns in their communities. HGV's have an adverse effect on road surfaces, structures and underground services. They can cause unnecessary air and noise pollution in residential areas and can create serious safety hazards for other road users and pedestrians, in particular children.

The new scheme will allow volunteers to undertake high-visibility roadside operations to educate HGV drivers that they are travelling through weight, height or width restricted routes in local towns or Parishes. The volunteers can then record the details of any vehicles they observe in specific areas where these restricted routes are in force. These reports will then enable us to communicate with the haulage companies involved and send advisory letters to confirm to them that their vehicles have been observed and that this could have led to prosecution.



HGV Watch is not enforcement – it is about raising awareness of weight, height and width restrictions within communities and about educating drivers.

HGV Watch Training

The scheme will be launched in April – we will be holding training initially on Saturday 13th April in the Force HQ in Hinchbrook, Huntingdon, from 2.00pm – 3.30pm. If you would like to attend please e-mail to confirm attendance and to reserve a place; if you can't attend but would like to consider operating a scheme, please register your interest, and we will hold further training sessions in the future,

hgvwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

The scheme will work along the Speedwatch model; locations will be assessed to ensure they're safe for volunteers and road users; equipment will consist of collapsible warning signs and hi-vis vests and volunteers will manually record details of HGV's that they observe. The constabulary will then contact those companies observed, by letter, e-mail, telephone or by visiting them to ensure the message is passed to drivers.

Helpston Social event



Helpston Speedwatch Group held a get together on a Saturday afternoon to allow all the volunteers to meet each other socially; a very popular activity proved to be Scalextric racing! A great idea, as volunteers may only meet those colleagues they share sessions with, so it allows them to meet everyone else in the group, and also to enjoy a social get together. A great idea for an afternoon in February, a traditionally quiet time for Speedwatchers to get together.....

Police Support Volunteers

If you enjoy Speedwatch volunteering, you may like to consider other volunteering opportunities that the Constabulary offer. We now advertise volunteering vacancies and roles that we offer on our website, which you can visit using the following link,

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/apply/jobs/Volunteer>

Specials are a uniformed role, but there are many other ways in which volunteers help us – one example is the Area Volunteer Coordinators who support you in the Speedwatch scheme.

If you have some time available and would like to support the Force more, please have a look. If you would like further information please e-mail:

PSV@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Reminder – there must be 3 or more volunteers present at a session; if someone drops out, either try and call someone in at short notice or cancel the session; you must all have the same colour hi-vis vests – they can be either yellow or orange, both colours are in use across the county, but you should only use one colour in a session so they look like a team and are more visually striking.

Submission reports – please continue to send in your submission reports as soon as you can after a session to the Business Support Unit using the following e-mail address–

BSUGeneric@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Please always send in returns for sessions where you don't see any speeding vehicles. These help us know a session was running and to measure the scheme.

Speedwatch Scheme Numbers

Since the last newsletter the scheme has grown across the county to include:

180 groups

1,851 volunteers

Speedwatch Training

Training is scheduled for Saturdays 30th March, 27th April & 18th May in Cambourne Police Station, running from 10.00-11.30

Training is scheduled for Saturday 23rd March, 13th April & 11th May at Studio Twelve, 12 Stapledon Rd, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, PE2 6TD from 10.00-11.30

If you know any volunteers who would like to attend any of these sessions please pre-book using the following e-mail address,

speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk



If you have any comments, photos or have anything that you would like featured please do let us know via our e-mail address, speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

All our Speedwatch groups would welcome new volunteers and we are willing to support new groups setting up, so please do spread the word about the scheme. Anyone interested can make contact with us and we will forward details on, to their most local group.