

## South West Wiltshire Community Safety Group Record

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The Chairman referred to this standard announcement at the start of the meeting, and all present agreed to its sentiment.

Area	South West Wiltshire				
Date	21/10/2020	Time	6.30 – 7.15pm	Venue	Online
Present	Cllr George Jeans (Chair, Wiltshire Councillor), Nigel Cooke (Swallowcliffe PC), Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council), Frank Freeman (Hindon PC), Cllr Jose Green (Wiltshire Councillor), Kevin Harmsworth (Wilton CA and Tisbury CA CPT Sergeant), Patrick Boyles (Chilmark PC), Richard Mitchell (Tollard Royal PC), Sandra Harry (Tisbury PC)				
<p><b><u>Decisions/Actions from this meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Re-circulate response re requests for speed enforcement cameras</li> <li>b) Review and strengthen arrangements for neighbourhood watch</li> <li>c) Request speeding info from Pete Sparrow</li> <li>d) Chairman to write to the Chief Constable adding the group's words of support to Nick Bailey</li> <li>e) Invite Sarah Holden to the next meeting</li> <li>f) Write to the NFU about large agricultural vehicles driving at speed through villages</li> </ul>					
1.	<p><b><u>Speeding Issues</u></b></p> <p>(a) Sgt Kev Harmsworth referred to the following info that he had supplied following the last Area Board meeting re. the Tisbury &amp; Mere CAs:</p> <p>Following the SWW AB on 30/09/20 a question was posed around evidencing how local policing is supporting active Community Speedwatch groups.</p>				

The Mere area only has one active CSW which is East Knoyle. Last week was their first operational activity. PCSO Pete Tscherniawsky was present for that occasion.

The Tisbury area has two active CSW's, those being Tisbury and Hindon. Fovant also has a scheme but are not thought to be active any longer according to local PCSO Neil Turnbull. The Hindon CSW coordinator Mr Frank Freeman is content for police to attend their activities, but has stated that he prefers police conduct speed checks at alternative times. Tisbury CSW, although listed as active since January 2020, have not conducted any activities as of yet. COVID-19 lockdown claimed several months but post the easing of restrictions in July the Co-ordinator (Elizabeth Forbes) stepped down from the scheme and the Tisbury PC Clerk (Sally HARRY) has stepped in to cover. When Neil last spoke to Sally, he was informed that many of the existing scheme volunteers intended to leave. We have not yet received any further update from Sally.

Tisbury and Hindon CSW's have been supported a total of 9 times in the last three months, with local policing making speed checks independently but within the relevant CSW defined areas.

From records contained within the Community Policing Team's tasking and briefing system, independently of CSW but within CSW defined areas, there have been a total of 21 speed checks conducted across the Tisbury and Mere areas from July 6<sup>th</sup> (when CSW were allowed to return to activities as lockdown restrictions eased) to 30/09/20. That equates to 7 checks per month. These checks were conducted by members of our response policing teams in-between responding to other incidents. The checks resulted in 13 drivers being given a verbal warned/educated about their speed, 6 drivers receiving Traffic Offence Report tickets (for consideration by our Justice Traffic department of driving licenses being endorsed with penalty points) and 1 driver reported straight to court due to the recorded speed being well above the posted speed limit. 1 driver was also found to be driving with no license or insurance resulting in the vehicle being seized.

Elsewhere within the wider Warminster Community Policing Team area, for faster roads where the posted speed limit is in excess of 40mph, the CPT have received support from the Roads Policing Unit (RPU) to target areas of high concern and risk. Such support is acquired on a case by case basis, due to the RPU having to provide county wide coverage.

The Wiltshire Police Citizen's in Policing team have put in place an online platform 'Duty Sheet' allowing each active CSW scheme to show us and document their intended activities in advance. I assign each of my beat PCSO's to stay in regular contact with active CSW groups, working alongside them when their shift hours and the CSW activity times coincide. Such activity is then posted on our local police Facebook pages to highlight joint working and inspire others to setup their own CSW.

For those members of the Area Board who have parishes raising issues of excess speed, I recommend that constituents are signposted and encouraged to setup their own CSW: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/782/Community-Speed-Watch> which can then be supported by the Citizens in Policing (CIP) Team for

	<p>administration and additionally by my team on the ground. <a href="mailto:sarah.holden@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk">sarah.holden@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</a> from the CIP team has oversight to CSW county wide and can provide wider statistical information upon request.</p> <p>(b) KL to source a similar update from Inspector Pete Sparrow for the Wilton CA</p> <p>(c) Kev asked that parish representatives email him with any specific speeding concern in villages within the Tisbury or Mere CAs: <a href="mailto:kevin.harmsworth@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk">kevin.harmsworth@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</a></p> <p>(d) Richard Mitchell repeated his and others frustration at the lack of enforcement in Tollard Royal, in part due to police officers not being able to access a mobile phone signal there and so unable to stay for meaningful periods of time. All noted that there were plans for a new emergency services mobile phone mast in the Chalke Valley that should help with this problem in the future</p> <p>(e) Repeated requests were made for periodic and regular communications to educate the public on speeding matters</p> <p>(f) Sarah Holden, Supervisor for Watch and Volunteers to be invited to a future meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Tisbury CA &amp; Mere CA Policing Update</u></p> <p>(a) Kev referred to points in the latest community policing update report, highlighting that the CPT will benefit from 3 new PCSOs and hopefully 4 new Police Officers (to be confirmed in Nov).</p> <p>(b) The group asked that the chairman write to the Chief Constable to add its message of support and thanks to Police Officer Nick Bailey as he moves on from the police force.</p> <p>(c) Sandra Harry raised concerns about large agricultural vehicles travelling at speed through Tisbury. Sandra was advised to raise these incidents with the police, and to try to make contact with the farm/contractor involved to remind them of the need to drive with more care. The group also made an undertaking to write each year at the right moment to the NFU asking that it remind all of its members of the need to drive with care through villages.</p>
3.	<p><u>South West Wiltshire Community Area – resetting local priorities</u></p> <p>The group was asked to share the slides discussed at the meeting with parish councils and to send back comments to <a href="mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk">karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> so that these can inform the area board's conclusions around its refreshed community priorities.</p>