



Thank you for your enquiry regarding starting up a Community Speed Watch Group in your local area. There is currently a waiting list for this, but the following information may be helpful:

We have over 100 CSW groups across Essex with over 1,000 volunteers. Whilst we are always looking for new communities to work with, they must be able to commit to the following criteria:

- **Number of volunteers required:** Minimum of 10 (ideally more), as monitoring takes place in groups of a minimum of 3. However, the CSW Co-ordinator may use their discretion regarding this requirement.
- **Commitment of volunteers:** There are no restrictions regarding monitoring hours, and we ask volunteers to do whatever they feel comfortable with. Each group works their own rota, depending on availability of volunteers.
- **Co-Ordinator:** Each group will need a dedicated person to co-ordinate them. This person will be responsible for the equipment, the volunteers and ensuring log sheets are completed and returned to the Police for processing.
- **Sites:** Ideally there should be a minimum of 2 sites and a maximum of 3 within the community. **Please consider the location of these proposed sites very carefully, as once new groups have been onboarded, it will not be possible to add any additional sites for a minimum of 12 months.**

Please bear in mind the following:

- Sites must be in a 30mph or 40mph speed limit zone
  - There must be a safe place to stand, on the pavement or grass verge (wide enough for 3 people) which does not obstruct any pedestrian right of way
  - Volunteers are unobstructed by vehicles and must be visible
  - Sites must be at least 200m from a change in speed limit
  - Warning Signs can be positioned without causing an obstruction or being affected by passing traffic (100 meters in either direction of the proposed site)
  - Is there sufficient space for volunteers to park, if they have to drive to the site?
  - **Please use the What3Words app when proposing new sites for your group.**
- **Equipment:** A speed monitoring device, Hi-Vis jackets, road signs and training will be provided. Training lasts for approximately 1.5 hours, followed by practical roadside training. **However, please note that if a group is inactive for a period of 6 months, then arrangements will be made for the collection/return of all equipment issued.**
  - **Monitoring:** Monitoring may take place at any time during day light hours and is subject to weather conditions. Volunteer safety is paramount. Monitoring is not permitted in poor visibility or wet and slippery road conditions.
  - **Objectives of CSW:** To educate road users regarding speed restrictions, the tragic consequences of speeding and the effect this has on local communities. All offenders recorded by CSW are processed by Essex Police and the car details are checked on the police system. The role of the CSW volunteer is education – it is not enforcement or prosecution.

If you wish to be added to the Waiting List, please complete the New Group Register by clicking on the link below:

[Request a Community Speed Watch Group](#)

Thank you for your interest in the Essex Community Speed Watch scheme and I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

**Janet Willey**  
CSW Co-ordinator