



BEDFORDSHIRE SPEED WATCH

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Community Speed Watch
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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 minimum of 4 people to start a group with at least two trained volunteers for each session.

Having registered as a volunteer you will be offered an online training session for you to view in your own time. Bedfordshire Police will then arrange a demonstration of speed watch equipment at the roadside.

Training in conflict management and basic first aid is optional.



If you are interested in becoming a Speed Watch volunteer please email WatchSchemes@beds.police.uk



Speed Checks

Groups are provided with the necessary equipment by the police to run a Community Speed Watch session and all sessions are booked with ourselves prior to activity 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 • Bedfordshire Borough Council •
- Central Bedfordshire Council • Luton Borough Council •
- Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service •