

Speedwatch performance in Kent

- Over **90% of speeding vehicles are not detected a second time** by any Speedwatch scheme's in Kent and surrounding counties in the next 12 months.
- The proportion of speeding vehicles which generate **four or more letters in a 12 month period** is only around **1 in every 2,000**.

Contacting Speedwatch

To volunteer, to start a scheme, for support or assistance, to arrange safety awareness training or to have a risk assessment carried out at a new site, please contact:

- Email: speedwatch@kent.police.uk
- Call: **01622 653781**
- Scan the QR code

You can also follow the team on Twitter [@Kentspeedwatch](https://twitter.com/Kentspeedwatch)



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What is Speedwatch?

It is a community based scheme that helps volunteers make their local roads safer by reducing speeding without penalising passing drivers.

How does Speedwatch work?

A group of two or three police trained volunteers operates at carefully selected roadside sites where speed limits of 20, 30 and 40 miles per hour (mph) are in place. Using an approved speed measuring device, accurately measuring the speed of passing vehicles.

Volunteers can manually or electronically capture and report the following details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally recommended speed thresholds (25, 35 and 46 mph):

- registration
- make and colour
- speed
- time.

The details of vehicles reported speeding are stored by Kent Police for 12 months in the Speedwatch database. A letter of advice may be sent in that time to the registered owners of vehicles who repeatedly speed and/or drive at more than 50% over the limit.

Police officers attend and hand deliver advice letters to engage with frequent offenders.

Speedwatch is an education based scheme. No drivers have yet been prosecuted, fined or given penalty points as a direct result of any Speedwatch activity.

Who operates a Speedwatch scheme?

Schemes can be started by any recognised local community group, like a Parish Council, a Residents' Association or just a small group of concerned citizens.

What support is available to volunteers?

Kent Police helps schemes get started safely by training all new volunteers and pre-approving areas where they will operate.

How to start a Speedwatch scheme

- Find other volunteers in your area who want to tackle speeding. For safety, there must always be at least two people aged 18 and over at the roadside. Usually there are three people in a group, but never more than four.

- You will need to buy, share or borrow a suitable speed indication device.
- Contact details overleaf. They will arrange the necessary safety awareness training and carry out risk assessments at any new sites you want to use.
- Speedwatch volunteers decide for themselves at which approved sites to operate, how often and for how long. For safety, Speedwatch schemes can only operate during daylight hours.

Local enforcement

Information gathered by Speedwatch teams can be used as part of pre-planned speed enforcement campaigns carried out by Kent Police, and data can be used by highway authorities for highway improvements.

