

## WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Tuesday, 21 March 2023  
**Title:** Community Speedwatch - Update  
**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk - Adam Clapton

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### Background

At the previous meeting of this Committee, members discussed Community Speedwatch following a statement from Thames Valley Police regarding the rollout of the reduced speed limits across Witney. It was an agenda item should be added for this meeting.

### Current Situation

To help progress the discussion, the Thames Valley Police (TVP) Community Speedwatch Officer, PC Lee Turnham was invited to this meeting but regrettably has had to send apologies. He did however send the latest Community Speedwatch newsletter (attached) and provided answers posed to some questions by the Administrative Support team at the Council:

- Could you provide any relevant updates on the scheme in West Oxfordshire/Witney.

*There is lots of change, all very positive, most of which is included in the newsletter. There are now forty active groups in West Oxfordshire. Witney Burwell and Witney Town are registered on the TVP system already named Burwell and Witney Town Group. Groups do not have to be supported/linked to the town or parish council and can comprise of as little as three trained people.*

- What are the current costs and recommendations for equipment.

*All equipment is now provided by TVP at no cost to the group. The equipment remains the property of TVP, it's a long-term loan. However, if the group is inactive and equipment unused for 6 months the equipment is recalled.*

- How does the TVP training work.

*All training is now online.*

- Are volunteers covered by TVP insurance (some earlier info that we have indicates that volunteers would be covered)

Yes

PC Turnham is very happy to help with any other queries so if there are any other questions at this stage, the town council can initiate further contact.

A Community Speedwatch 'Start procedure' document is also attached for information.

### **Financial implications**

The Town Council holds no budget to facilitate a Community Speedwatch scheme.

Any recommendations on Town Council involvement will need to be agreed through its Committee process.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

- How best to progress Community Swatch Schemes in Witney. Members may like to consider a task and finish group to expediate the progress.