

## WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Tuesday, 13 June 2023

**Title:** Community Speedwatch

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk - Adam Clapton

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### Background

At the last meeting of this Committee on 21 March 2023, it was agreed that a Community Speedwatch scheme for Witney would be initiated and run by this Committee, with administrative support from Witney Town Council.

The Town Council agreed this resolution at a Council meeting on 17 April 2023 and reiterated that Witney TAC should have responsibility for the scheme.

### Current Situation

There is a 'Witney Town' Group already registered as a Speedwatch Group, but it would be sensible to create a new group as 'Witney Traffic Advisory' to clearly indicate the ownership and responsibility for the group.

During registration, you are asked which sites you wish to monitor so the TVP Speedwatch Scheme are able to risk assess the sites and so ensure volunteers are covered by their insurance. The Committee needs to decide which sites the scheme should cover in the first instance so they can be set up ready for the next stage. Here is a suggestion on how this could work:

- The Committee decides all know hot-spot sites or where complaints of speeding have been raised. It could also decide to concentrate on roads where there are schools in the first six months of operation. All these sites are then added during registration.

Some accident data can be found on <https://www.crashmap.co.uk/> by searching for Witney. This lists scale of injuries and type of vehicle involved from 2017 – 2021. The police and County Council may have more recent updates since speed restrictions have been lowered.

Areas of speeding concern provided to the town council/this committee include Corn Street, Curbridge Road, Deer Park Road (prior to reduction of speed limit), Welch Way, Woodstock Road and West End.

- The Committee should decide on the equipment required. This will be kept in storage at the Town Hall. Members may like to defer this decision to Town Council Officers to take advice from TVP, who fund the purchase. TVP can also advise on required signage.

- Following agreement on sites, the Committee needs to decide how often it will carry out speed checks in these areas- after assessment they can be done any number of times between dawn and dusk. As the number of volunteers is not yet known, it is suggested the Committee decides which areas should be monitored at each quarterly meeting, with a maximum of 2 a month – effectively 4 – 6 between meetings.

The Town Council will advertise for volunteers via noticeboards, social media and a Press Release when the scheme is ready to operate.

### **Recommendations**

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

1. Agreeing the scheme should be registered as outlined and,
2. Agree on areas for traffic/speed monitoring and,
3. Defer the decision on the choice of equipment to town council officers, to be taken in consultation with TVP.
4. Agree on the frequency of monitoring between meetings and,
5. Agree to updating the terms of reference of this Committee at the annual meeting in September to ratify its responsibility for the scheme.