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Subject: Community Speedwatch

Dear Laura

Inspector Hookham has asked me to get in touch with you regarding speeding issues and Community Speedwatch.

Although not an official role, I have been co-ordinating Community Speedwatch in West Oxfordshire for a number of years and can offer advice or support to schemes starting up. We also have our own speed equipment on the Neighbourhood Department which we can deploy quickly to give an indication if there is a problem in a particular location.

Traditionally, speed enforcement is carried out by our Roads Policing Department however resources being what they are they can't cover every area that there is a perceived problem. On the Neighbourhood Team, we have a Speed Indicator Device which displays the speed to an oncoming motorist. With this data we can then suggest speed reduction proposals to our Road Safety Management team as well as town and parish councils. This may involve education operations, improvement in roadside furniture and signage or physical obstructions to slow the traffic down.

Community Speedwatch has been set up to allow residents to take control of the issue where they live and help supply the police with this data. Speedwatch schemes generally have to be under the umbrella of an authoritative body (such as a Parish or Town Council) for insurance purposes and there is a cost involved to obtain the correct equipment etc. After a brief initial training session by myself, the schemes are left to run as and when they like and they will feed back results to police who will process the data.

In the interim I can ask members of my team at Witney to deploy the Speed Indicator Device on any roads where they may be a problem – I notice that Tower Hill has already been flagged up. If there is a group of volunteers willing to set up a Speedwatch scheme then please point them in my direction and I would be happy help.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Best wishes

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