

# Community Speed Watch Sussex Monthly Update – Force Overview March 2022



**302**

**Registered CSW groups.**

There are currently 302 registered CSW groups in Sussex, 189 of these are Parish Council Run Groups.

**77**

**CSW groups active this month.**

During this month 77 groups have completed sessions on the roads of Sussex.

**18**

**Police SpeedWatch Records.**

This month Sussex Police have recorded 18 reports on Speedwatch sessions / visits to support Community Groups.

**6,151**

**Reports generated over last month.**

Last month CSW group's generated 6,151 reports through Op Crackdown 138 of those reports are reports of abuse to groups from drivers.

**73,477**

**Reports over twelve months.**

In the last 12 months 73,477 reports were generated, compared to 43,472 for the same period in the previous year.

**145**

**Vehicles observed with no MOT.**

Last month CSW volunteers recorded 145 vehicles passing with no MOT and 15 SORN.

**485**

**CSW Sessions this Month.**

This month CSW volunteers have completed 485 roadside sessions in Sussex.

**1,258.5**

**Force Volunteer Hours.**

This month the number of Force volunteer hours given by groups was 1,258.5.

**232**

**Sites used for recording.**

232 Police risk assessed locations used by groups for recording this month.

**DATA USED:**

Dates used for past 12 months 01/03/2021 – 31/03/2022. Author Steve O'Connell SSRP  
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## Any additional message or info.

The Sussex Police repeat offenders compliance rate currently stands at 93.15%, this ratio is based on drivers who have received the first letter from us not going back through the CSW system within a 12 month period, (this data is based on group record input).

Monthly CSW virtual Coordinators meetings are now held to enable groups and Parish Councils to establish a collaborative working network, this also enables SSRP to give any updates and feedback constructively to the groups. **Next meeting 13.00hrs on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**, to get the link send your name, group and email address to [csw@sussex.police.uk](mailto:csw@sussex.police.uk)

Councillors workshops are now monthly on a 1 hour per month basis for Road Safety / CSW related topics, **the next one is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 19.00 – 20.00hrs** and is based around speeding / reporting and Community Speedwatch Groups, anyone from Parish / Town Council is welcome, to join just send Name, Email Address, and Parish name to [csw@sussex.police.uk](mailto:csw@sussex.police.uk)

**Message** : This week, our annual Operation Downsway activity launches, tackling road safety, with the aim of positively influencing drivers and motorcyclists to ride responsibly, considerately, and safely.

Every weekend between April and September, we will be deploying a range of teams and tactics providing a high visible presence across the road network in Sussex.

Despite previous attempts to engage with and educate people around the Fatal Five – the main factors that cause serious road traffic collisions – we are still seeing too many distracted, dangerous, and inconsiderate drivers on our roads. The public are telling us that they cannot use the roads safely or enjoy where they live because of these issues and a small minority who drive anti-socially and it is this which is contributing to the large number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads

Already this year lives have been tragically lost, families devastated and people are missing their friends. We want to do everything we possibly can to reduce this number, which is why Operation Downsway is a priority and why this year our focus is on enforcement. We simply won't tolerate those who get their enjoyment by driving or riding anti-socially through the county at the expense of everyone else and we have a comprehensive plan to target those people who do so. We can't be everywhere, but we could be anywhere, and with increased numbers of officers, better equipment and more intelligence, those intent on driving dangerously can assume we are not far away. Officers will operate marked and unmarked vehicles using the latest technology, such as ANPR and drones, to capture offences. The wellbeing of our communities is hugely important to us and with the support of districts tackling localised road safety issues and our Roads Policing Units (RPU) focusing on reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured, we seek to increase public trust, confidence and feelings of safety when using the roads. We will be sharing the results from these operations with our local communities, through social and traditional media.

Partnership working is integral to delivering long-term road safety. The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) Casualty Reduction Officers and Mobile Speed Enforcement Vans will be carrying out enforcement activity and we will use data from Community Speed Watch (CSW) and Operation Crackdown to assist in identifying key areas and individuals to target.

By working together, we can minimise the risk of death and injury on the roads across Sussex. (Superintendent James Collis Roads Policing, Sussex Police).