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Officer Response to Notice of Motion No. 21 – Community Speedwatch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is extremely successful and has proved beneficial to communities in tackling speeding traffic. We currently have 53 Speed Watch Groups countywide and from the information they have gathered this year almost 1 in every 25 motorists are speeding in our CSW areas.

From January this year the CSW Groups have:

- Undertaken 1079 speed checks across the county
- Given well over 2000 man hours of voluntary service in an effort to reduce speeding in Wiltshire
- Identified 10,345 speeding motorists to be issued warning letters by Wiltshire Police.

A clear distinction should be made between 20 mph **LIMITS** and **ZONES**.

20 mph **ZONES** should be self enforcing via their structure so that there is not a need or explicit expectation for enforcement to have to take place to ensure compliance.

20 mph **LIMITS** are signed and have no physical structures to control traffic speed.

Following the identification of issues with speeding traffic in the 20 mph LIMIT in Tollard Royal, Wiltshire Police in collaboration with the local community have proposed a 20 mph CSW trial. We have been consulted on this and can confirm that Wiltshire Police trained a team of Volunteers in Tollard Royal on 13 October and the trial will commence shortly.

We are committed to working in partnership with Wiltshire Police to develop a suitable approach for CSW in 20 mph **LIMITS**. The lessons that will be learnt from the trial in Tollard Royal will be used to develop a joint approach.

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