



## **DEALING WITH SPEEDING TRAFFIC**

Before beginning any activity it is important to establish exactly what the problem is, as very often concerns are based on perception rather than fact.

One initial action which could be taken would be to use Thames Valley Police' (TVP) Speed Detection Radar (SDR) equipment (this is normally used for a Community Speedwatch campaign- see page 3), this can be used by volunteers to carry out a vehicle speed data gathering exercise. To find out the availability of this radar equipment please contact your local neighbourhood police team via the non- emergency police number 0845 8505505. (there is no charge for using this equipment.)

An alternative would be to request a speed survey from the Traffic Information Team Leader at Transport for Buckinghamshire .The cost would be £310 for a 7 day survey. Requests can be made by email to [T-RCRAWFORD@buckscc.org](mailto:T-RCRAWFORD@buckscc.org). (Telephone enquiries can be made on 0845 230 2882)

***If the data gathering exercise or speed survey shows no speeding then no further action may need to be taken.***

### **(A). If a small number of speeding motorists is detected:**

Community Speedwatch ( see page 3 ) would be recommended either in association with local neighbourhood police team or a community can operate the scheme with volunteers, either purchasing their own equipment (this can be purchased from Traffic Technology on 01280 847711 for £2,300),or in partnership with Neighbourhood officers from the police. For more information about availability of this equipment please contact your local neighbourhood police team via the non- emergency police number 0845 8505505. There is no charge for using this equipment.

**(B).If Community Speedwatch shows that the majority of speeding vehicles are local residents,** (this information can be gained from the Community Speedwatch database), it is recommended that the community works with Buckinghamshire's County Council Road Safety Team on an educational programme called Make the Commitment.( see page 3)

**(C).If there is evidence of considerable numbers of speeding motorists:** Thames Valley Police are responsible for all matters concerning enforcement of traffic laws. Thames Valley Police runs a 'Community Concern' scheme where requests from the public about speeding are considered for enforcement, either by Police presence/speed checks or mobile camera enforcement through a "dealing with speeding traffic" scheme.

**A request for this enforcement can be made by contacting the Thames Valley Police**

- either by email at: [SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)
- or by post to:  
Speed Solutions  
Thames Valley Police  
Roads Policing Three Mile Cross  
270 Whitley Wood Road  
Reading  
Berkshire  
RG28FT

Following a request a decision on the required action would be taken by the Police, who will then contact you.

(At this stage Traffic Management (both TVP & Bucks CC) may be involved to see whether work is underway to review the road layout, or if not, whether this would be an option.)

**A speed check can also be requested via a Police Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)** if there is one in your area. For further details on NAGS please see:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-nag>

Neighbourhood Policing deal with reported speeding in various ways, depending on the nature of the problem (i.e. the number of speeding motorists and the number/type of collisions on the road length).

**(D) f there is evidence of considerable numbers of speeding motorists , plus a road casualty history:**

Thames Valley Police' Roads Policing section would consider creating a target package. This is a speed package for Roads Policing bases to use for priority enforcement & casualty reduction.

(This would be a natural progression from a community concern request and a resultant demonstrable speeding problem.)

**(E) If there is evidence of fatal or serious injury collisions during the past three years together with a demonstrable speeding problem:**

Thames Valley Police will consider the site for mobile or fixed camera enforcement following a site survey. Transport for Buckinghamshire may consider the site suitable for remedial safety measures.

**( SEE NEXT PAGE FOR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH, MAKE THE COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION ON VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS)**

## **Community Speedwatch**

A scheme where a Speed Detection Radar is used at the roadside and registration numbers of vehicles that have been seen speeding are noted down. The information is fed into a police database and a warning letter is issued to the vehicle owner. Should the vehicle be identified speeding on subsequent occasions, a further letter will be sent to the owner informing them that the information has been passed to Roads Policing (RP) for appropriate action. The speed detection may either take place in association with the local neighbourhood police team, or a community can operate the scheme with local volunteers, (either purchasing their own equipment or in partnership with neighbourhood officers from the police.)

Further information on this scheme can be found at:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/speedwatch.page>

## **Make the Commitment (MTC)**

This scheme asks drivers to sign a pledge that they will try to keep to the speed limits at all times. The idea behind this is that it will focus a driver's attention on the speed at which they travel and help them maintain a lower speed. This initiative is most effective when the majority of users are local residents who travel the road regularly and therefore if leaflets regarding this scheme could be distributed within the local area alongside further publicity on concerns it could help to reduce the speed of the majority of the road's users. Further information on Make the Commitment can be found at:

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/mtc](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/mtc)

If you think this scheme would be suitable for your area, please contact the Road Safety Team at Buckinghamshire County Council on 0845 2302882

## **Vehicle Activated Signs**

**Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB)** is supporting Parishes with speed control through their villages by enabling them to apply for a range of **permanent or temporary electronic sign options**.

For more information and how to apply for a vehicle activated sign please visit:

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/transport/vehicle\\_activated\\_signs.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/transport/vehicle_activated_signs.page)

where factsheets about each of the three options are available as well as details of cost and an application form.

**Thames Valley Police** still have their own versions of these signs which other organisations or community groups can borrow or hire. Please contact your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) or local neighbourhood police office for further information. This can be done through the police non-emergency number 0845 8 505505.