

Community Speed Watch NEWSLETTER

1st April – 30th June 2011

Thank you for the hard work that has been put into performing speed checks over the last 3 months. More schemes have dusted off their high visibility waistcoats and have begun to go out again now that the weather has improved, which means that I have been able to send more letters than I have over the past few months.

Over the past 2 and a half years I have been asked a few times about extending the hours that schemes can operate within. Currently schemes can only operate in daylight hours and in British Summer Time between the hours of 8am and 8pm. However, it has now been agreed that in British Summer Time schemes can now perform speed checks from 7am so long as it is full daylight. I know that this will benefit some schemes as it has been said that some areas suffer from speeding commuters and hopefully this extra hour will allow the schemes that suffer from this issue to finally try and make a difference.

Another issue that I am trying to resolve is the time delay between a scheme requesting a new site and the new site being fully risk assessed and a site code issued. Should a scheme require any new sites then please contact me to advise me that a new site is required. I will then arrange for the appropriate officer to make contact with the Coordinator of that scheme to get the ball rolling. I need to be the first point of contact in order to be able to monitor the process and the timescale.

Please can I ask that log sheets are returned to me within 24-48 hours of having performed the speed checks. I am finding that log sheets are being returned up to 11 days after the speed check was completed. In this time several other schemes could have submitted log sheets which contain a persistent offender and therefore the letters would be sent out of date order eg. VRM AB10CDE may go through a scheme on 4th July and receive the first letter stating that they were speeding on 4th July, but then a

log sheet may be received for 26th June and the same VRM may be on this log sheet. The letter that would be sent will then say the vehicle has *again* been detected breaking the speed limit but on the 26th June. These letters should not be sent in this order and I therefore request that log sheets are posted to me as soon as possible.

Should you have any news, advice, information or stories that you would like to share with the other schemes in the county please let me know and consideration will be given to include them in the next Newsletter.

Regards

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DIVISIONS

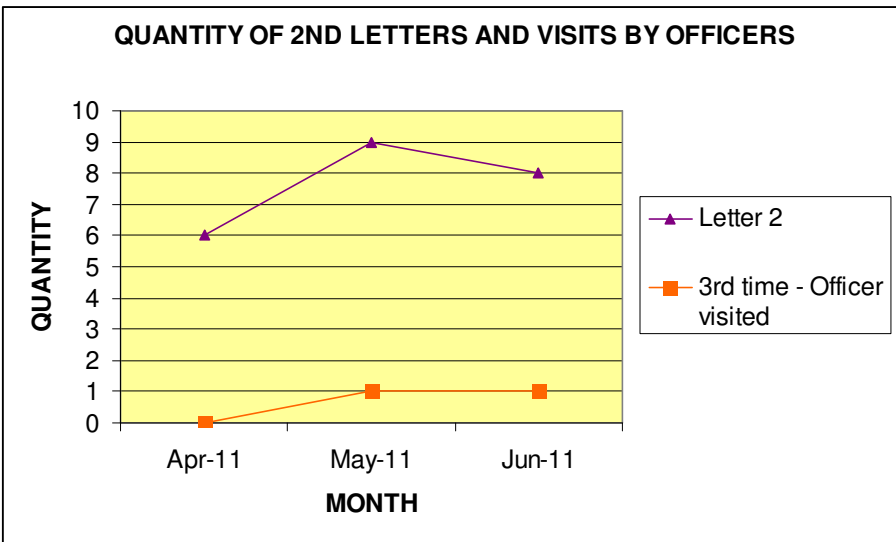
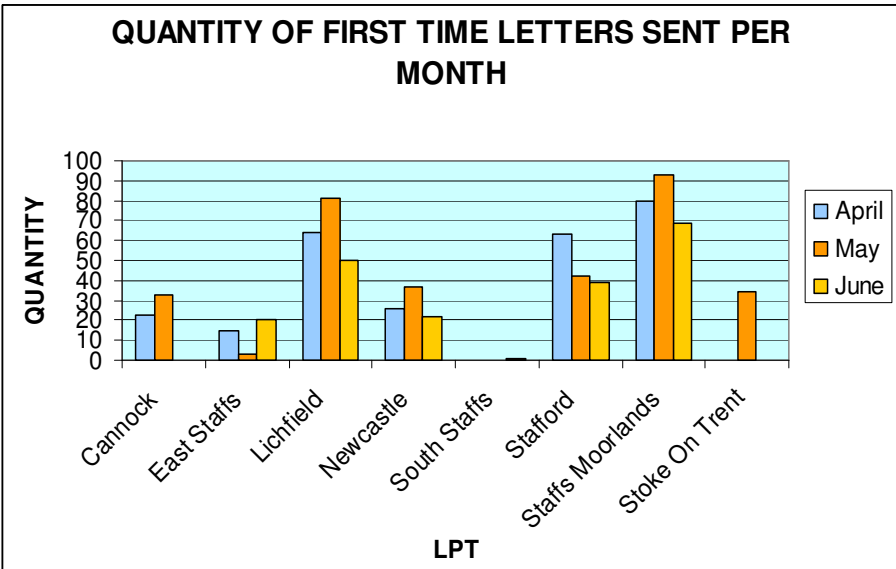
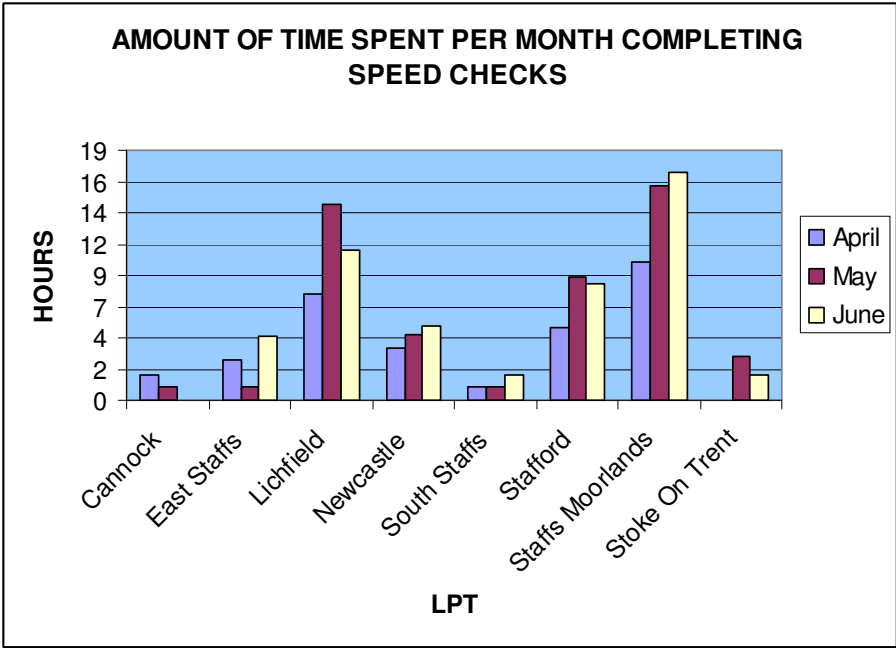
Staffordshire Police have been restructuring and I can now confirm that there are no longer 4 divisions.

Policing in Staffordshire is locally-based on 9 Local Policing Teams (LPTs). These mirror the District & Borough Councils. Please see the map below.



Due to these changes the data I provide will now be broken down into these 9 LPTs, therefore giving you more specific data than previously.

At present we do not have any schemes within the Tamworth LPT.



COLOURS OF VEHICLE

I understand that besides identifying the make of the vehicle the other difficult part of recording the vehicle details is the colour of the vehicle.

I have recently received a request from a Community Speed Watch scheme for the PNC (Police National Computer) colour codes. These are the colours that are used on the PNC system to describe the colour of a vehicle. I thought that supplying this information may aid all schemes.

The following are the only colours that are used on PNC and therefore these are the only colours that should be inserted on the log sheet.

Beige
Black
Blue
Bronze
Brown
Cream
Gold
Green
Grey
Maroon
Multicoloured
Orange
Pink
Purple
Red
Silver
Turquoise
White
Yellow

SPEED CHECKS

It has been identified that not everyone may be reporting to the Police before Speed Checks are carried out. In order to remain compliant for the volunteers to be covered by the Force's Insurance, the Police must be aware that the scheme are performing Speed Checks in a certain area on a certain date and time.

There are 2 different ways in which schemes currently advise the Police of their activity. Schemes can adopt either of these methods.

The first is that the scheme phone the Control Room before going out and again upon finishing the Speed Checks. To do this you will need to phone 0300 123 4455 and ask to speak to either the Northern or Southern Control Room dependent on where you are located within the county.

You then need to identify yourself as a CSW volunteer and explain that you need to create a Storm Log as you wish to go out to perform Speed Checks. You will need to tell them what site you will be at, but do not give them the site code as it has no relevance for them, they will need a description of your location. They will give you an incident number which you will need to write down. You can then go to your site and perform your Speed Checks.

Once you have finished you will then need to phone the Control Room and supply your incident number and advise them that you have finished.

The other method of advising the Police is to create a monthly rota. Some schemes have an arrangement with their local Sergeant. They draw up a rota each month which details who will be going out, which location they will be at and what dates and times they will be there. This is emailed to the Sergeant and any other officers or personnel who need to know. To set this up please speak to your Police Officer or PCSO to obtain the details

of who needs to be advised as it needs to be an appropriate person who can filter this information to the right people.

ANAGRAMS

Just for fun see if you can work out what the jumbled words are meant to be. Clues are provided to help you. The answers are on our website at www.staffsaferroads.co.uk

The people around you
nmotcmuiu

The people who make CSW work
lsoreunvet

You need this to be able to perform speed checks
miqpteenu

Not Shropshire, Cheshire or the West Midlands
haserfstfidor

These are sent as a result of the vehicle being logged
tsretle

Part of the scheme's equipment
ttssaawcoi

These are supplied quarterly
wltnseere

This person helps to keep the scheme running smoothly
oodtcrnia

High speed
vsesecei

Person in front of the steering wheel
rrvedi

For the majority of you a tuning fork is used for this
icntabaroli