



Risk Assessment: Community Speed Watch

Ver: 2.0 (8th March 2021)

1. Activity being undertaken

Community Speed Watch (CSW) activities using the equipment supplied via Northants Police within the 30 mph zone by Councillors, staff and volunteers.

2. Assessor

Mark Hunter, Clerk to the Parish Council.

3. Notes to participants

The Parish Council has conducted the Risk Assessment (below) and introduced control measures to mitigate the identified risks. However, no activity is completely without risk and all participants are reminded they have a responsibility for their own wellbeing and not to place themselves, or others, in harm's way by taking unnecessary risks.

4. Severity and Probability ratings and Risk Matrix

Rating	Severity	Probability
Low	Injury to person(s) which requires First Aid	Unlikely, but possible
Medium	Injury to person(s) which requires medical assistance (greater than First Aid).	May occur
High	Death or serious injury to person(s)	Highly likely to occur

Risk Matrix	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Medium	Low	Medium	High
High	Medium	High	High

Activities assessed by the matrix as **High** risk must not take place until further mitigations or control measures have been put in place to reduce the risk.

Activities assessed as **Medium** should be undertaken with care.

Remember that just because an activity is assessed as **Low** does not mean that it is risk-free!

5. Assessment

Hazard	Mitigations	Severity	Probability	Risk
1. Manual handling e.g. lifting and/or holding the speed camera.	a. CSW speed camera is designed to be lifted and used by one person, either handheld or tripod mounted. b. Participants with back problems should assess whether they can safely lift the camera, and advise the CSW coordinator accordingly.	Medium	Low	Low
2. Slips Trips and Falls e.g. Sprained ankle from tripping over footway.	a. Participants to wear strong, sensible footwear with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.	Low	Low	Low



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<p>3. Weather Issues</p> <p>e.g. extremes of weather can cause injuries such as windblown debris.</p>	<p>a. Participants to wear sensible outdoor clothing, including trousers and warm clothing where appropriate.</p> <p>b. Cancel activity if there is extreme weather (e.g. high winds, rain, snow, etc.)</p> <p>c. Ensure there is an adequate supply of water to prevent dehydration, esp. in hot weather</p> <p>d. Participants use of sun cream / sun hat where appropriate.</p>	Low	Medium	Low
<p>4. Aggressive People</p> <p>e.g. Assault by member of public / driver.</p>	<p>a. Participants to cease CSW activities if they encounter anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable or that is acting suspiciously.</p> <p>b. Any threats of violence (whether or not actual injury / damage occurred) should be reported via the CSW coordinator to the Police.</p> <p>c. Carry mobile phone to call for assistance.</p>	High	Low	Medium
<p>5. Traffic (Vehicle movements)</p> <p>e.g. Fatality or major injury caused by moving vehicle.</p>	<p>a. CSW activities should only be undertaken at the Police approved locations on Raunds Road and Caldecott Road.</p> <p>b. Participants are to remain on the footways or verges at all times, and not step onto the carriageway.</p> <p>c. Participants to wear appropriate PPE (high-visibility vests).</p>	High	Low	Medium
<p>6. Lack of awareness</p> <p>e.g. A participant taking unnecessary risks resulting in injury.</p>	<p>a. CSW activities should only be undertaken by participants after they have received formal training from Northants Police.</p> <p>b. CSW coordinator will maintain a recorded of training.</p>	Low	Low	Low
<p>7. Electrical shock</p> <p>e.g. use of damaged equipment.</p>	<p>a. The CSW speed cameras are maintained by Northants Police before issue to CSW teams.</p> <p>b. The speed cameras are battery powered.</p> <p>c. Participants are to inspect before use and report any damage to the CSW coordinator.</p>	Low	Low	Low

Signed (Clerk) 8th March 2021.