



St Helen Without Parish Council

Working for You

Speedwatch Risk Management

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This document has been produced to enable the Parish Council to assess the risks associated with the Community Speedwatch and satisfy itself that it has taken adequate steps to minimize them.

The risks have been graded using a scoring system of 1-5 of Likelihood and the severity of the impact, 1 being low and 5 being high. These are multiplied together to produce a risk score 1-25.

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Risk	Current Controls	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating (L x S)	Further Actions Required
Moving traffic near volunteers	Volunteers	Injury from passing vehicles	High-vis jackets; training in safe positioning; stand only in pre-approved, low-risk areas	2	4	8	Regular review of location safety; reinforce training. Ensure volunteers do not move toward the road when cars are approaching causing a distraction.
Aggression or confrontation from drivers	Volunteers	Verbal abuse or physical threat	Volunteers trained not to engage; advised to report and withdraw	2	3	6	Maintain log of incidents; consider police liaison for repeat problems
Trip or fall hazards	Volunteers	Slips, trips, falls	Flat, stable ground used for operation; footwear advice given	2	2	4	Inspect location before each session
Manual handling of equipment	Volunteers	Strain or injury from carrying equipment	Equipment stored conveniently; training on safe lifting	1	2	2	Use of trolleys or shared carrying where possible

Poor weather conditions	Volunteers	Risk of hypothermia, sunburn or dehydration	Weather checked in advance; advice to cancel or dress appropriately	1	3	3	Ensure volunteers carry water and sun protection
Data security and confidentiality	Parish council staff, public	Breach of data protection regulations	GDPR-compliant data handling; no public disclosure of data	1	3	3	Annual data protection refresher
Inexperienced or untrained volunteers	Volunteers	Increased risk of accident or incorrect operation	Mandatory initial training and regular refreshers	2	3	6	Maintain up-to-date training records

Risk Rating Key (Likelihood x Severity):

- **Likelihood (L):**
1 = Rare, 2 = Unlikely, 3 = Possible, 4 = Likely, 5 = Almost certain
- **Severity (S):**
1 = Minor, 2 = Moderate, 3 = Serious, 4 = Major, 5 = Fatal

Assessment Conclusion:

- With proper controls and training, the risks involved in running a Community Speedwatch scheme are manageable. This risk assessment should be reviewed annually or after any significant incident or change in procedure.