

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Speedwatch is an initiative being run by the Bedfordshire and Luton Casualty Reduction Partnership. Its purpose is to reduce speeding and subsequently injuries and deaths on our roads.

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Dear Sir or Madam

You are being visited by a member of Bedfordshire Police because a vehicle to which you are a registered keeper _____ / _____ / - **AB11 CDE** has been seen by Community Speedwatch Volunteers driving at an excessive speed on more than two occasions.

Speed is a major factor in about a third of all traffic collisions. Each year, some 727 people die and more than 4,555 are injured nationally as a result of speeding.

Did you know that if you are driving at 40mph, it takes about an extra 43 feet to stop than if you were travelling at 30mph? If a vehicle strikes a child at 40mph, there is an 80% chance that they will die; at 30mph there is an 80% chance they will survive. If that happened when you were driving how would you live with that death on your conscience? The risks are even higher in 40mph limits.

With the above in mind, I am sure you will appreciate why increasing road safety throughout Bedfordshire is one of our top priorities.

I take this opportunity to remind you that those drivers who break the speed limit place themselves and other road users at risk of being injured or killed. They also risk potential court appearances and prison sentences. This visit is appropriate to remind you or the driver that your vehicle may be subject to further action if it continues to speed.

Yours faithfully

Chief Inspector – Force – Speedwatch