Merseyside Safer Roads Watch (including Speed Watch)

In 2020, Merseyside Police and the Road Safety Partnership are promoting a Safer Roads Watch scheme to communities across Merseyside.

The scheme, which will be operated by community members with support from their local policing teams and councils, will aim to address the issues that affect the safety of residents and vulnerable road users. Issues such as;

- Speeding
- Obstructive and dangerous parking on pavements
- Zig-zag line parking around schools

Enforcement by police often only has a short-term effect and limited funding restricts local councils' abilities to assist. The answer lies in a joint approach with communities taking the lead. In addition, many drivers/offenders respond positively when detected and given advice and education, particularly when it originates from their fellow community members.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to become police volunteers (pending vetting and training) and be able to operate speed detectors and report other offences directly to their local policing team. Offenders will receive a letter from Merseyside Police, pointing out the relevant offence and highlighting consequences. More serious and repeat offenders will be dealt with by police.

Roadside operations will be authorised by the local policing team and may be supervised by an officer/PCSO or operated independently (once risk assessed by police).

Volunteer groups will periodically meet with police and local councils to review and plan and develop their schemes, potentially involving schools and local businesses to create and maintain a safer landscape for themselves, families and friends – community led with support from Merseyside Police and local councils.

Anyone interested in learning more about Safer Roads Watch is asked to contact Paul Mountford from the Safer Roads Team on 0151 777 7533 or by email – Paul.Mountford@merseyside.pnn.police.uk or via the contact page on the Merseyside Safer Roads Partnership website – **merseysideroadsafety.org**