



[Privacy Notice:](#) [Community SpeedWatch \(CSW\) Data](#)

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This Privacy Notice tells you how Sussex Police retains, processes and shares the information obtained through Community SpeedWatch (CSW).

The use and disclosure of your personal information is governed in the United Kingdom by UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) legislation. This legislation requires organisations to process data in a fair, lawful and transparent manner. It mandates that certain information must be communicated to data subjects to ensure that they are as well informed as possible about how their data will be processed.

The Chief Constable for Sussex Police is defined as the '[Data Controllers](#)' for the purposes of the legislation and are required to ensure Sussex Police handles all personal information in accordance with that legislation. Sussex Police takes that responsibility very seriously and takes great care to ensure your personal data is processed appropriately to maintain your trust and confidence.

What is personal data?

Personal data is any information that relates to an identified or identifiable natural person. An 'identifiable natural person' is anyone who can be identified, directly or indirectly from information, including a Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM).

What is CSW?

CSW is a national community operated initiative whereby volunteers from local communities record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. CSW and Sussex Police are separate entities. Whilst Sussex Police work in partnership with CSW they are a voluntary organisation who monitor driving in their local communities. Sussex Police supports the work of CSW but they are not operating under Police direction.

CSW process Personal Data under Article 6 (1) of the UK GDPR, specifically under their Public task where processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions and the task or function has a clear basis in law. The purpose of the processing is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads;
- improve the quality of life for local communities;
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit;
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed.

CSW then pass this information to Sussex Police who process it under their statutory functions under Part 3 of the Data DPA where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out for that purpose by a competent authority. The definition of statutory function for 'law enforcement purposes' is 'purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, including the safeguarding against and the prevention of threats to public security.

What disclosures do Police make of your personal data?

Processing of this data is Public Task (UK GDPR) to Statutory Functions (Part 3 DPA). The processing is a one-way exchange, meaning that the CSW share information to the police, however the police do not return the registered owner or insured details to CSW. The VRM is then checked against DVLA / Motor Insurers Bureau data to ascertain the Registered Keeper / Insured Driver detail (this information is not owned by the Police). These individuals are then contacted by Police with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour.



What are your rights over your personal data we process, and how can you exercise them?

Under the Act you have a number of rights that you can exercise in relation to personal data processed about you. These are detailed in the Force Privacy Notice which can be found [here](#).

Please be aware, Sussex Police and CSW are separate entities, therefore if you have any questions about CSW processing you will need to contact them directly.

If you have any concerns about your personal information processed by the Police, please contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO). They are responsible for making sure the information about is used in a secure, legal and appropriate manner. You can also contact the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) who is responsible in the UK for making sure we comply with data protection legislation (further information about the ICO can be found [here](#)).

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Changes to our Privacy Notice

We keep our privacy notice under regular review. This privacy notice was last updated on **13/05/2025**.