

Speeding drivers are reported to the police

Volunteers launch Speedwatch to keep estate safe

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Residents at a high-end estate have set up a group to stop motorists speeding on the roads.

The Kings Hill speedwatch group, which is being co-ordinated by former Chief Constable of Kent Police Bob Ayling, will monitor drivers' speeds through 30mph limits.

Anyone travelling at 35mph or more will be reported to the police.

If the vehicle is caught speeding again within 12 months anywhere in Kent and Sussex, the driver will receive a letter from the police.

The equipment was bought by Liberty Property Trust, the developer behind the estate, which is working with Kent County Council.

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volunteers with the support of Kings Hill Parish Council, and will operate in roads including Tower View, Gibson Drive and Discovery Drive, all sites that have been risk-assessed to make sure they are safe for people to be beside the road.

Susan Davies, Liberty's property and estate manager, said: "We have a rapidly growing population at Kings Hill and the safety of those living, working and visiting here is of paramount importance.

"Speeding is a great concern and we hope this initiative will act as a deterrent and improve the quality of life for everyone."

Mr Ayling, who is a Kings Hill

parish councillor, said: "On behalf of Kings Hill Parish Council, I would like to thank the volunteers who have undertaken the training and given their time to help make Kings Hill a safer place to live and work.

"The objective is to deter speeding and to educate drivers to behave responsibly in the interests of road safety.

"It was gratifying to receive the support of Kings Hill residents towards achieving this aim.

"We need more volunteers and anyone interested in joining us should contact the Kings Hill Parish Council Office."

Training is split into two parts – an hour-long session online and a roadside practical which lasts about half an hour. Once complete, volunteers are approved as official Speedwatch operators. Vehicle recognition quizzes help people identify cars quickly.

For more details, call the parish council on 01732 870382.



A Speedwatch scheme has been introduced in Kings Hill