

Thames Valley Police Report

PCSO Ashley Sims and PCSO Louise Beaumont conducted a Have Your Say event for local residents to obtain feedback on Saturday 9 March. These surveys are currently being processed and will outline our neighbourhood policing priorities for Launton.

Report from Sgt Gavin Staniland following the reaction to the village Speedwatch group on social media

The Bicester neighbourhood team were alerted to negative comments being made on a post on one of our TVP social media feeds in relation to community speed watch.

The social media operator who published the post had intended the story to be a positive message showing engagement and support for the community Speedwatch groups.

TVP have an algorithm on the social media platform which prevents grossly offensive language from being published in the comments feed.

However, this algorithm only filters specific words such as swear words and racist or homophobic words.

As soon as the social media operator was aware of the negative comments on the post, they removed the post immediately however by this time over 1000 comments had been posted.

The social media officer has reviewed comments that were posted and whilst it is clear that many were of an unpleasant nature they do not constitute offences under the Malicious Communications Act nor do they directly incite racial hatred.

The officer who created the post has been spoken with and whilst the post was intended in a positive light it has clearly shown what an emotive subject speeding is within the community and any future posts relating to community speed watch will have comments disabled.