



## Hello!

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter, which will keep you up to date on what we're doing to keep communities safe in Colchester. It will focus on:

- The work of the Community Policing Team and Local Policing Team
- Crime trends
- Crime prevention
- How you can contact us

The Community Policing Team includes the Town Centre Proactive Team. Their work includes responding to issues and carrying out proactive work, including public engagement, crime prevention, crime disruption, and safeguarding vulnerable people. The teams include specialist Missing Persons and Children' and Young Person officers, who work with partners in education and social care to protect vulnerable people from harm.

The Local Policing Team's main role is to respond to calls for assistance from members of the public, but they also carry out proactive patrols.

Our Colchester community and local policing officers are supported by detectives working in the Criminal Investigation Department, Domestic Abuse Investigation Team, and Crime and Public Protection Command. They investigate the more serious crimes that occur in north Essex, safeguard victims and bring offenders to justice.

Our priorities —in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership—mirror the Essex Police Force Plan for 2020/21

<p><b>To investigate and tackle:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Violence in all its forms</li><li>• Online crime</li><li>• Anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Gangs and organised crime</li><li>• Safety/crime on the roads</li><li>• Domestic abuse</li><li>• Burglary</li></ul>	<p><b>To support and protect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children and vulnerable people</li><li>• Victims of crime</li><li>• Visible policing in communities</li></ul>
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Colchester has a very clear focus on:

**Violence** – disrupting those who commit serious organised crime and to dismantle the supply of controlled drugs in the district. We will target those who carry knives and commit violence, ensuring Colchester remains a safe place for all.

**Vulnerability** – we will ensure we engage with our communities to understand their needs and deliver policing to safeguard those who are vulnerable in our community.

**Victims** – we will provide victims with a first-class service.

**Visibility** – we will be visible in our communities to provide reassurance and reduce the fear of crime.





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### Welcome to our July Newsletter

July was an important month the anniversary of the introduction of our dedicated Town Centre Team. Working with partners such as licensing, zone wardens, outreach teams, housing and our local business, the team have been tackling the issues that affected our Town Centre and we have seen a drop in anti-social behaviour and crime across the whole District not just the Town Centre.

We worked closely with partners to support the reopening of pubs and restaurants to ensure everyone could enjoy a safe night out. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and to our businesses it was great to see a successful re-opening weekend and continued increase in people enjoying a meal or a drink.

Key for us is listening to our communities, so it was with pleasure that we could restart some, socially distanced, face to face events such as coffee with cops. While it may seem you tell us information and nothing happens, it takes time to develop some information to be able to get to the place where we have a legal power to act. Once there we do so swiftly and with Colchester Borough Housing colleagues we executed warrant at addresses and put in place closures on them. On a lighter note officers were able to spend some time with local young people in Stanway with a quick game of basketball, it's the little things that can give build a young persons confidence.

Speeding remained a key theme from our communities so July saw more of our team trained on our new speed detector and regular deployments across the District. From Eight Ash Green to the Wigboroughs, from Dedham to Tipree we tried to get across to address all our communities reported locations. In addition we took action to deal with the few who think it is acceptable to put fear into others by using the roads around Abberton Reservoir as a race track. It was not just drivers who have caused concern we responded to requests in Stanway and ran an event to prevent nuisance cycling too, and this month we are including information on e-scooters too.

A number of residents had reported thefts from cars in Tiptree, so our Community Policing Team deployed in plain clothes overnight and caught the suspect hiding in a bush. He was charged with 16 separate offences and remanded to the court. Our Local Response team have been busy too, not only do we deal with 999 calls about crime but we respond to people in mental health crisis, missing people, and road traffic collisions. July has been a busy month but a really positive one with people coming out and bringing life back into our public spaces, a boost to our local economy and we are here, to keep you safe, look after you and make sure we disrupt criminals.

Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston  
District Commander – Colchester



PC ALFRED in full uniform and ready for duty meets his future Colleagues in Colchester Town. Please remember to get your children engaging with your police officers when ever you can.



Officers from the Community Policing Team took some time out, to show Local youths we are more than just a uniform by joining them for some basketball and football



Colchester Community Policing Team helped two dogs who escaped from their home.



### Colchester Community and Town Team

The teams have been busy this month, they have conducted numerous house searches and executed several Warrants on premises. They have seized drugs, weapons and Cash and made several arrests for related offences.

They have also conducted in excess of 20 speed checks in and around Colchester, Put a dispersal zone in place in Abberton for Nuisance vehicles, issued dozens of tickets for Road Traffic related offences and seized 6 vehicles for no Insurance.

On top of all that they have held 12 Engagement events around Colchester taking note of community concerns and feedback.

They have carried out a Night of action visiting 45 licenced venues across the district ensuring compliance with Covid guidelines.

on top of all that they have continued their "Normal" day to day work patrolling, arresting people and helping the public.



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YOU SAID	WE DID
Speeding and anti social vehicles around Abberton Reservoir.	Speeding checks conducted , Tickets issued , warning signs erected and Dispersal Zone put in place.
Reports of Covid breaches in Licensed premises across the district.	During a Night of Action with Colchester Council, we visited 45 venues across the District and are pleased to report the majority were following regulations.
Persistent speeding and anti social behavior in Dedham.	Speed checks conducted and Tickets issued. Foot Patrols targeting Anti social behavior , enforcement action taken and groups dispersed.

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PROTECT  
PREVENT

### Rural Engagement Team

The Essex Police Rural Engagement Team is a county wide team who deal with the following areas

**Managing Unauthorised Encampments:** They work with land owners, Essex County Council and local councils, and ensure the safety and welfare of all those on site and in the surrounding areas. Unauthorised encampments are a civil matter of trespass and in the first instance landowners have powers to get an encampment to move. However we will use legislation and NPCC guidance when making decisions to direct people to leave land.

**Poaching:** Hare coursing is the highest recorded poaching offence in Essex and we use a range of legislation including laws on hunting and anti-social behaviour to disrupt and bring offenders to justice through the courts.

**Fly Tipping:** Although we are not the lead agency to investigate this offence, we assist local councils and the Environment Agency with their investigations. The team also regularly conducts Op Fume, which involves working with local council enforcement officers to ensure those carrying waste in vehicles have the correct licences. Those who don't are dealt with by local councils and we will deal with any other relevant offences.

**Provide quality policing to Gypsy, Roma, traveller and rural communities:** This includes regular engagement with community leaders as well as trying to break down barriers around prejudices using education and sharing experiences.

**Tackling theft of major equipment and plant:** This work will include ensuring stolen items are correctly listed so they can be identified if found. Regular operations at ports to check for stolen property leaving the country. Regular engagement with plant owners in order to prevent crime.

**Rural road safety :** This includes regular speed checks in rural villages in order to deter, educate and enforce speed limits. We also use automatic number plate recognition to target criminals using rural roads to commit crime.

Contact the Rural Engagement Team at [ruralengagementteam@essex.police.uk](mailto:ruralengagementteam@essex.police.uk) Or call 101 Or call 999 in an emergency.



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
10 August at 19:50

Officers from B shift of the Community Policing Team and the Special Constabulary were on patrol in Greenstead after a Section 60 Stop and Search Authority had been put in place, following an increase in reports of weapons being used in the area.

They saw a man acting suspiciously when, after seeing the officers, he pretended to trip over near to a parked car.

The officers approached, searched under the car and found a knife. ...  
See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
10 August at 11:05

Future police officer in the making PC SELINA has kindly shared her chocolate coins with PC JONES and PCSO COMPTON today.

This little girl is an asset to her family, friends and the community. Selina has a birthday party next week celebrating being 5 years old! Selina loves to say hello to police officers and always makes sure to wave at passing police cars! A big thank you goes out to PC SELINA and her family for making us feel so special today.

#CPT  
#RandomActsOfKindness



184 likes, 12 comments, 7 shares



1.5K likes



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
11 August at 18:00

Officers from the community team were deployed today on Project Servator at Colchester Train Station today.

This is a national project aimed at keeping people safe, through unpredictable, highly visible police deployments involving a wide range of resources including specially trained officers, to disrupt a wide range of criminality.

#ProjectServator  
#ProtectingandServingEssex... See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
6 August at 12:56

Colchester's Community Policing Team were out last night in the S Michaels and Shrub end area. This vehicle was stopped as it had insurance and was then Seized.



4,827 People reached, 504 Engagements, 67 likes, 5 comments, 6 shares





## Electric Scooters

Electric scooters are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act.

To use one on a public road, you will require insurance and a driving licence. Failure to have these may result in fines and points on your licence.

The Road Traffic Act also provides powers to police for offences such as drug and drink driving. All of these could impact your driving licence or future aspirations to attain a driving licence.

As with any motor vehicle, you are also not allowed to ride/drive on pavements, footpaths, parks and many open spaces, and this may be deemed as anti-social behaviour.

## Cycle Security and Safety

Commonly we find bicycles are either not secured or not secured properly, and this makes it easy for thieves to steal them.

Taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe.

Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain **and** padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but not below silver rated. Consider what you chain it to whether at home or while out. Is it secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

At home: 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your cycle and other property 2) consider securing your bike to a ground anchor or shed shackle inside your shed or garage 3) check you have good locks and secure hinges on your shed or garage 4) consider a shed alarm.

**It's also important to check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.**

For further advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-bicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/>



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For more information, visit:  
[actionfraud.police.uk/testandtrace](https://actionfraud.police.uk/testandtrace)

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### Contact tracers will **NEVER**:

- ✗ Ask you for any form of payment
- ✗ Ask you for any passwords or PINs
- ✗ Ask any details about your bank account
- ✗ Ask you to download anything
- ✗ Ask you to hand over control of your PC
- ✗ Send someone to your home

Area

