

Latest news from the Business Crime Team - 17th November, 2021

Over the last month, we have been on the road, forming new partnerships, listening to issues, ideas and concepts, all in order to help us collaboratively form solutions to ongoing and perceived areas of concern. Here are some of the highlights...

Brentwood Business Showcase

We were at the Brentwood Business Showcase which was hosted by Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Whilst there we were able to share crime prevention advice and connect with many varied businesses. It was nice to be out on the conference floor answering questions from the local business community, these sorts of engagements are important to us, when we hear directly from the people in our communities what issues they have it ensures we are asking the right questions of ourselves when we decide our priorities.



National Business Crime Conference – Nottingham

We visited the National Business Crime Conference on the 4th November. Whilst there, ideas were shared and formed that will look to keep businesses in Essex safer. Some of the topics we discussed were GDPR relating to facial recognition and biometric data, combatting counterfeit currency, Action Fraud, strengthening the national Business Crime Reduction Plan standards and reducing crime in distribution.

NPCC – National Business Cybercrime Conference, The Oval, LONDON

Last week we went to the National Business Crime Cyber Conference. This conference centred on Cybercrime which we all know is a growing threat to industry. We were presented talks from experts in the field, namely Commissioner Ian Dyson QPM, City of London Police and national lead for Cybercrime and Detective Superintendent Andrew Gould, National Cyber Crime Programme Lead, NPCC.

We were able to take away some key information on schemes that could be beneficial for your businesses:

* Police CyberAlarm www.cyberalarm.police.uk, which is a free tool to help members understand and monitor malicious cyber activity.

* The Eastern Cyber Resilience Centre [Cyber Security & Resilience Consulting Company \(ecrcentre.co.uk\)](http://Cyber Security & Resilience Consulting Company (ecrcentre.co.uk)) is a national programme of police/private partnerships to support and help protect SMEs, supply chain businesses and third sector organisations in the East of England against cybercrime in a cost-effective way.

Colchester Business Forum

The Colchester BID Team invited us to visit and speak to local businesses regarding their current concerns and frustrations. Again, being in and among local business partners in an open forum to discuss localised issues is great as we are then able to come to bespoke solutions or ideas on how we can resolve problems. We are looking to help businesses in reporting and recording criminality, so we are able to adapt our local approaches in intelligence led policing.

Business Updates

CBO Applications

Continued good work between the business crime team and local community teams has led to further success. Our latest result has led to an offender receiving a Community Behavioural Order for a term of five years. This was due to evidence obtained from retailers that showed the violence and intimidation that the suspect had been causing over a period of time. We are proud with the progress we are making with community behaviour order applications and are looking to keep pushing this forward.

Our team has a new member..

We have recently recruited a new member to the team, Sergeant Christian Denning. Christian has been a member of Essex Police for 20 years and has worked in the communities of Thurrock, Colchester, Witham and Chelmsford. We will also be having a further member of the team arriving soon to help us expand our reach and get further out into the business community.

Pic - Sgt Christian Denning (L) and Inspector Terry Jacobs (R)



PFCC's Precept Survey

Have your say on paying for policing and fire and rescue services in Essex

What are your thoughts on paying for policing and fire rescue services in Essex? Do you want more investment in the services and what are your priorities? These are the questions being asked by Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

He is asking for your opinion before he sets out plans for the 2022/2023 policing and fire and rescue services budget for the county. You can fill in a survey here <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PFCCPreceptSurvey/> to give your views.

When and how to contact the Police

We understand that businesses are extremely busy and not always clear on the most appropriate method to contact the police. If you would like to report business related crime or antisocial behaviour, which is not an emergency you can use our online digital 101 service at www.essex.police.uk We also have a live chat facility at the bottom of our website or if you prefer to speak to someone you can call 101.

Alternatively if an incident is happening right now, and it feels like the situation could get heated or violent very soon or someone is in immediate danger? Please call 999. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, you can use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

If you have ongoing business crime concerns you can contact the Business Crime Team at business.crime.team@essex.police.uk

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