

Latest news from the Business Crime Team - 23rd March, 2022

Coming to a town near you

The Business Crime Team have been out to various towns this month including South Ockendon, Ingatestone and Pitsea in what will be a series of planned visits to retail areas throughout the year.

Listening to local businesses is important for us, in order to find out about any concerns they have been having in their area and how we can work together to prevent business crime and anti-social behaviour. It is also a great opportunity to tell businesses about our new initiative “Open for Business, Closed for crime”, which was launched in response to the increase in abuse and violence towards retail workers.

We also want to use this time to offer support and guidance on security and crime prevention methods. We will continue to visit locations across the county to speak to shop staff, customers and managers. If you would like to speak to us about visiting your area please contact us at business.crime.team@essex.police.uk.



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Response To Recent Commercial Burglaries in Essex

The Business Crime Team have been out visiting Braintree and Colchester businesses due to a spate of recent commercial burglaries.

We have been giving out advice and overseeing investigations to prevent further crime and bring justice to those that offend.

If you would like advice on preventing commercial burglaries to your business, then please contact us to discuss various tactical options to prevent crime or design out the risk.



Wickford Town Link Update



The Wickford Town link has been up and running for a month and is already getting great results.

The initiative helps businesses share information more effectively and has already led to two suspects being tracked down and arrested for the theft of alcohol thanks to some great communication between Co-Op, CCTV control room and Police.

We are very proud of the work being completed in Wickford and look forward to seeing how this continues to progress and make this area a no-go location for offenders.

If you would like further information on this initiative in Wickford or to discuss how it could work in your area please get in touch.

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

