



Colchester Policing District Newsletter

Issue 21

PATROLLING OUR COMMUNITIES— QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Throughout the bank holiday weekend Colchester’s Community Policing Team saw a large number of events being held to celebrate the Queens platinum jubilee.

Our officers patrolled and engaged with a variety of communities at street parties and various organised events. For the CPT it was a great opportunity to speak with you and learn about local concerns and issues while showing support to our communities and ensuring everyone enjoyed their celebrations safely.



Domestic abuse is all about control. If you notice that someone seems to be controlled in all areas of their life, it could be a sign they are being abused.

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essex.police.uk
Do it online at:
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Monthly District Commander Update



I want to start with a thank you to you all, our teams enjoyed a fantastic Jubilee weekend meeting our communities. On my part I was honoured to attend the Gun Salute by military colleagues, alongside our Chief Constable, and then meet so many people in the park, thank you for your honest conversations and your thanks to our teams.

I would like to encourage you all to think back to 2012, when a young man, Anthony Stammers went missing, we would love to make contact with him, know that he is ok and be able to let his family know. If you know Anthony's whereabouts please let us know.

As we move toward the final half term at school we are working to keep our young people safe and in partnership with Trading Standards have been tackling those who provide alcohol, cigarettes, vapes and knives. Well done to those businesses that challenged the purchase. We are planning several events across the summer for young people including football and basketball.

A reminder that we really want to hear your concerns so please drop us an email, join us for a stroll, or drop into one of our coffee with cops sessions, we can then address the issues that worry you.

Stay safe enjoy the good weather

Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston



Essex Police – Colchester



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District Statistics for Colchester – May 2022

District Commander: Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston



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Anthony Stammers, 27, was last seen leaving his family home in Mile End Road, Colchester, at about 10am on May 27, 2012.

The talented musician sent a text message to his mum, Julie, at 11am asking her to make sure his trousers were ready for his grandfather's funeral the next day.

But when he did not arrive at Colchester Crematorium for the service on May 28, his parents reported him missing to police.

Despite widespread searches of the town and appeals for information, Anthony has not been located.

In the last decade, we have followed up potential sightings of Anthony in areas such as Colchester, Staffordshire, Birmingham, Doncaster and London.

Unfortunately, none have yielded any significant lines of enquiry.

Friday 27 May, 2022, marks ten years since he was last seen, and his parents Julie and Robert are appealing for anyone who has seen Anthony, is with him or knows where he is to please get in touch.

Living a dual existence

Dad Rob said: "We really live a sort of dual existence. One the one hand, we know we have to live 'normal life'; there are things to do and bills to pay and we have two other children who deserve to live their lives to the full. And on the other hand, we know that Anthony is missing and the pain that goes alongside that can rear its head at any time."

Mum Julie added: "There were, and still are, days when you feel like you don't want to get up, but I remember what Rob has said to me before, that today could be the day we find him. That's what keeps us going; that and very dear family and friends.

"My heart also aches for our other two children so much because it is their brother who is missing, and they were very close before Anthony went missing.

"His sister, Cathy, was always like a mini-mother to Anthony and his brother James had grown very close to him too.

"For a long time, one of us always had to be in the house because we couldn't bear the thought of Anthony coming back and no one being here. You do move on from that and you put other things in place to make sure nothing is missed when you are out."



On the day Anthony went missing, he was carrying a record holder-style bag and spoke to his mum as he left, telling her he was going out for a while and was likely to stay overnight at a friend's house before attending his grandfather's funeral planned for the next day.

Julie said: "For some reason, I really don't know why, on that occasion I clocked him head to toe and took in everything that he was wearing.

"He texted me asking to make sure his trousers were ready for the funeral – and that was the last contact we had."



Enquiries found Anthony had withdrawn money from a nearby petrol station during the morning and that is his last-known bank transaction.

“When he missed the funeral the next day, we reported him missing,” Julie added.

“Honestly, the police couldn’t have been better; they took what I was telling them seriously and you could tell this was a priority from the word go.

“Through the work we’ve done with the Missing People charity you do hear of some police forces not dealing with missing people well but I can honestly say, the police in Colchester were and still are absolutely brilliant.

“I know it was a job for them and they may have been working on so many other things but we really felt they did all they could for us.”

Rob added: “We co-ordinated our efforts with the police, who were searching night and day. I spent most nights out driving around Colchester, just looking, leaving posters.

“I did that for about six months, always in co-ordination with the police, and at the end of that, we really just concluded that he wasn’t in Colchester.”

Anthony’s family have never given up searching for him and our investigation into his disappearance has never closed.

We routinely review national databases for traces of bank transactions, international movement, NHS information and employment.

Julie said: “You never move on, you don’t really even ‘deal with it’, you ‘get through it’; that’s what we do.

“Today could be the day we find him. He is such a kind and gentle soul, very socially aware and is one of those people who really respected and loved the older generation. If we were ever at an event, you just knew he would be the one with older group, listening to the stories and taking it all in.”

To mark ten years since Anthony was last seen, the family are completing a series of fundraising events to raise money for the charity, Missing People, from which they have received huge support.

Anthony’s older brother, James, who lives in Bristol has recently appeared in the Channel 4 show, SAS Who Dares Wins through which he hoped to raise the profile of Anthony’s disappearance.

On Friday, he will set off from Kingston-upon-Thames, where Anthony attended university, to run through the day and night to arrive in Colchester Castle Park on Saturday morning.

His arrival will coincide with the final throes of a fundraising drive by Julie and Rob, who are aiming to walk 50km in ten days, ending with the Colchester Park Run, which takes place every Saturday.

All proceeds will go to the charity.

Julie said: “When you’re a part of this club – the club that nobody wants to be a part of – you find that, really, these are the only people who really understand how you are feeling.

Thirty Essex Police detectives were involved at the height of the police search for Anthony.

Despite their efforts, and those of other staff and officers involved, the search was scaled back and subsequently ceased after no significant leads emerged.

If you have any information about where Anthony is, then please get in contact with us.

Anthony is described as white, 5ft 10ins, and is of medium build, with short, dark-brown hair, although he may now have longer hair or changed its colour and could also have a beard.

He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a red and blue checked shirt, carrying a black satchel and may have been wearing a black New York Yankees baseball cap and beige jacket.

You can [call us on 101](tel:101) or contact [missing people charity](https://www.missingpeoplecharity.org/). Please quote reference 12-001452 when providing any information to make sure it gets to the right person as quickly as possible.



Joint Operation in Colchester to prevent illegal sales to children

Colchester Town Policing Team worked closed with the special constabulary, trading standards and our volunteer police cadets to investigate reports of shops in the town selling age restricted items to children. Over the course of the day our police cadets visited 14 shops across the town centre attempting to buy items such as alcohol, knives, tobacco and vapes.

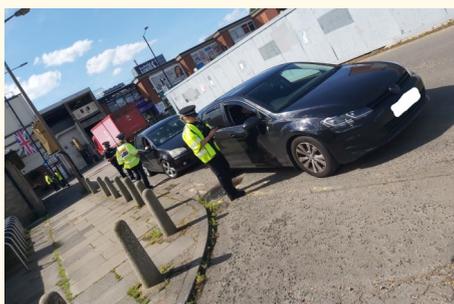
Trading standards were present to take action against any shops failing to refuse the sale of such items and out of the 14 shops, 6 of them have required trading standards intervention.

These operations run regularly to ensure our children and young people are not put at risk by being able to purchase items they should not be allowed.

If you have concerns about businesses selling age restricted items to under age persons, you can find more information of where to report this to here <https://www.essex.gov.uk/trading-standards-for-consumers> or online at www.essex.police.uk



7 tickets issued within 15 minutes



On 19th May the community policing team responded to reports of drivers speeding and regularly using their phones in the town centre.

Following a 15 minute deployment in the area, 7 drivers were issued fixed penalty notices for offences such as driving while using a handheld device and failing to wear a seatbelt.

It's a timely reminder that taking your eyes off of the road for a split second to look at a phone could cost you a lot more than points and a fine, so act responsibly and do not use your phone while driving.

Multi agency work to keep people in Colchester safe

At the end of May 2022 the Community policing team conducted patrols and visits of a number of premises in Colchester with the gangmaster and labour abuse authority, modern slavery team and victim navigator team. The purpose of these patrols and visits were to identify businesses and workers who had potentially been trafficked or had become victims to labour abuse and forced work.

The partner agencies take the lead in these operations but as a community team we are present to help build intelligence and to be on hand if any offences are identified to assist in arresting the offender and supporting the victims. Fortunately on these visits nothing untoward was found. If you have concerns over workers or somebody you feel is being exploited you can call Essex police on 101 or alternatively remain anonymous and report through Crimestoppers.

Signs to spot:

Slavery in the 21st century is often enforced by threats to the individual, coercion, abduction, fraud and deception. Victims range from men and women to children, they can be of all ages and backgrounds.

There are a number of signs that may indicate someone is the victim of slavery which include:

- Abuse or malnourishment
- Appears to be under the influence of others
- No access to identification documents
- Living in overcrowded accommodation

Visit crimestoppers-uk.org/modern-slavery

for more information on the different types of slavery and other possible signs.

To pass on your suspicions or information:

Contact independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online via crimestoppers-uk.org

Give information 100% anonymously in your own language regarding perpetrators of slavery, labour exploitation and other crimes.

Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), 0800 432 0804 or online at glaa.gov.uk/report-issues

Give information regarding mistreatment of workers, labour providers operating without a licence or businesses.

The Salvation Army: Confidential referral helpline 0800 808 3733 is available 24/7.

For advice and support regarding suspicions or concerns about getting help to adult victims of modern slavery.



Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority



CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

Stroll With a Patrol Update



As the months are getting warmer we are continuing to invite **YOU** to patrol with us and talk to us about policing your area. If you haven't got any questions or issues, but would like the chance to get to know your local officers a little bit more, then we still welcome you to come and Stroll with a Patrol. Similarly if you have concerns or issues in your area and want to discuss them with us come along and we can discuss ways to resolve such issues. So far we have held 14 patrols where members of the public have been invited to, and had 40 members of the public join us for those patrols. We have also had councillors, NHS staff, Colchester Borough Council staff and more agencies join us for our walks, so if it's an issue the police can not resolve we can utilise our strong partnerships and seek to assist in resolving the matter. While on these patrols we have spoken to hundreds of members of the communities we are patrolling in so if you

see us around, please come and speak to us.

The next patrols we invite you along to are— (for a full list please visit www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2022/april/colchester-stroll-with-a-patrol/)

- ◇ Monday 13 June, 10am. Meet outside Tesco, St Christopher road, **St Johns estate**
- ◇ Thursday 16 June, 5pm. Meet outside **Willow Brook Primary School**
- ◇ Tuesday 21 June, 6pm. Meet outside the Sun Inn, **Dedham**
- ◇ Thursday 23 June, 11am. Meet outside the Hare and Hounds public house, **Birch**
- ◇ Sunday 26 June, 3pm. Meet at the car park besides play area on **Napier Road**
- ◇ Monday 27 June, 11am. Meet outside the Co-Op, **Wimpole Road**
- ◇ Wednesday 29 June, 6pm. Meet outside **Langenhoe** Village Hall
- ◇ Sunday 3 July, 4pm Meet outside Orpan Village Hall, **West Bergholt**
- ◇ Wednesday 6 July, 6pm. Meet outside Co-op at the Commons, **Prettygate**
- ◇ Thursday 7 July, 6pm. Meet at **Old Heath** Community Centre
- ◇ Monday 11 July, 12pm. Meet outside Co-op, High Street, **Wivenhoe**
- ◇ Tuesday 12 July, 11am. Meet at **Langham** Community Shops



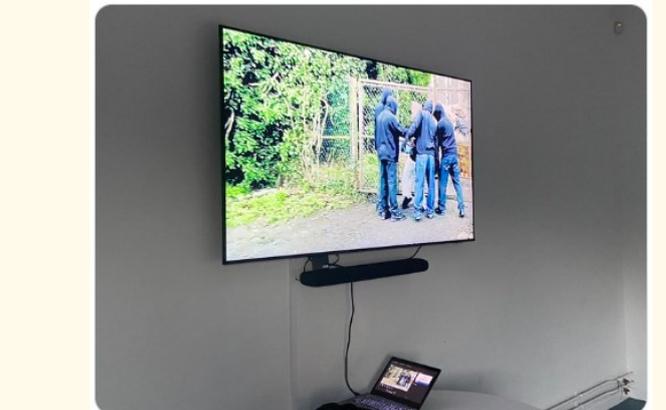
Essex Roads Policing @EPRoadsPolicing · Jun 5
A van was stopped today in @EPColchester passenger was clearly intoxicated and had got sober friend to drive. He was told not drive. 30mins later officers have stopped for a coffee and said suspect pulls into the services now driving ... One arrested for drug drive. 78351 & 1090



Essex Roads Policing @EPRoadsPolicing · 17h
We've responded to concerns from residents in Layer De La Haye about vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the village. We've conducted checks in and around the area with a number of vehicles stopped and drivers reported. #OpVisionZero #Fatal4 #StanwayRPU



Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · May 27
Working with @ColU_Official and @colU_FITC at their #PLKicks session this evening to raise awareness to young people around the dangers and consequences of carrying weapons.



Essex Police Rural Engagement Team @EPRural · Jun 8
RET have been out on patrol today in @Uttlesford @Chelmsford @Maldon and @Colchester. As well as conducting targeted vehicle stops, we have been visiting rural locations, RSPB nature reserves and businesses. #streetweek #LPSU #RuralEngagementTeam



Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Jun 5
Hoping the rain stays away today as PCSO Beverly joins in the fun at Colchester Sports Park.



Summertime Home Security Advice

Even if you are at home working or relaxing still consider your home security. As it gets warmer, we tend to see a rise in the number of “Creeper Burglaries” where burglars take advantage of open windows, and doors, and an open or insecure garden gate will provide the thief with access to the back of your home.

A few tips for keeping your home secure:

Don't attract a thief with insecure pedal cycles or cars on display.

Keep side or rear gates, sheds and garages shut and securely locked.

Before going out or 'turning in for the night' lift the blinds or open the curtains and check windows and patio doors are closed, the sun may have been on the TV when it was hot, and so the curtains were drawn whilst the window was open or someone may have closed it, but did they lock it?

Doors - Leave any accessible external door open or insecure and an opportunist thief could pop in and anything lying around may be taken. You may have only popped out, or down the end of the garden or having a quick shower; it only takes a second for a thief to steal. Don't forget that with a PVCu multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key (or on some doors a thumb-turn on the inside) you have not locked all of the locking bolts in place.

Windows - If you have unoccupied rooms that are accessible to others from outside or off flat roofs make sure the windows are closed, if you need ventilation in these rooms whilst at home at least lock the larger window and only have the small window open even. If you only have bigger opening windows, consider a lockable window restrictor and a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry.

If you have an intruder alarm activate it when going out and activate the zone for any unoccupied areas whilst in.

Car keys - **don't** take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location. Keep the keyless car key fobs in a “Faraday” bag.

If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999 and make a noise, shout out, it could cause any intruder to flee, they may not have known you were home, remember your life is more important than your property. If safe to do so, get a good description of the person/s and if possible, the car index number and direction of travel.

NB: In case of fire or other emergency ensure that keys to windows and doors are always readily accessible to occupants but not in view of possible burglars.

For further crime prevention advice see: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/home-security

****RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show 3rd – 7th August 2022****

Your garden is the first line of defence to your home, come along and see the Essex Police Designing out Crime Team and Essex Watch Liaison Officers at our 'Safe and Secure' RHS designed and built show garden, where nature contributes to a gardens security.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall/rhs-garden-hyde-hall-flower-show>



Contact **colchestercommunitypolicingteam**
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Upcoming Events

Below are some of our pre planned events for our communities to come and speak to us in person. Please note events are added regularly so please check our social media accounts for up to date events. Also see the Stroll with a patrol dates within this newsletter.

Wednesday 15th June 2022—Meet your local PCSO event—9:30am-10:30am- [Hythe community centre](#)

Wednesday 15th June 2022—Coffee with a cop—1030am –12pm- [Asda café](#)

Wednesday 15th June 2022—Community drop in session with Police, Colchester Borough Homes, Eastlight Homes and ECFRS—[Greenstead community centre](#)—3pm-6pm.

Thursday 16th June 2022—Coffee with a Cop—10am-11am CESSAC café, Fallowfield road, [St Michaels estate](#)

Friday 17th June 2022—Coffee with a cop—11am-1pm—Maison and Mollie coffee shop, [Wivenhoe](#)

Saturday 18th & 19th June—Mayors festival of diversity—[Firstsite](#)

Sunday 19th June 2022—Meet your local PCSO—11am-1pm—Poplar Nurseries, [Marks Tey](#)

Monday 20th June 2022—Coffee with Cops—12pm-1pm—Curzon cinema, [Queen Street](#)

Thursday 23rd June 2022—Cops outside Shops—1pm-2pm—Co-op, [Wivenhoe](#)

Friday 24th June 2022— Coffee with a Cop—11am-12pm—Café Nero, [Colchester Town](#)

Saturday 25th June 2022—Meet your local PCSO— 10am-11am—[Prettygate](#) Library

Monday 27th June 2022—Meet your local PCSO—10am –11am—St Cedds Hall, [Shrub end](#)

Thursday 30th June 2022—Coffee with a cop—10:30-11:30—[Stanway](#) St Helena hospice coffee shop.

Thursday 30th June 2022—Coffee with a cop—1pm-2pm— [West Mersea](#) St Helena hospice coffee shop.

Saturday 2nd July 2022—Coffee with a cop—4pm-5pm—GO4 Café, [Old heath recreation ground](#)

Monday 4th July 2022—Coffee with a cop—11am-12pm—Community 360 building, [long wyre street](#)

Tuesday 5th July 2022—Beat Surgery—10am-11am—[Tiptree Library](#)

Tuesday 5th July 2022—Beat Surgery—2pm-3pm—[West Mersea Library](#)

Thursday 7th July 2022—Beat Surgery –10am-11am—[Wivenhoe Library](#)

Thursday 7th July 2022—Beat Surgery—1pm-2pm—[West Mersea Library](#)

Monday 11th July 2022—Meet your local PCSO—3pm-4pm—[The Hythe community centre](#)

Thursday 14th July 2022—Coffee with a cop—10am-11am—Coffee Hog, [William harris way](#)

Thursday 14th July 2022—Coffee with a Cop—10am-11am CESSAC café, Fallowfield road, [St Michaels estate](#)



Your Local PCSO

Town Team - Ps Thrower

Town Centre and Christchurch areas- PCSO March/Nutkins/ Woolford

Colchester South - Ps Temme

Newtown/Hythe -PCSO Hardy

Old Heath -PCSO Oscroft

Blackheath/ Monkwick

Rowhedge- PCSO Ryder

Mersea Island—PCSO Ryder

Abberton/Fingringhoe/Langenhoe -PCSO Ryder

Peldon, Layer, Birch, Inworth—PCSO Ryder

Tiptree—PCSO Ryder

Stanway & Tollgate—PCSO Compton

Shrub end & St Michael's -PCSO Howe

Lexden—PCSO Howe

Prettygate—PCSO Howe

Colchester North- Ps Buckley

St Annes- PCSO Wright

Greenstead - PCSO Wright

University— PCSO Wright

Wivenhoe -PCSO Wright

Highwoods - PCSO Beverly

Mile end/Braiswick—PCSO Beverly

St Johns—PCSO Beverly

Dedham & Langham— PCSO Robinson

Great Horkesley/Boxted/Wormingford/Fordham—PCSO Robinson

West Bergholt/Eight ash green—PCSO Robinson

Gt Tey/Chappel/Wakes Colne/Aldham—PCSO Robinson

Copford—PCSO Robinson

Marks Tey—PCSO Robinson

Please say hello to your local PCSO when you see them patrolling your communities. If you have a community event or a school event whereby you would like the community policing team present to speak to people about policing in the area please make contact with the PCSO for that area who will be happy to help and look to arrange attendance where they can. They can also help with minor local issues and crime prevention advice. Alternatively you can contact colchestercommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk. Please do not report crimes directly to the email addresses, these can be done over the telephone or via www.essex.police.uk.

PCSO Nutkins—Jonathan.nutkins@essex.police.uk

PCSO March—Wayne.March@essex.police.uk

PCSO Woolford—Gary.woolford@essex.police.uk

PCSO Oscroft—Rachael.oscroft-curtis@essex.police.uk

PCSO Howe—Hayley.howe@essex.police.uk

PCSO Robinson—Amy-jane.Robinson@essex.police.uk

PCSO Beverly—claire.beverly@essex.police.uk

PCSO Wright—emma.wright@essex.police.uk

PCSO Hardy—Sarah.hardy@essex.police.uk

PCSO Ryder—Adam.ryder@essex.police.uk

PCSO Compton—Lee.compton@essex.police.uk



ESSEX COMMUNITY GOALS

SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022

ESSEX POLICE PRESENT A SEVEN-A-SIDE

£25 PER TEAM

CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

-  **AGE RANGES, 13-14 YEARS & 15-16 YEARS**
(7 aside with a max of 10 players per team)
-  **YOU CAN ENTER A SINGLE OR MIXED GENDER TEAM**
-  **FOOD/DRINK/GOODIE BAGS/TROPHIES PROVIDED.**
-  **8.30AM FOR REGISTRATION - 9AM START**
(Team registration cut off - Sunday 26th June at 5pm)

 The event will be held at EJA Great Baddow ground, W Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, CM2 8FR.

 **TO REGISTER EMAIL**
POSTIVE.ACTION@ESSEX.POLICE.UK

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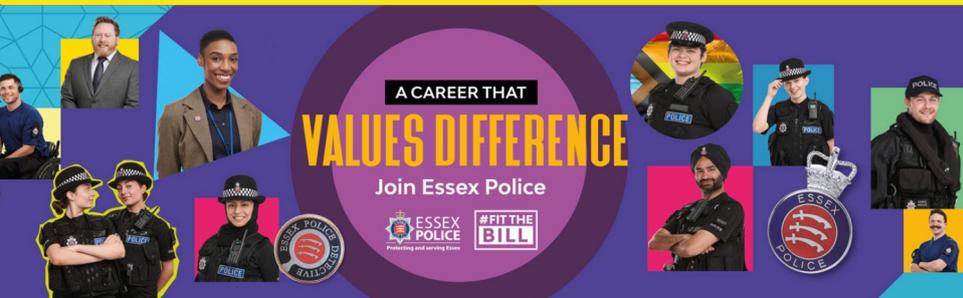


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