



## **Essex Police- Help become the 'Extra Eyes' as part of the Essex Horse Rider Volunteer Scheme**

Riders have a unique vantage point in our countryside and regularly use bridleways, footpaths and narrow country lanes that are not easily accessible by vehicles. So, they are well-placed to spot when something doesn't seem right or if something has changed. In conjunction with Essex Police, the Essex Horse Rider Volunteer Scheme is aimed at utilising horse riders to be the extra eyes and ears in the countryside and report any suspicious activity or crimes to the Police as soon as possible.

Examples of your help with these crimes could be spotting signs of unlawful digging or damage at a historic site (inc. isolated churches), a stolen agricultural machine hidden up in woodland, or even signs of wildlife crime such as hare coursing in progress. The scheme has been running successfully in Uttlesford for the past year and now it is being expanded across our county.

As a member of the EHRV scheme you will be added to the Essex Watch database to receive two weekly reports from the Essex Watch Liaison Officers one regarding crimes relating to heritage assets and another relating to rural areas. This is to update you with the types of crimes happening in your area and around the county, and help you look out for similar crimes or related matters, which you may come across during your rides.

There is no commitment to join at this stage, but you can express your interest in joining by clicking on the link: [Expression of interest | Essex Police](#)