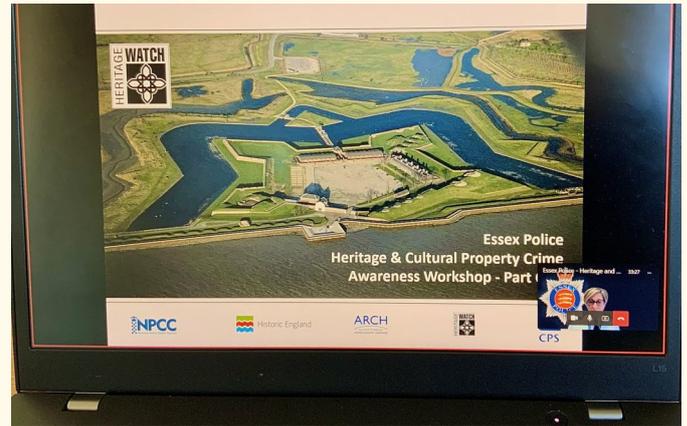


February 2022

HERITAGE CRIME

On 19th January officers from RET and across the force took part in an online training session around heritage and cultural property crime. The session was opened by our Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Nolan who is the National Police Chiefs Council's national lead on Heritage Crime. The training hosted by Historic Engald focused on the different types of heritage gradings, what initial actions to take when attending reports of heritage crime and who to contact. Officers were sent away to conduct some home work which entails working with a local heritage site to create a presentation on research and police engagement. This will be completed soon. Watch this space for an update in the coming months. Thanks



to Heritage Crime and PC Raven for organising.

If you're interested in joining our Heritage Watch then search our website essex.police.uk

POST BOXES

Continuing with heritage crime. Essex and surrounding forces are seeing an increase in reports of theft of post boxes. I'm sure you'll agree these unique and treasured boxes are iconic in our towns and villages. It's unknown if they are being stolen for order as ornamental purposes or due to the current metal value but what we are sure about is that we want them to remain where they should be. If you see any suspicious activity then please report this to police straight away.



Now there's a quick online alternative to calling 101 or visiting a police station:
DIGITAL 101



Do it online at:
essex.police.uk



For up-to-date information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** in Essex, please check essex.gov.uk/coronavirus* and make sure you **#StaySafeEssex**



* in **Thurrock**, please check thurrock.gov.uk/coronavirus



or in **Southend-on-Sea**, please check southend.gov.uk/coronavirus

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ALWAYS CALL 999**

RURAL ROAD SAFETY

You may have seen on a recent BBC Panorama programme that the national death rate on our roads has increased for the first time in over 40 years. There were many factors believed behind the cause of this. However we in RET have been running a dedicated operation on rural road safety for a few years which targets speeding motorists in villages. Speeding is one of the 'Fatal 4'. 'The Fatal 4' are 4 offences that contribute to deaths and those seriously injured on our roads. The other offences are drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone and not wearing a seatbelt. This month we continued this operation and will continue to do so. If you have concerns about speeding motorists in your villages then please get in touch.



SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR



Our officers are always on the look out for anything they deem to be suspicious. On the 28th January officers from the team spot this van acting suspiciously whilst on patrol so decide to have a little chat. It transpires that the driver was disqualified from driving so subsequently was not covered on any insurance that was in place. Due

to this the driver was interviewed at the roadside, reported to court and will now face fines, further disqualification or even a prison sentence. The van was seized and impounded meaning there will also be costs incurred to have the van released.

With better technology in our smart phones we are able to conduct checks on vehicles and people quicker and easier whilst saving money for the force. More checks like this mean more cars off the road when offences are committed. If you see any suspicious behaviour or you know of someone who is driving when they shouldn't be then please report this on line or anonymously via crimestoppers.

RURAL CRIME STRATEGY 2022-2024

Tackling rural crime – Help us develop our Rural Crime Strategy 2022-2024

Essex Rural Partnership together with Essex Police and the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner are asking for your views on tackling rural crime in Essex.

The current Rural Crime Strategy was developed in 2017 and contributed directly to the Essex Rural Partnership Strategy. Since the strategy was developed in 2017, there has been a significant increased focus on rural crime, with Essex Police now boasting one of the largest rural engagement teams in the country.

Countywide anti-social behaviour, theft and burglary have all fallen since 2017 as has the number of people killed or serious injured on our roads. Working with councils and partners across Essex we have also seen a significant reduction in the number of unauthorised encampments which has reduced steadily from 229 in 2018 to 158 in 2021. Similar reductions are also happening in relation to Hare coursing and the theft of large machinery. However, there is still far too much crime in our rural areas, and we want to do more together to tackle this.

Working with communities in rural Essex we have also developed a much better sense of the isolation and fear that comes with living in remote parts of the county. National research has also pointed to higher level of domestic abuse in rural areas and we hear from public meetings and discussions in our communities about the continued blight of drug use and dangerous driving.

We want to ensure that our approach to tackling crime in rural areas considers the specific nature of our rural communities and harnesses the strong community spirit we see and works with communities to prevent crime from happening, protects the vulnerable and supports victims of crime.

To have your say we are encouraging all members of our rural communities to come along to one of four workshops being organised around the county where you'll get to meet members of the Essex Police Rural Engagement Team and have your say. Please see the dates below for the workshops.

Workshop dates:

Workshop 1 – Monday 28th February 2022 10:00 – 12:00 West Newlands, Bradwell Road, Southminster, England, CM0 7LH.

Workshop 2 – Monday 7th March 2022 @ 11:30 – 13:30 Essex Young Farmers, Whitbreads Farm Lane, Little Waltham, England, CM3 3LQ.

Workshop 3 – Friday 11th March 2022 @ 09:30 – 11:30 Cherry Orchard Farm, Conways Road, Orsett, England, RM16 3EL (W3W hush.boil.remark)

Workshop 4 – Monday 21st March 2022 @ 19:00 to 20:00 – Facebook Live: <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk>

To book an event
Scan the QR



Contact rural.engagement.team@essex.police.uk



Do it online at:
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ACTIVE CITIZENS

Peter Lamb is one of Essex Police' Active Citizens who helps out with Wildlife. Peter assisted Colchester Owl Rescue look after the owl (pictured) after it was found injured near to Stansted. Pete was able to care for the owl building up it's strength, then release it back in to the wild.

If you'd like to volunteer as either a Volunteer Police Cadet or Leader, Police Support Volunteer or Special Constable then search the internet for citizens in policing.

WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS

PC Raven our Wildlife Heritage and Enviro Crime Officer has continued working with our partner agencies in regards to poaching of fish. Fisheries Enforcement Officer Baird from the Environment Agency is always keen for us to join him on his patrols. This is a regular occurrence and we often assist each other in a multitude of operations.

The officers were at a location checking those that were fishing were doing so legally and with the correct licences. The met Neil Spoons from ITV's Monster Carp programme who had the correct licence.

One person sadly didn't and was reported for the offence.

Buy your licence at www.gov.uk/fishing-licences



Digital 101

You can report non-emergency crime by calling **101** or by using **Digital 101**, our quick and easy to use online service that's available at any time.



Digital 101 is available on the Essex Police website: essex.police.uk



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in protecting and serving Essex, you can follow us on social media, or search #FitTheBill

