

June 2022

## RURAL ENGAGEMENT BOOSTED




The Rural Engagement Team have been busy boosting our community engagement opportunities. With the warm weather upon us, lots of communities across the county are having fetes, summer shows and school fairs. Sgt Felton said “I am keen to get to as many community events as we can this summer. We have been booking in lots of events to attend.

For me, residents being able to have a chat with the team and find out what we do and how we do it is very important.”

Upcoming events in July include -

- Sat 2nd—Lindsell Parish Fete (Dunmow)
- Sat 9th & Sun 10th—Tendring Show
- Tues 19th—Street Meet Billericay High St
- Fri 22nd—Canvey Island Community event
- \* Sat 30th—Navestock Village show

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## WEEK OF ACTION IN UTTLESFORD



The Rural Engagement Team spent a whole week in Uttlesford as part of a 'Street Week'. Different teams from Essex Police attend an area of the county for a week and tackle community concerns. High on the list was speeding and using mobile phones whilst driving.

As rural road safety is one of our priorities, the team carried out speeding checks in several villages across the area. Over the week 95 vehicles were stopped and 28 drivers were issued tickets. One car was seized for having no insurance.

Alongside speeding checks, the team also carried out many hours of high visibility patrolling to target fly tipping and mobile crime.

As well as tackling crime and community concerns, we still found time to visit some

local events.

On Saturday 11th June we visited the Birchanger School Fete, showing residents around our vehicles and giving out crime



prevention advice.

We were delighted to tell some very excited



children all about the police .

If you would like the team to visit your event email us at:

[Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk](mailto:Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk)

## HARVEST IS COMING

The team are gearing up for harvest season and the particular crime issues that brings.

Theft of plant , quad bikes, GPS tracking units and other equipment from farms tends to peak over the harvest season. Officers have been out and about across the county visiting farms and offering crime prevention advice.



If you would like the team to visit your farm or business please contact us by email at -

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## BLACKWATER COUNTRY SHOW

If you were at the Blackwater Country Show over the weekend of 18th–19th June you will have seen the team.

The team showed visitors around our vehicles and let children dress in police uniform and try on equipment. They also gave out safety advice on a huge range of rural topics such as theft, fraud, phone scams and road safety.



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## FOX CRUELTY CONVICTION

A man has pleaded guilty to causing cruelty to a fox under the Hunting Act 2004 in the Coggeshall area last December. Unlawful methods were used to dispatch the fox. Undercover footage was recorded by an animal rights group and passed to police. The law is very clear on when and how a fox can be caught and killed. PC Raven, the RET Wildlife Crime Officer, spent considerable

time investigating the circumstances of this offence, and preparing the case for court. The guilty plea reflects PC Raven's hard work. We await the sentencing result in due course



## RURAL ROAD SAFETY

The team have been very active across the county addressing rural road safety. During June alone over 30 drivers were prosecuted for speeding, using mobile phones or having no insurance. Over 100 cars and vans have been stopped by the team in rural locations in the same month.



## RET LIFESAVING AWARDS

RET's own Acting Sergeant Neil Fenn and PC John Davey have been recognised for their Outstanding work saving the life of a child.

A/PS Fenn was awarded a Chief Constables Certificate of Merit and PC Davey a Chief Constables Commendation.

On the 19th July 2021 A/PS Fenn heard a call on his radio to a child in cardiac arrest having fallen into a swimming pool. Knowing PC Davey, who previously worked for the ambulance service, was nearby but off duty, he phoned him and directed him to the child's



location. PC Davey arrived on scene before the ambulance and carried out immediately life saving intervention.

Due to the quick thinking of the officers, the child has since made a full recovery.



## Digital 101

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