
Colchester Partner Briefing

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District Commander Colchester



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Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to keep you informed and up to date on Policing activity in Colchester. The ambition is to publish a briefing every month to provide an overview in the following areas:

- Community Policing Team
- Local Policing Team
- Crime trends of note
- Prevention Messages
- Forthcoming Engagement

The Community Policing Team encompasses the Town Centre Proactive team. The teams undertake pro-active and reactive policing tasks covering engagement, crime prevention, crime disruption, and safeguarding of vulnerable people. The teams have embedded specialist officers covering Missing Persons, and Children's and Young Person officers, these officers work with partners in education and social care to protect vulnerable people from harm.

The Local Policing Team respond to calls for assistance from members of the public, undertake pro-active overt patrols and focus, however, their main role is reactive policing.

Colchester is supported by a Criminal Investigation Department, A Domestic Abuse Investigation Team, and we also house members from our Crime & Public Protection Command. These Detectives work to investigate the more serious crimes that occur in the North of the County, to provide safeguarding to the victims and to bring to justice the perpetrators. This newsletter will focus on our uniform elements and the work they undertake in the Borough.

Our priorities in Colchester in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership mirror the Force Plan for 2020/21

To investigate and tackle:

- Violence in all its forms
- Online crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Gangs and organised crime
- Safety/crime on the roads
- Domestic abuse
- Burglary

To support and protect:

- Children and vulnerable people
- Victims of crime
- Visibility in communities

Policing in Colchester has a very clear focus on:

Violence – disrupting those who commit serious organised crime and to dismantle the supply of controlled drugs in the District. We will target those who carry knives and commit violence ensuring Colchester remains a safe place for all.

Vulnerability – we will ensure we engage with our communities to understand their needs and deliver policing to safeguard those who are vulnerable in our community.

Victims – we will provide victims with a first-class service.

Visibility – we will be visible in our communities to provide reassurance and reduce the fear of crime.

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Monthly message

Through May and into June we have slowly seen the lifting of Covid restrictions and it is so fantastic to see our local businesses reopening and our Town coming back to life. I want to thank all of Colchester for the way in which you have taken the regulations in your stride. We put in place a number of steps to keep you safe and working closely with our partners across One Colchester a real positive has been the way we have all looked after vulnerable people, we have seen so many of our community volunteer from organising food deliveries, to picking up prescriptions for neighbours I am so proud of Colchester. All of the partners are now looking at how we keep and build on all that great community stuff.

Our teams have been kept really busy ensuring that we protected vulnerable areas during the lockdown, and still addressed the reports of crime and anti-social behaviour. We were boosted by our great volunteer Special Constables who when furloughed volunteered hours to come in and help.

I was also excited to see Essex Police launch the new Single online home. This makes contacting us and reporting incidents easier and includes a new 'Live Chat' feature. This makes us even more accessible. This can be found at <https://www.essex.police.uk/>

We want you to be telling us about your concerns, and as you will see in the newsletter, we have been listening to you, taking action to keep you safe, and catch criminals.

Stay Safe and Take Care

Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston

District Commander – Colchester



Community Policing Team

Community Concerns

Listening to the community and partners concerns during the COVID 19 period.

The team have been deployed to reassure the community and patrol key locations across the policing district.



The community have highlighted road safety concerns including speeding motorists who have been taking advantage of the emptier road networks and COVID regulation breaches.

Iron Latch Woods being an example of additional patrols in response to reports of COVID issues.



Operation Sceptre deployments have taken place across the district to disrupt those involved in county lines activity, tackle the anti-social behaviour associated with this and safeguarding vulnerable individuals.



In response to two Stabbing incidents in Greenstead additional Stop and Search powers were invoked. Resulting in further arrests

Contact the team directly by email :

colchestercommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk



"I have been a Police Officer with Essex since 2000, I have been in a variety of uniform policing roles including the Operational Support Group. I am a resident of Colchester and strive to make Colchester a safer place for the community we serve"



JON EVANS

**Community
Policing Team
Inspector**



An intelligence led warrant was conducted in Timber Hill, Colchester and a quantity of stolen bikes were recovered by the team. The team have been able to reunite a bike with its owner. Enquiries are ongoing to identify all the bikes recovered.

Local Policing Team



Colchester Local Policing Team keeps you safe 24/7 and is made up of 5 shifts. The LPT respond to 999 calls and investigate core demand investigations.

Proactive patrols of crime trends and community concerns.

YOU SAID

- Road Safety Concerns / Speeding in Rural Communities
- Nuisance Motor Bikes
- Drug dealing Greenstead

WE DID

- Speed Checks – Tiptree / Great Horkesley / Aldham/Great Tey/Boxted
- Section 59 Warnings issued to motor bikes Monkwick area
- Plain Clothes deployments resulting in a number of arrests

Proactive Policing

Between attending appointments and 999 calls, LPT officers have been proactively patrolling areas of Colchester. This often results in arrests for drink or drug driving and seizing illegal or stolen vehicles to keep them off the roads.



Robbie has been a special with Essex Police for 30 years. He manages a team of Special Constables supporting Colchester's Local Policing Team

Special Inspector Robbie Boyle

The Colchester Special Constabulary conducted a takeover day assisting LPT.

In total 25 officers volunteered a total of 284 Hours.

155 of them hours of High Visibility policing.

31 Incidents were attended and 4 arrests.

Victims *Service*

What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour is an incident that falls short of a crime, where the behaviour of an individual or group causes or is likely to cause:

- harassment, alarm or distress to any person, not of the same household
- another party feeling personally threatened
- creates a public nuisance or detrimental impact upon the environment
- has a detrimental effect upon the quality of life of an individual or the community as a whole.

Officers continue to use powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, where they are able to issue Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and Community Protection Notices (CPNs), which ultimately allows us to apply for Community Behaviour Orders (CBOs). These powers have replaced what used to be referred to as ASBOs and are effective tools when dealing with all kinds of ASB.



The CPT are working with the Fire service and Royal Military Police to prevent further fires at Middlewick Ranges.

The Victims Code:

This applies to all criminal justice agencies, including the police service. The code sets out what the agencies must do for victims and the time frames in which they must do it.

Policing Inspectors complete quality of Investigation audits to ensure their teams are complying with the victims code.

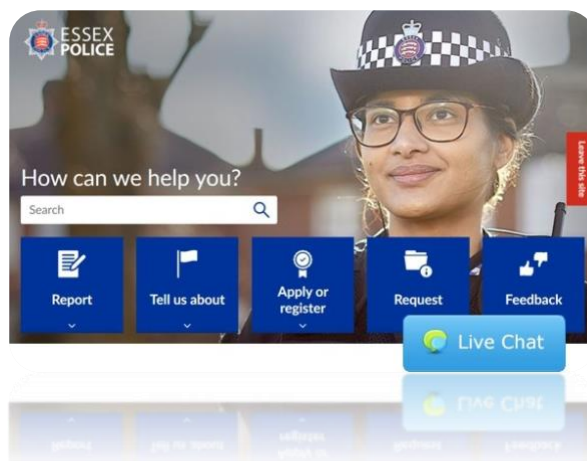


Essex Police in Colchester #StayAlert @EPColchester · May 13

Responding to local concerns about drug activity and anti-social behaviour in premises, the Community Policing Team have today issued Misuse of Drugs Warning Notices to 5 properties across Colchester. This is the first stage in enforcement & we will be monitoring. #YouSaidWeDid

We're encouraging members of the public to go online and report crime, instead of calling 101 so we can focus our efforts on 999 calls and continue to respond to those immediately at risk. To make this easier we are now offering new online services to those who live, work and visit Essex, making it even easier to get in contact with us. You are now able to report Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), request information on yourself or others, tell us about something you've seen or heard or ask to talk to someone about an existing case you are involved in or a report you have made. We've also launched a new '**Live Chat**' where you can message operators online, in real time, between the hours of 7am and 11pm.

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Vulnerability *Compassion*

Working together

In Colchester we have a Local Partnership Hub based at Colchester Police Station. This includes members from the Council working alongside Police to assist in dealing with the most vulnerable. The Hub has been very successful in solving issues and supporting the vulnerable in an efficient manner where quick action is imperative.

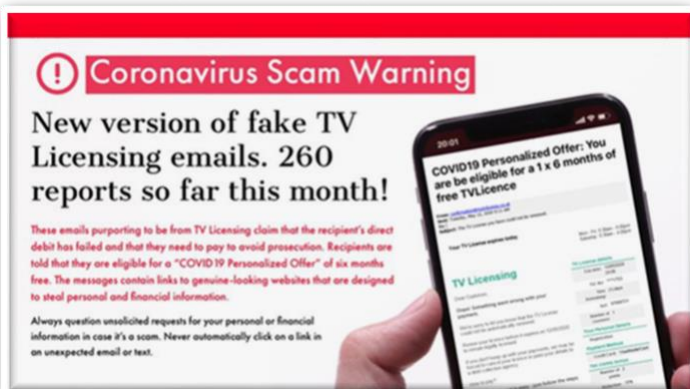
Hate Crime is defined as any incident, that may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim, or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a personal characteristic.

There are five strands to the definition:

- Disability
- Race
- Religion or Belief
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity



Colchester officers will continue to provide a high level of service to all victims of Hate Crime, prosecute Hate Crime offenders and support victims, while maintaining positive links in the community. If you are a victim of Hate crime you can either report direct to Essex Police either online.



↑ This month we have seen 260 reports about this Coronavirus related TV Licensing scam. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, please forward it to the suspicious email reporting service:

report@phishing.gov.uk

**VS VICTIM
SUPPORT**

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.



Visibility *Determination*

Throughout the COVID19 period additional visible patrols have taken place across the Colchester District.



Officers Completing High Visibility patrols in Tiptree.



Special Constables out in Stanway



Pcso Lee Compton on Foot patrol in Town Centre



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Sergeant Marcus Buckley is the Supervisor of A shift Community Policing Team. Marcus has been a Police Officer for 14 years and has completed his entire service in the district.

Community Policing Team Sergeant – Marcus Buckley

Town Centre Policing Team

Town Centre Police Community Support Officers



Wayne March



Lee Compton



Harrison De Freitas



Dean Athawes



Jonathan Nutkin

It's one year on since the expansion of Town Centre Team in Colchester.

The team is made up of a Sergeant, 7 Constables and 5 Police Community Support Officers.

The Team work closely with partners to ensure the Town centre is a safer place for the community.



Essex Police in Colchester #StayAlert @EPColchester · May 26
 #ColTPT start the shift off with a positive s23 Drugs Warrant. If you have any info about drug dealing in your area then report it online. Your information may be the final piece of the puzzle for us to come knocking with our big red 🚔
 #YouSaidWeDid
 #ProtectingAndServingEssex



Close working with partners across the public, business, and volunteer sector means we all share information and working together we can spot offenders – like this chap who was wanted for burglary on 24th May.



Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime.
 Protect vulnerable people, providing victim support and encouraging the reporting of domestic abuse and hate crime.
 Tackling issues of drug and alcohol abuse through projects and deliveries.

Business Crime Unit

The Business Crime Team has been created to keep a strategic overview on incidents and ongoing issues that have a direct effect on businesses, working with our business communities and partner agencies to look at solutions to long term concerns. The team consists of a Sergeant and two Constables covering Essex. A Crime Against Business Strategy has been implemented with the objectives of increasing confidence in the business communities, improving crime prevention and strengthening partnership working and in just a short time we have already reached out to hundreds of local businesses and will continue to expand our connections throughout the county. The Crime Against Business Strategy can be viewed at

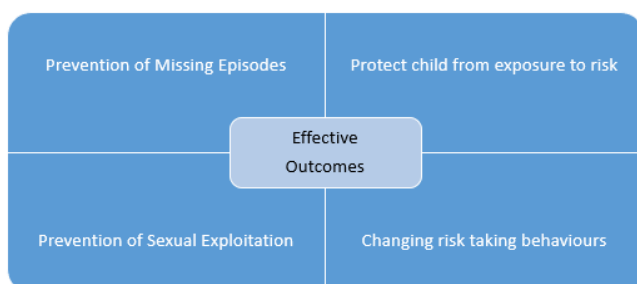
<https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/news/beating-business-crime-together/>

Sergeant Terry Jacobs



Child and Young Person Officers

The District has 4 Child and Young Person Officers who work alongside schools, social care, and other partners to support and protect young people in Colchester.



Vulnerable individuals that are subject to Child Sexual Exploitation or at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation are one of the team's priorities and as a partnership we identify and put in place support to keep them safe.

We are able to also support those at risk of criminal exploitation through a range of diversionary activities provided by our partners from Fire Break with Essex County Fire rescue, to boxing with local groups, we can work individually or with groups to provide bespoke help.

