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# Essex Police

## Colchester Bulletin

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**District Commander Colchester**

### 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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## Chief Inspector Huddleston's Monthly Message



Essex Police – Colchester



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For July a big focus was on the re-opening of licensed premises, we worked closely with partners, including our SOS Bus, Street Pastors, NHS, Licensing, and the licensees to ensure we had a safe environment for our businesses to re-open, and for you to enjoy a night out. For the first night opening we had in place an operation with a number of additional officers to keep Colchester safe, and bar one incident had a peaceful first night.

We have seen a sharp rise in the number of speeding complaints and anti-social use of motor vehicle. Our Community Policing Team have been out targeting those areas you are highlighting, and I encourage you to keep reporting your concerns. We are receiving additional support from our Roads Policing Unit and Rural Engagement Team giving additional officers into the area you have given us.

As we see people venturing out after lockdown we are reminding you all around your security, for your home, your car, and your personal possessions. Fraudsters have tried to exploit COVID so remember Police will never ask you to disclose your pin number, nor ask you to move your money.

We are currently working with partners in Education planning for a return to school. Our Children's and Young People Officer are working with schools to keep our children safe and we would encourage our young people to access the online resources such as those by CEOP, and NSPCC which give lots of positive information.

I wanted to highlight the bravery of one of our PC who jumped into freezing cold water to save a young swimmer in difficulties. PC Aleta didn't hesitate and ensured he saved a teenager from drowning.

Enjoy your summer holidays, we will still be here looking after you all and keeping Colchester safe.

Stay Safe and Take Care

Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston

District Commander – Colchester

## Community Policing Team

### Community Concerns

Concerns were Raised around Speeding and Anti-social driving in Berechurch Hall Road Area. The team Performed High Visibility Patrols and Speed checks in the area.



Officers on duty in Castle Park came across a group of teenagers that had jumped into the river at Middle Mill to cool down. One of the teenagers got into difficulty and was struggling as they couldn't swim.

PC Aleta took immediate action and jumped into the river to save the teenager from drowning and got him out safely. Medical attention was given to the Youth along with stern words of Advice.



Project Servator has been deployed around Colchester this month. Essex Police use Project Servator to Deter, detect and Disrupt a wide range of Criminal Activity. Our Deployments are Unpredictable, Intelligence Led and Highly Visible. They involve specially trained officers not only in uniform but also in plain clothes.



"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**



### Together, we've got it covered

If you see an increased police presence, there is nothing to worry about. These are normal police operations designed to disrupt a range of criminal activity.

We can turn up at any time. Don't be surprised or alarmed if you see us and weren't expecting it.

You can help disrupt criminal activity by reporting anything that doesn't feel right, for example an unattended item or someone acting suspiciously.



Report any suspicious activity to us by calling **101**  
In an emergency, always call **999**



*Contact the team directly by email :*

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## Local Policing Team



Colchester’s Local Policing teams are responsible for keeping you safe 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week. They Respond to a wide range of 999 incidents across Colchester and deal with other incidents which are reported online and via 101. Colchester LPT officers are assigned to over 100 incidents every day.

**‘I work on the Colchester Local Policing team, between the 5 shifts we keep you safe 24/7. I have been working on Colchester LPT for 2 years, it’s a fast-exciting team to be on. We deal with a wide variety of incidents and it can be very rewarding.’ Pc James Brett**

### 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.



You Said	We did
Berechurch hall road. Every evening there seems to be drivers breaking the speed limit	CPT deployed in the evening and early hours to conduct Speed checks and Hi Visibility Patrols.
Abberton Reservoir Anti social Driving	Regular speed checks and Tickets issued.
Anti social behaviour and Drugs Issues in Monkwick.	Warrant Executed and Male Arrested



## Visibility Determination

The Team has been busy across Colchester district this month.



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 9 July at 07:53 · 🌐

Carrying on with speed watch around Colchester the Community Policing Team visited #Dedham last night following complaints of speeding drivers. Six tickets have been issued and words of advice given to a number of drivers. Chief Inspector Huddleston Of Colchester Police Station said we have recently seen an increase in the number of reports of speeding from concerned residents in our rural areas, we are regularly deploying officers across the District to help to make our roads safer. See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 15 hrs · 🌐

Whilst investigating a recent Hate Crime which occurred at a park in #Stanway, officers from A shift of the Community Policing Team to some time out, to show the local youths we are more than just a uniform by joining them for some basketball and football. #protectingandservingEssex



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 14 hrs · 🌐

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**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 8 July at 09:09 · 🌐

Together, we've got it covered. Project Servator deployed in Colchester again yesterday, these deployments involve the use of specially trained officers to disrupt a range of criminal activity. Report any suspicious activity to us by calling 101 or in an emergency, always call 999.



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 3 July at 11:03 · 🌐

The Community Policing Team are in #greenstead this morning and available for the residents to pop by for a chat. If you wish to raise any issues, provide some information or simply have a chat come and see us outside Hunwick Road shops. We will be here until 1300hrs... See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 21 June at 19:12 · 🌐

ColTPPT now on shift with @essexspecials. Officers conducting Patrols in the town and along local walks.



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 25 June at 11:16 · 🌐

This chap came into town to steal items of clothing from the shops in the town. However he was stopped by security and detained until police arrived. This chap was also wanted by police for other matters. He has now been arrested by officers from Colchester Community Policing Team and taken to custody. #ProtectingAndServingEssex



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 23 June at 14:31 · 🌐

Officers from A shift of the Community Policing Team are out conducting welfare checks on people who have recently had their homes taken over by County Lines drug dealers. This practice is known as Cuckooing and often involves vulnerable members of the community. The Community Policing Team have been targeting county lines, in order to rid the town of the violence and misery this illegal trade brings. ... See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 17 June at 13:47 · 🌐

#Colchester has welcomed two new Special Constables after they received their warrant cards this week. Henry Ighoyiwi, 37, and Alexander Lee, 27, can now help keep our district safe following an attestation ceremony on Monday 15 June. Henry, a father-of-two, works as a doctor and Alexander works for a park storage company in #Dunmow... See more



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 22 June at 15:04 · 🌐

After some incidents over the past week of people getting into difficulty in open areas of water, officers from The Community Policing Team A shift have been stopping off at various locations whilst on patrol, to ensure people are being safe and sensible in and around the lakes and rivers whilst enjoying the fine weather. We're not quite Batswatch but we still want to ensure everyone goes home safely. #protectingandservingEssex



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 19 June at 13:51 · 🌐

Col TPT are out on High Visibility patrols first thing this morning, engaging with residents and local walkers at a safe distance. #protectingandservingEssex



**Essex Police - Colchester**  
 20 June at 09:31 · 🌐

A drug dealer has been jailed for three years and four months after officers responded to community concerns about drug taking. Officers went to the multi-occupancy house in Ipswich Road #Colchester on 22 March following reports of a strong smell of cannabis. They carried out a search and inside Nathan Barber's room they found £6,925 in cash and a large quantity of cocaine and cannabis. They also found a canister of CS spray... See more



## Children and Young Person Officers

### Children and Young Person Officers



Pc Barry Clough



Pc Kelly Metcalfe



Pc Paul Razor



PC Michael Barrett

Colchester Children and Young Person Officers (CYPO's) are responsible for various areas of work. Their Key remit is to engage with at risk young people.

They work to communicate with and build up trust with Young people who have been identified as, or are suspected to be, the victims of, or who are involved in, child sexual exploitation or gangs, as well as those who are following a trait of anti-social behaviour which may lead them into serious criminality.

They also work with partner agencies to help protect and safeguard vulnerable young people within our communities.

The CYPO's have numerous work strands one of which is working closely with Children's homes and semi-independent living accommodation where they will engage with staff and residents; Gaining knowledge and intelligence on the running of the placement and any behaviours / activities of residents. They will liaise with Local Authorities and Ofsted. They are also responsible for the Investigation of all crimes that occur at children's home that do not require CID.

**“In April of this year I joined the Colchester Children and Young Person's team in Colchester. What I really enjoy about the role is that it allows me to work with children and young people and look at ways to prevent negative behaviour as well as safeguarding solutions. The role also includes identifying and resolving issues involving young people within the community who are at risk. “Pc Paul Razor**



## Venturing Out After Lockdown

As the Covid19 restrictions are eased and we cautiously emerge from the security of our homes whilst not wishing to alarm we do need to remember to secure our property once again. Whether we are just going to the shops, going out for the day or perhaps taking that well deserved break makes sure your home is secure and it looks like you are still there.

### Just a few tips to remind you:

- *Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly, make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors – when locking Lift, the handle, turn and remove the key. If you have a night latch and a mortice lock, ensure that you lock both not just the night latch.*
- *No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.*
- *Create the illusion of occupancy: A radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not plugged in), the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.*
- *Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone. A lot of these you can add further CCTV cameras that you listen and speak through too.*
- *Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a "Fake TV" unit discretely hidden from view.*
- *If you have an intruder alarm, make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.*
- *Keys to other cars; put them away and in a "faraday bag" if you have a keyless car.*

### If you are away for a longer period:

- *Curtains open or curtains closed? – The worse thing is half open half closed, day or night the thief will know you are out. I go by the principle that some people do not close all curtains at night, but most are open during the day especially in those "lived in" rooms. So as long as you have evidence visible that looks like you are in the house somewhere then it makes sense to leave them open.*
- *Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries, delay ordering online purchases before you go away or have them delivered to friends or family that are at home to hold until you return.*
- *Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.*
- *Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.*
- *Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites, watch what you are posting including photographs (they may be date stamped) while you are away too, or you may find you are giving useful information that the burglar or fraudster may use.*
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Further advice can be found at [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or [www.securedbydesign.com/](http://www.securedbydesign.com/)



