

Colchester District

September 2020



Hello!

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter, which will keep you up to date on what we're doing to keep communities safe in Colchester. It will focus on:

- The work of the Community Policing Team and Local Policing Team
- Crime trends
- Crime prevention
- How you can contact us

The Community Policing Team includes the Town Centre Proactive Team. Their work includes responding to issues and carrying out proactive work, including public engagement, crime prevention, crime disruption, and safeguarding vulnerable people. The teams include specialist Missing Persons and Children's and Young Person officers, who work with partners in education and social care to protect vulnerable people from harm.

The Local Policing Team's main role is to respond to calls for assistance from members of the public, but they also carry out proactive patrols.

Our Colchester community and local policing officers are supported by detectives working in the Criminal Investigation Department, Domestic Abuse Investigation Team, and Crime and Public Protection Command. They investigate the more serious crimes that occur in north Essex, safeguard victims and bring offenders to justice.

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

To investigate and tackle:	To support and protect:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violence in all its forms• Online crime• Anti-social behaviour• Gangs and organised crime• Safety/crime on the roads• Domestic abuse• Burglary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and vulnerable people• Victims of crime• Visible policing in communities

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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Welcome to our September Newsletter

September has seen the introduction of further COVID19 restrictions to minimise the risk of infection and the spread of this nasty virus. Your Community Policing Team have been out providing patrols to engage with businesses, reassure residents and challenge those not abiding by the regulations. To date we have spoken to over 1100 people, issued 68 verbal warnings and issued 1 fixed penalty notice. Thank you to all of Colchester for complying with the regulations.

As we head into winter may I share an appeal from our colleagues in health please check <https://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/> for information on how to stay healthy, fit and in the best shape to fight infection and stay healthy through the winter.

We continue to proactively target those who cause misery to their communities through their anti-social behaviour, drug use and / or criminality. We have executed a number of warrants this month including addresses where we arrested two burglars and recovered stolen property, and with Colchester borough Homes we continue to use powers to close down premises.

As we move into autumn I want to appeal to drivers, please ensure your lights are on and not just your automatic running lights, think about how long it will take to stop on wet roads and leave a bigger gap, we want you to be safe so please drive to arrive. We continue to receive reports of concerns about speeding from across the District and are regularly out with our speed detection equipment so please plan your journey and give yourself plenty of time.

Across September our teams have made some significant arrests, from drug dealers to dwelling burglars. It's not just uniform officers and marked police vehicles keeping you safe. Our CID, Domestic Abuse Team, and proactive team are out every day executing warrants, disrupting criminals and keeping you safe.

You may not always see us but we are here keeping Colchester safe.

Stay Safe and Take Care
Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston
District Commander – Colchester



Pcso Curtis, Councillor Dave Harris and Local Artist Kerry Judson who dedicated this work of art to staff from the NHS and to commemorate this year's VE celebrations.



Officers from the Community team were out in Mersea for two days recently with our colleagues from Essex Fire Service, NHS and other agency's. We visited nearly 1300 addresses as part of the Safe and Well event.



Operation Luscombe

Operation Luscombe has been set up in Colchester Town center By Pc Carly Mond and PC Hayley Langmead, to help Homeless members of our Community and to curb associated antisocial behaviour.

Op Luscombe has three key elements to its success

Weekly intervention Hubs – regular drop in sessions available providing multiagency support with debt, housing, substance misuse, employment, physical and mental health issues

Information sharing – bi-weekly meetings with police and partners to discuss individuals and create an agreed action plan in rehabilitation.

Streamlined enforcement – using the tools available in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014 to reduce ASB where required.

The old hub in Colchester (pre Covid) had been running successfully for 3 months and the new hub will be up and running shortly.

This partnership approach has already assisted A number of individuals off the streets providing emergency accommodation, supported with finances, assistance with addictions and provides a safe environment for individuals to seek support.

The escalating enforcement process encourages individuals to attend the intervention hub and receive the support to break the cycle of behaviour that contributes to homelessness.

Following the success in Colchester a new hub has been set up in Chelmsford and is being rolled out nationally to another 23 Police Forces.



YOU SAID

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking in the Town center.

speeding vehicles around Colchester.

Drugs use, Anti social behavior and criminal damage in and around the town center.

WE DID

Enforcement action taken including issuing of Tickets and seizure of Vehicles.

Speed checks have been conducted in numerous locations. Tickets issued where appropriate.

Disruption patrols resulting in several arrests.



Find out how Essex Police is making a difference in your area online at: essex.police.uk/yourarea



"I enjoy the variety of working in the Town Centre Team and it's been particularly rewarding to work with our partners to support the homeless community."

PC Carly Mond
Colchester Town Centre Team





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Responding to concerns from the local community about anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, Colchester's Community Policing Team were out in [#Wivenhoe](#) this afternoon and evening.

The team deployed as a combination of high-visibility patrols and plain-clothes patrols.

You may not always see us, but we are often about working hard to protect and serve our local communities.

Intelligence was gathered during this deployment, and we will be deploying to the area again.

[#YouSaidWeDid](#)

[#ProtectingAndServingEssex](#)



Amazing team work today by the Rural Policing Team, Road Policing North and officers from [#Colchester](#) Police Station.

We received Reports this morning of a Horse who had strayed on to the A12 near [#Kelvedon](#) causing danger to itself and road users.

Roadblocks had to be put in place when the Horse was located running along the A12 and was Captured safely By some helpful farmers and returned to its relieved owner.

The Embarrassed Horse wished to remain anonymous but would like to apologise for any inconvenience it may have caused.

[#ruralpolicing](#)

[#WhyTheLongFace](#)



Officers from the [#Colchester](#) Community team helped Colchester Borough Homes today to issue a full closure order to an address in Nelson Road Stanway

This was issued due persistent anti social behaviour.

A full closure order mean that the occupant is not allowed inside the premises nor are any guests for the duration of the order.

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PCSO Ryder and Howe were out yesterday afternoon conducting so Speed checks around Colchester

[#langenhe](#), average 28mph, highest recorded 44mph

[#blackheath](#), average speed 29mph, highest recorded 41mph.... See more



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Officers from [@EssexSpecials](#) have recently been dealing with a number of drivers for stopping on ZigZags - this offence can carry fines of £100 and 3 points on your licence.

[#DontStopOnZigZags](#)

[#Colchester](#)

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B shift LPT held their Day shift tasking briefing outside today.

These are additional officers who are on a Proactive tasking shift and will be dealing with Op Talla (Essex Polices Response to COVID 19) along with other Priority Tasks.

The briefing was led by T/PS Caton and Sgt Simms



The Illusion of occupancy


As the nights draw in earlier don't forget to use table lamps on timers, and there are TV simulators such as "Fake TV" that produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room. Consider installing external "Dusk till dawn" lighting and remember to ensure gates are in good condition, closed and locked.

Other products available to make it appear that you are home are a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket and doorbells that you can answer remotely after viewing the caller; an internet search will find these and other security products.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ and <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>.

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or "Do it online" www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/ or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.





For more information, visit:
actionfraud.police.uk/testandtrace

Contact tracers will NEVER:

- ✗ Ask you for any form of payment
- ✗ Ask you for any passwords or PINs
- ✗ Ask any details about your bank account
- ✗ Ask you to download anything
- ✗ Ask you to hand over control of your PC
- ✗ Send someone to your home

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Heating Oil

As it comes to the time when you are thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter, with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security.

In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses.

There are several security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander www.commandersecurity.co.uk which has "Secured by Design" accreditation <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>. Products like this will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and notify you by phone and/or audible alarm. There are also other similar security products that can add onto an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others may protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks.

Another consideration would be concealing it with landscaping and spiky planting around the tank, restricting access to it with gates or fencing, and where possible locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

