

Colchester District

December 2020



Hello!

Welcome to our 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: |
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| <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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Happy New Year to all !

We continue to work in line with our Force Plan to;

Help People

Keep People Safe and

Catch criminals

Our Force priorities are to prevent, investigate and tackle; Violence in all forms, online crime, anti-social behaviour, gangs and organised crime, safety/crime on the roads, domestic abuse and burglary

To support and protect; Children and Vulnerable people, victims of crime and provide visibility in our communities.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has been challenging for all emergency services across the country. This has meant when necessary the police service has taken enforcement action in order to keep people safe and assist with the prevention of the spread of virus.

We are working closely with our Strategic Partners to keep people of Colchester Safe and continue to work towards the OneColchester strategic aims.

Our Coronavirus policing plan provides specific tasked officers conducting visible uniformed Policing across the Colchester District and a response to the communities concerns.

Temporary Chief Inspector

Jon Evans





Colchester Christmas giving tree update!

December saw Essex Police launch a “Christmas Giving Tree” which each district took part in. We were truly amazed by the generosity shown across Colchester. From our large businesses, to the smaller businesses to sole members of our community, the amount of donations we received exceeded our expectations so THANK YOU!

The donations received were wrapped by our officers and handed out to over 1100 children across Colchester who were unlikely to get much, or anything at all for Christmas. These children were identified by social care, schools and other partner agencies that deal with vulnerable families.

We even managed to find a good use for the left over boxes donating them to Colchester Zoo to help keep the animals entertained!

Burglar taken off the streets!

Over the last month Essex Police have been running a Darker Nights project which is aimed at reducing and detecting dwelling (house) burglaries.

On 18th December officers from our local policing team were called to reports of a burglary. Knowing the burglar had not long left the scene, officers attended quickly and found a suspect running away nearby. They took him to our custody suite whereby our team in CID took over.

Following some good investigation a 37 year old male, of no fixed abode was charged with three counts of burglary which had occurred in the Colchester area between November 2020 and December 2020. He has been remanded in custody to ensure he does not cause more harm to our community.



Dealing with Anti Social Behaviour

Throughout the early weeks of December we received a number of complaints regarding motorcycles using the underpass in Lucy Lane South, Colchester. This is a pedestrian only walk through and the loud noises echo from the underpass to nearby properties.

Following regular patrols of the area in a co-ordinated approach our officers, with the help of PD Astra, entered the underpass from either end to find a group of motorcycles under the underpass.

All five riders were issued with Section 59 warnings for anti-social use of vehicles. This means that if they ride in an anti-social manner again then their bikes will be seized by police.

We hope this will stop these motorcyclists causing a nuisance again.





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Today officers were called to #Abberton for reports of hare coursing.

Together officers from Colchester local policing team and the EP rural crime team attended and located the person believed to be responsible.

The male has been reported for offences under the game act 1831.

Using a more recent piece of legislation his vehicle was seized due to offences he was committing under the road traffic act 1988.

The attending officers want to thank the eagle eyed members of the public for their confidence in reporting this quickly to Essex Police.

If you witness rural crime it can be reported via telephone or online via www.essexpolice.co.uk.

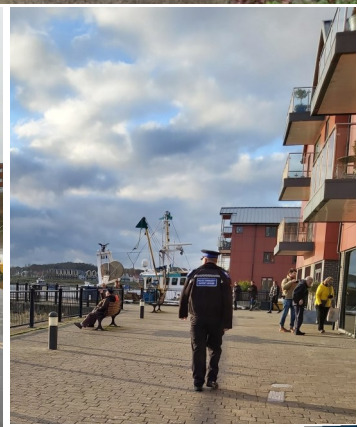
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Pcso Ling has been out on school patrol with the local councillor for Myland and parking enforcement, this was to provide a visible presence and ticket those not following parking restrictions during school times. #yousaidwedid #EssexPolice #ColchesterCPT #Myland



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Officers have been out on patrol in Colchester town centre today.

While on patrol they have carried out disruption patrols in areas of the town whereby there have been recent reports of anti social behaviour, stopped vehicles to educate drivers around the restrictions in the town centre and shown a presence in our local shops and businesses to prevent and deter theft offences.

If you see our officers out and about over the Christmas period please say "Hello" when passing.

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This driver was stopped by diligent #CoITPT & #CYPO officers on their way home after already being off late. The car had 5 occupants who all got into the car with a driver who blew double the limit at the roadside!

Don't take the risk!

#NeverOffDuty

#DontDrinkDrive



In Your Area



Protect your new Christmas gifts

Over Christmas you may have been lucky enough to have received some rather nice gifts.

Have you got rid of the packaging yet? Left by the roadside for the recycling collection - what better advert to the thief of where to find some new things to steal. Where possible fold the boxes inside out, or tear the box up, or package it in something else, or take it to the recycling centre yourself.

How many of us have thought about **recording the serial numbers or property marking** it. Be it a cycle, electrical goods, garden equipment or mobile phone it may have a serial number. You can record your serial numbers free or charge at www.immobilise.com and others. There are also a number of property marking products available like indelible pens, UV marking pens, SelectaDNA, SmartWater, CRE mark by CRE products to name but a few (check suitability for the property item).



With **jewellery and antiques** don't forget to **take photographs** of it, include an "Object ID card" or ruler in a photograph to give it a scale. Some of these property marking products may also be suitable and you can now upload photographs of your property to Immobilise too.

Many TV's, personal music devices, computers and other electronics come **pre-loaded with security and/or tracking software**, make sure that it is activated. If you are storing valuable college work or other on a laptop don't forget to back up your work elsewhere just in case you lose the laptop.

Smart phones: Don't forget to make a note of the **IMEI number** of a mobile phone, to find it key in *#06#, with this if it's stolen you can block it. You can **download an "App" on mobile phones** to find your phone and more importantly wipe that data stored on it, check your "App store" or mobile phone provider. A little reminder -When texting or talking on phones, or listening to music **remain "in touch" with your surroundings**, a number of road accidents, thefts and assaults occur when we fail to note what's going on around us, don't forget to pass this advice on to children.

For further crime prevention advice see www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ and for suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com/ or www.soldsecure.com/.