

Colchester District

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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 the November 2020 edition of our bulletin keeping you updated on what your Police are doing.

Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston has been temporarily promoted to our Serious Crime Directorate, I therefore have the pleasure of Acting as District Commander for Colchester. A very brief introduction about me: I have 20 years policing service within Essex Police and have a uniformed policing background, working in a variety of roles across the North of Essex including on the Operational Support Group.

I have worked as the Community Policing Team Inspector at Colchester for approximately two years now and therefore act as deputy district commander.

Throughout November 2020, We entered the National COVID restrictions, which saw tighter measures coming into force such as the closure of gyms and licensed premises.

We have continued to work in conjunction with our partners from the OneColchester community Safety Partnership to help keep our community safe. Officers have dealt with COVID related incidents in line with guidelines from the National Police Chiefs Council and College of Policing—using the four stage escalation principles:

- Engage
- Explain
- Encourage
- Enforce

We continue to target those who carry weapons and choose to bring drugs in to Colchester and this month has seen execution of warrants at a number of premises across the district, both to capture the criminals that attempt to exploit our vulnerable members of our community and to safeguard such vulnerable individuals.

Essex Police have launched a darker nights crime prevention initiative in the Colchester District.

During winter, houses are more likely to be burgled in the early evening. Put lights on timers in the rooms you use most to make it look like you're in.

Close and lock all windows and doors every time you leave the house or go to bed.

Secure your boundaries and ensure access to your back garden is not easily obtained, lock gates and consider spikey plants.

With Christmas around the corner—We were pleased to launch Colchester Community Christmas giving tree project which brings our community together to ensure no child is without a present on Christmas day!

Stay Safe and take care

Jon Evans

Colchester District Commander



Chief Inspector Evans and Pc Mond in front of Colchester Police's Christmas Giving Tree



PRESENTS WANTED

ESSEX POLICE
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Colchester Community Christmas Giving Tree

Donate a small toy or gift so we can deliver to a vulnerable child this Christmas

Donate before Saturday 19th December

DROP OFF POINTS –
Colchester Police station
Sainsbury's Tollgate
Tesco Hishwoods
Tesco Greenstead

Working with volunteers and partners to make Christmas in Essex special for everyone

Help us to brighten a vulnerable child's Christmas

Christmas is a time for giving and Essex Police wants to brighten Christmas for vulnerable children who may otherwise receive little or nothing.

And we are appealing to our communities to help us make this happen by donating small gifts which we can pass on to those who will benefit the most.

Whether you want to shop online and send in your gift or bring an unwrapped present to Colchester Police station, we hope we've made it easy for you to take part.

Temporary Superintendent Lily Benbow brought the Community Christmas Giving Tree initiative with her from London when she joined us as Tendring district commander last year.

"We donated approximately 1,300 gifts to vulnerable children across Tendring. We were simply bowled over by the generosity of our community. Our colleagues in Children Social Care helped us select our most vulnerable children and, together, we co-ordinated delivery before Christmas.

"Our officers, staff and volunteers worked with partner agencies to shop for presents, allocate, wrap and deliver them. I even ended up cooking at a local Christmas party, which only happened because I was chatting with the chef while we wrapped gifts.

"Sadly, we can't invite volunteers in to help our officers and staff to help us with the wrapping this year as, like everyone, we've had to adapt what we do.

"So we've gone online and created Amazon Wish Lists for each district so that you can still donate, although some of our police stations are open if you want to deliver in person. Even though 2020 has been tough year for all, we won't be deterred from giving children who would otherwise have nothing, a gift at Christmas."

This year we are again working with partners in Colchester to identify those children who will most benefit from your generosity on Christmas Day.

Here's how you can help

Buy your gift and deliver it to Colchester police station between 9am and 5pm on any day of the week up to and including Saturday 19 December 2020. Remember it must be unwrapped and suitable for a child from newborn up to the age of 17.

If you want to donate wrapping paper for our officers and staff to wrap your present, that would be welcome, too.

Or you can order online and get your present delivered straight to your local police station.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2G6Y9P0V94MF5>

We also have drop off points in the community for you to drop a small unwrapped gift in at Sainsbury's Tollgate, Tesco's Highwoods and Tesco's Greenstead.





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9 November at 18:04 · 🌐

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Officers from #Colchester community team attended this nasty accident in #inworth over the weekend, thankfully no one was seriously hurt.

The owner has only had the car for a week and it appears may have been a tad unfamiliar with rear wheel drive.

This is a timely and poignant reminder to everyone to drive carefully, especially in wet and frosty conditions.

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4 November at 15:14 · 🌐

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Councillor Dave Harris joined PCSO Oscroft-Curtis and March for our last socially distanced Coffee with a cop before Lockdown.

They advised several members of the public who had questions in relation to the new Lockdown .

If you have any question about the new guidelines and legislation please go to <https://www.gov.uk/.../new-national-restrictions-from-5...>

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6 November at 11:00 · 🌐

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Pcso's attended St Johns Green Primary school yesterday Afternoon.

There were a few issues with inconsiderate parking but it was nice to see everyone adhering to Social Distancing and making an effort to keep everyone safe.

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Twelve tips for Christmas and after

With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting (whilst Covid compliant), and after Christmas too:

If you must store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure that they are out of sight and that it's securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked before leaving the house (remember your face covering). Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.



**ARE YOUR PRESENTS
ATTRACTIVE TO THIEVES?**

**MOST BURGLARS ARE OPPORTUNISTS SO DON'T LEAVE YOUR
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ON VIEW THROUGH YOUR HOUSE WINDOW**

BURGLARS LOVE IT WHEN YOU MAKE THEIR JOB EASIER FOR THEM

**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, PLEASE RING 101, CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL POLICE STATION OR RING CRIMESTOPPERS ON 0800 555 111**

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101
IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999

Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.

When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.

A small Christmas get together – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advanced and avoid using unlicensed taxi's. Ensure you drink responsible, social distance and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe.

www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety

Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you may have received.

After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside another non-descript box.

Record your new property free on www.immobilise.com, install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.

Have a Great Christmas and New Year!! For further crime prevention advice see:

www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

