

## Colchester District



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

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.





**Chief Inspector Rob**  
**Huddleston**



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Welcome to another issue of our newsletter

September has been another busy month for your Police Officers, we welcomed students into the University of Essex, and for some their first time away from home, working closely with the University ensures they have a positive transition. Our Town Centre continues to be really busy with people enjoying a night out, and I know some of you are concerned about our use of dispersal orders. Please let me assure you that they do not prevent you coming into Town and enjoying yourselves, they just give some additional legislation to enable officers to remove those who would wish to spoil other peoples nights out, and are designed to keep you safe.

A consistent theme in our engagement events has been speeding so our teams have been out and about across the district such as Langenhoe, Tollgate, Dedham, Layer De La Haye to name but a few. We regularly talk to our Parish Councils so please feed in your concerns either directly through our website or via your Parish Council. Our Community Policing Team have again been out on patrol in Tiptree, Dedham, and a reminder that we put on regular events to give you the opportunity to meet locally with an officer.

It was an honour to be back in Peldon to celebrate Harvest with the Mayor and Mayoress of Colchester this month and my thanks to all those who volunteered at the Hall with refreshments, so lovely to meet you all. Rightly as part of the wider Community Safety Partnership we are scrutinised and I got to talk about the work we deliver to the panel of elected representatives from Colchester Borough council, there are so many great community projects being undertaken and I encourage you all to sign up with your parish councils and hear the great work.

I wish you all a good month and hope you enjoy our update



## Quick response results in two arrests

An eagle eyed and quick thinking member of the public called police on 13th October 2021 to report two people breaking into a ticket machine. Within 4 minutes of the call being made, officers were on scene and able to arrest the two people responsible. Inside their car were numerous coins taken from the machine and all the tools required to break into the machine. The vehicle they were in was also on false number plates meaning not only were they taken to custody, but also had their vehicle seized. One of the people was also wanted for another area for similar offences.



The quick thinking from the member of the public to call us really did help us arrive in time and prevent them from continuing to steal and cause damage.

## Another Month, Another County Line dealt with



*Shannon O'Boyle, left, and Donovan Core, right*

**The leader of a drug operation set up to supply crack cocaine and heroin into Colchester has been jailed.**

Shannon O'Boyle was jailed for four years and six months alongside his right-hand man Donovan Core, who was handed 33 months in prison.

The pair, both from Northampton, were running a drug line from the home of a vulnerable woman in Colchester.

They made her feel unsafe and even told her to tell police they were relatives who were visiting if she was ever asked.

But on March 31 this year, specialist officers from our Op Raptor North team attended the woman's home and found them in possession of a known County Line phone number along with more than £1,000 in cash and £2,350 worth of drugs hidden in the home, including in the woman's toilet.

When tested, the drugs proved to be 199 wraps of cocaine and 85 wraps of heroin.

When questioned, O'Boyle denied having any connection to the drugs line while Donovan replied no comment to all questions.

O'Boyle, 27, of Townsend Close, Wellingborough, was charged with being concerned in the supply of heroin, concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and possession of cannabis.

Core, 26, of The Rylstone, Wellingborough, was charged with being concerned in the supply of heroin, concerned in the supply of crack cocaine.

The pair admitted all counts and were sentenced at Northampton Crown Court on September 30.

O'Boyle was handed four years and six months in prison while Core, 26, of The Rylstone, Wellingborough, was 33 months.



## Policing our Villages

Road safety is a common complaint we receive from people within our rural community, with speed usually being the common theme. On 22nd September 2021 Colchester benefited from the road crime teams “surround a town” day. During the day our roads policing unit visit several villages around Colchester to ensure road safety measures are being adhered to. On this day they also worked closely with the local community speed watch groups for the villages in Colchester namely, Copford, Wakes colne, Peldon and Langenhoe, Great Tey and Layer de la Haye.

Overall the following action was taken from the Colchester deployment that focused on our rural area’s and Stanway.

39 Seatbelt offences dealt with.

6 Mobile phone offences dealt with.

3 Driving with undue care and attention offences dealt with.

128 speed offences dealt with—Including 55 mph in a 30 zone outside of a school in Langenhoe.

2 MOT offences dealt with.

3 Vehicles seized for no insurance or no licence.

1 Arrest for drug driving.

10 other traffic offences dealt with.

We have also been out patrolling and speaking with member of the public in Tiptree, Mersea Island, Langham, Wivenhoe, Dedham, Abberton, Layer de la Haye, Peldon, Marks Tey and many more. This is in addition to our PCSO’s popping into community events such as coffee mornings to talk to and engage with member of our community.



## More than Crime Fighters

**When our officers pass out after their initial training, they pledge to protect and serve the people of Essex. And they do so throughout their careers.**

This means helping people, keeping them safe and catching criminals. The work they do every day to investigate crime and bring people to justice is more widely known than their work to help you and keep you safe. Our Chief Constable Ben-Julian Harrington commends officers and members of the public who put themselves in harm's way to protect people and to save lives. A Chief Constable's Commendation is one of the highest honours he can bestow.

Recent commendations of police officers and members of the public who have carried out acts of bravery and saved lives have included:

PC Lewis Aleta, of Stanway Roads Policing Unit, who was commended for his bravery and quick-thinking actions which undoubtedly saved a boy's life.

On 15 June 2020, Lewis was carrying out plain-clothed Operation Servator patrols in Colchester with the Town Centre Team. In Castle Park, he spotted a teenage boy who was struggling to stay afloat in the deep River Colne.

With disregard for his own personal safety, Lewis jumped into the river and successfully rescued the boy. As a direct result of Lewis's swift action, he did not require any further medical attention.

*"I'd heard splashing in the river and noticed teenagers messing around in the water.*

*"But when the sound changed to shouting and panic, I looked over. I saw four young people in the water and two girls calling for help. Then one young lad went under and came up again and I just knew he was in trouble.*

*"One of the girls said he couldn't swim. There were no throwing lines or buoyancy aids nearby so I called for back-up and then I didn't think twice, just jumped over the railing and into the water. It was a lot deeper than I expected.*

*"I swam over to the lad and held him up, told him to roll on to his back and swam us both to the bank where colleagues were waiting to help get him out on to the bank.*

*"Thankfully, other than the shock of it all, the lad suffered no injuries and didn't need any further medical attention.*

*"To receive a Chief Constable's Commendation is an honour, especially when I feel I was just instinctively doing my job."*

**PC Lewis Aleta."**



PC Scott Dynevor Mead Lewis, PC Tom Whelan-Bassett and PC Luke Salmon, who received bravery commendations from The Society for the Protection of Life from Fire 'in testimony of distinguished conduct' in saving a man's life. Scott heard an alarm going off in a block of flats on 9 November 2019 and reported it to our Force Control Room who alerted the fire and ambulance services. Fellow Colchester Local Policing Team colleagues, including Tom and Luke, arrived quickly in support.

Although the door to the burning flat had been barricaded, Scott managed to break down the door while other team members evacuated residents and ensured they were safe.

Scott was experiencing breathing difficulties because of the smoke so Tom and Luke entered the flat and, after a quick search, located an unconscious man on a sofa. They took him down three flights of stairs to safety and then performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until fire crews and an ambulance arrived. The man was taken to hospital for treatment and later discharged. All three were later treated for smoke inhalation but were back on duty the following night.

*"It's an honour to be recognised for something which, to us, is an everyday part of our job. It's why we joined the police, to go to big incidents and save people's lives.*

*"We've been recognised for it but, ultimately, it was a team effort."*

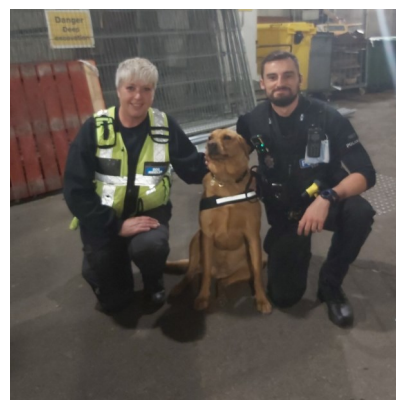
**PC Scott Dynevor Mead Lewis**



## Working with Essex University to welcome new students

While every parent is proud of their Children for attending university , it also comes with a great deal of worry as in a lot of cases it is when our children leave home to set off on their life journey.

We have been working closely with the University of Essex to welcome new students, speak about local policing topics including how to keep themselves and their property safe.



We have also been working closely with university security ensuring that students on their nights out drink and behave responsibly and ensuring they do not cause issues for nearby residents.

We have a dedicated single point of contact within the community policing team who works with the university staff daily to be on hand to offer advice and help deal with disciplinary issues where crimes may have occurred.

If you see our officers on or around the campus we are always open for a chat and for you to discuss any local issues you may have.



Our key messages to new students are:

- Drink responsibly and be aware of your surroundings and actions. (being drunk is not an excuse in law!)
- Look after each other, if you are on a night out plan who you are going out with and how you are getting home, and make sure you all get home safely.
- Look after your property, keep your doors and windows locked and do not leave valuable items on show.
- Enjoy your time at University—and if you find you have some spare time and want to volunteer in your new community we have opportunities as special constables at [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)



## Some recent activity on social me-

**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Natasha Agombar · 10 October at 16:23 ·

Detectives are investigating a disturbance in which a man was seriously injured in [#Colchester](#) town centre last night, Saturday 9 October.

We were called to the High Street shortly before 7.55pm with reports a large group of people had been fighting before running off.

Officers quickly arrived on scene and found a 22-year-old man with injuries to his face. He was taken to hospital for treatment for a fractured eye, jaw and nose.

Detective Sergeant Richard Vince said: "This was a nasty attack that has left a man seriously injured and we are progressing our enquiries to identify who was responsible, including viewing CCTV footage."

"It is not yet clear how many attackers there were, but the suspects were part of a group of about 20 teenage boys and girls."

"I understand that not all these people would have involved and I believe there will have been witnesses who were shocked by what took place and may find it difficult to come forward."

"I would encourage them to speak with their parents or guardians and contact police, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously."

Anyone with information, or mobile phone or dash cam footage, is asked to contact Colchester CID quoting reference 42/225455/21.

You can also speak to an online operator at <https://www.essex.police.uk> between 7am-11pm or call 101.

Information can also be given to independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111 or <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

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**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Heather Turner · 5 October at 17:52 ·

It was great to see [Colchester United Football](#) in the Community competing at our KickOffAt3 tournament on Saturday in [#GreatBaddow](#).

The players braved torrential rain to give a good account of themselves against opposition from across the county. Altogether, 190 young people had a great day playing football, supported by officers from their local communities.

Read more about the day: <https://www.essex.police.uk/.../back-of-the-net-kickoff3...>

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Back of the net! KickOff@3 brings young people and police together for football fun

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**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Ryan Jennings · 8 October at 09:09 ·

We are appealing for information following reports of a man acting suspiciously towards a 15-year-old girl in Hawthorn Avenue, [#Colchester](#).

At about 1.30pm on 1 October, a man in a light blue or silver saloon car stopped to talk to a girl while she was waiting at a bus stop.

He began asking her personal questions and when she did not reply, he drove away.

If you have any information, or footage from the area, please call us on 101 or submit a report online at <https://www.essex.police.uk>.

You can also use the 'Live Chat' button to speak to an online operator between 7am-11pm.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Please quote crime reference 42/214377/21.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

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**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Dave Paramore · 24 September at 16:15 ·

A dispersal order is being put in place in [#Colchester](#) Town Centre to prevent incidents of violence or anti-social behaviour.

A similar order was in place last weekend and saw 30 people dispersed from the town centre for alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.

It will be in place between 6pm today (Friday 24 September) until 6pm on Sunday (26 September).

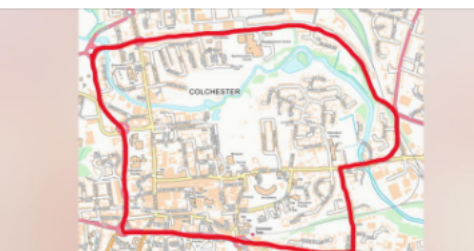
Inspector Jon Evans, from the Colchester Community Policing Team, said: "We're putting this order in place to ensure anyone working or going for a meal and a drink in the town centre can do so safely."

"Earlier this month we saw a number of alcohol-related incidents where people were injured in the town centre and it's not acceptable."

"These incidents have a big impact on people want to enjoy a night out safely as well as the businesses and venues in the town centre."

"This order will allow officers to move people suspected of causing anti-social behaviour from the town centre and previous orders have been very successful."

"Last weekend alone 30 people were dispersed from the town centre for these very reasons."



**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Brian Srieps · 5 October at 01:24 ·

PCSO's Woolford, Nutkins and Special Constable Pulling from [#Colchester](#) Community Policing team attended an event to mark the start of Black History Month at First site over the weekend.

It was great to be invited and they spoke to lots of people over the course of the day.

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**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Ryan Jennings · 7 October at 13:50 ·

The leaders of a drug operation set up to supply crack cocaine and heroin into [#Colchester](#) have been jailed.

The pair had preyed upon a vulnerable woman and were using her home as a base from which to sell the Class A drugs.

Read about our investigation below.

**BROUGHT TO JUSTICE**

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Colchester: Drug gang leader and right hand man jailed  
The pair were caught by Op Raptor North officers

**Essex Police - Colchester District**  
Published by Brian Srieps · 24 September at 11:31 ·

Officers from the Town team have been patrolling around Riverside Place after reports of Anti Social Behaviour.

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**Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Oct 3**  
E Shift [#Colchester](#) Local Policing Team sighted a male acting suspiciously on the High Street. [#StopSearch](#) found a large [#knife](#), psychoactive substances, cash and a burner phone. One in custody for an all day breakfast and some questions to answer.  
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**Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Oct 2**  
A man has been charged after officers executed a warrant at Martello Beach Caravan Park, in [#Jaywick](#).

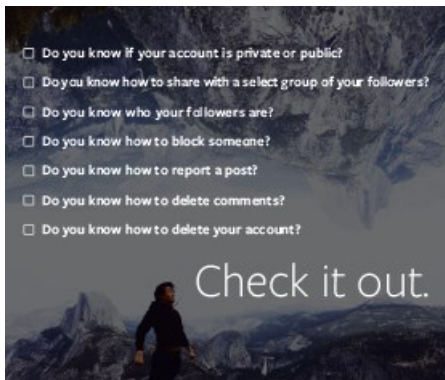
The arrest was carried out as part of an operation into the supply of Class A drugs in [#Colchester](#).



## Keeping your children safe online

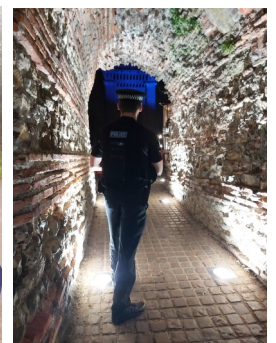
We are seeing an increase in young people using a range of online games and social media. It is important to remember that games have age rating for a reason, sometimes it may not be due to the nature of the game, and may be rated due to how people can connect through the game. It is just as important to keep your children safe online as it is to keep them safe while outside your home. Again, social media sites have age limits, and they are in place to keep your children safe, besides from some disturbing material that appears online that you would not want your child to see, it leaves them open being contacted and exploited.

Remember once something is posted online, even if you delete it, someone may have taken a copy and it may be in other peoples possessions forever. Never send nude images of yourself as again these can be copied easily and spread to hundreds, thousands or even millions of people with a click of a button.



The Essex safeguarding Children Board are running a week of action from 17th –24th October to raise awareness of a number of online safety topics, including online gaming, sending nudes keeping your details safe and age appropriateness.

To find more details and further resources to help keep you and your children online visit [www.escb.co.uk/campaigns/online-safety/](http://www.escb.co.uk/campaigns/online-safety/)



## Upcoming Events

Below are some of our pre planned events for our communities to come and speak to us in person. Please note events are added regularly so please check our social media accounts for up to date events.

Mon 1st November—11-12—Coffee with a cop—C360 hub—long wyre street

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> November –10-12- Coffee morning – Marks Tey Village hall

Sat 6th November –10-4—Colchester community fair —Firstsite

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> November – 10-1130- Coffee with cops – Chapel and Wakes colne village hall

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee with Cops – Mersea Tesco's \*

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> November –2:30-4:30- Community Meeting at Greenstead Community Centre

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> November – Cops outside shops – Tiptree\*

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> December – Cops outside shops Wivenhoe Co op\*

\*Times to be confirmed.

You can report all non urgent matters via our website—[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk), by either completing an online report or utilising the live chat option between 7am-11pm.

If you do not have access to internet you can still use the 101 telephone system.

In an emergency always use 999.



## Twelve tips for Christmas and after

With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few seasonal tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting, and after Christmas too:

1. If you need to store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure what you are storing is out of sight and that the building is securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
  2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Having parcels delivered, may be out, make sure that you make suitable secure delivery arrangements to reduce the risk of theft.
  3. Whenever leaving the house always ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked (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.
  4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
  5. 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.
  6. Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park [www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder](http://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.
  7. 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.
  8. A Christmas get together – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advance 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](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety)
  9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. Record your new property free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) , install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.
- 12 . Have a Great Christmas and New Year!!**

For further crime prevention advice see: [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice>



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