

February 2023

## COURT SUCCESS FOR RET

RET have successfully prosecuted two males for day time poaching after they were caught trespassing with dogs on private land in Uttlesford..



David Hilden and Tyron Young had travelled to north Essex from south London in order to hunt rabbits with dogs. The team successfully applied for a dog prohibition order under new

enhanced sentencing powers available to Magistrates. For the first time in England, both have been banned from keeping dogs for 3 years.

Courts were given tougher sentencing powers for offences involving hunting or poaching with dogs. To have achieved the first use of a dog prohibition order in England is a huge success for the team, and hurts those that seek to harm wildlife in our county.



**Domestic abuse is all about control. If you notice that someone seems to be controlled in all areas of their life, it could be a sign they are being abused.**

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[essex.police.uk](https://essex.police.uk)

**IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999**



## RET AT PARLIAMENT

Two RET officers represented Essex Police at Parliament in February.

Sergeant Felton and Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officer, PC Raven were invited to an all party Animal Welfare Wildlife Law meeting with MP's.



The aim of the meeting was to discuss current wildlife legislation, how it could be improved and what issues we face enforcing wildlife crime in England.

RET gave examples of our good working relationship with the Crown Prosecution

Service and partners.



Many partner agencies also attended, including national leads from the RSPCA, Zoological Society London, Nottingham University, NatureWatch and 4Paws as well as the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Unit.

RET were honoured and proud to be working at a national level to influence government policy and legislation in the wildlife arena.



We will continue to work with the group.



## DOE SHOW 2023

The teams new Police tractor had its first official outing at the Doe Show 2023.

The annual trade show in Ulting is the biggest in Europe.

The team spent three days at the show with the tractor and Rural Policing trailer.



The team engaged with the crowds and enjoyed showing children around the tractor. Lots of crime prevention advice and leaflets were given out.

## PUBLIC MEETING

RET were grateful to be invited to two public meetings in Rochford. Local police district commander, Ch Insp Miles, asked the team to attend to answer any rural questions and tell the public about the teams work.



The team regularly attend public meetings and work closely with community group and parish councils.

If you would like the team to attend your event, please email us at - [74973@essex.police.uk](mailto:74973@essex.police.uk)

## STOLEN PLANT RECOVERED

The team have been active tracking down stolen property throughout the month.

Stolen breaker attachments were traced to Witham and returned to their grateful owners.





## COUNTYWIDE DOG EVENTS

RET have carried out dog engagement events across Essex.

The team are keen to engage with dog owners and raise awareness of dog theft



The team carried out events in Billericay, Brentwood, Hadleigh & Maldon.

Make sure your dog is microchipped and the owners details are up to date on the database.



## ANIMALS SAFEGUARDED

During February the team dealt with several stray animals. Over the month three unregistered horses were recovered. These were eventually returned to rightful owners once they had been microchipped as required by law.



Also rescued from a main road was a very underfed, unwanted dog. Looked after by RET, she was fed and watered and is now being looked after by the council dog warden.

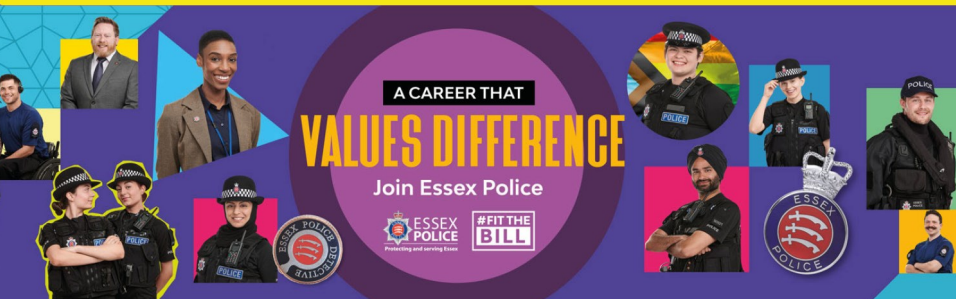


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