

March 2023

RURAL STRATEGY LAUNCHED

RET supported the launch of the Essex Rural Crime Strategy at Layer Marney Tower.

The Strategy sets out the vision of Essex Police, the Essex Rural Partnership (ERP) and



the PFCC to work together to create a safe, secure, and resilient rural community. The

overarching aim of the strategy is reducing crime and vulnerability within Essex's rural communities.



You can read the strategy at www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/news



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.

SETDAB.org

Now there's a quick online alternative to calling 101 or visiting a police station:
DIGITAL 101



Do it online at:
essex.police.uk

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

HARE COURSING UPDATE

RET have continued to tackle hare coursing as we head into Spring.

With support from the police helicopter, four suspects were caught on the sea wall at Bradwell on Sea.



All four were issued with hare coursing Community Protection Warnings (CPW) and their vehicle seized. Enquiries continue.

Another four suspects were detained earlier in March in Maldon after reports of hare coursing in the area.

Anyone suspected of hare coursing will be issued with a CPW at the scene. These warnings help us deter illegal hunting with dogs. If sufficient evidence is available we will also look to prosecute offenders under the

Hunting Act.

So far this season the team have stopped 23 suspected coursers, one of them twice.

We have successfully convicted two males under the Game Act for daytime poaching.

We have issued 16 CPW's and 3 Community Protection Notices. Community Protection Notices carry the power of arrest if breached.

We have seized 8 vehicles from hare coursers.



If you suspect hare coursing is taking place please call 999. If you have What3Words on your phone the location is very accurate and helpful. Don't approach suspects. If you can, pass the police operator descriptions of clothing and dogs.

CLACTON OPEN DAY

PC Raven was delighted to attend an open day event at Clacton Police Station.

The Essex Police tractor (on free loan from New Holland and Ernest Doe's) made the trip up the A12 to display at the event.



The Emergency Services Day saw Police, Fire, RNLI, Coast Guard, Ambulance and a host of other agencies come together.

The tractor was very well received and a huge hit with the younger visitors.

SCHOOL VISIT

RET responded to a request from St Cedds Primary School in Bradwell for a visit.

PC's Davey and Baumber visited the reception class to tell them about the role of a police officer.

The children were able to dress up in real police uniform, and inspect one of our 4x4 response vehicles.



If you would like us to attend your community event or meeting, email us at -

74973@essex.police.uk

LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE

RET have been working with Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Large Animal Rescue Team.

To better understand each others role and capabilities, we have been carrying out joint training.

RET officers received inputs on the LAR Team role and techniques. Two RET officers are attending the next LAR Team course, normally



only open to fire fighters. Sgt Felton gave the LAR Team a talk on RET and animal matters.

ANTI-SOCIAL DRIVING

RET were alerted to anti-social off road driving in Uttlesford.

A video was sent in by a member of the public of a 4x4 vehicle driving down a riverbank and along a river.

After checks the owner was traced and visited at home.



The driver was issued with a S59 warning.

These can be given to drivers who drive off road on land without permission and cause annoyance to the public.

This means if they are seen in any vehicle driving in an anti-social way again, the vehicle will be seized.

RURAL ROAD SAFETY

The team have been active on our rural roads carrying out Operation Vision Zero patrols.

Operation Vision Zero is a county wide drive to reduce road deaths to zero by 2040.

The four most common causes of deaths on our roads are speeding, drink or drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt or using a handheld mobile phone.

During the month checks have been carried out across the county, including in Waltham Abbey, Ongar, Thurrock, Kelvedon Hatch, Nazing and Thorpe.

On one day alone, 26 motorists were reported for a variety of offences.

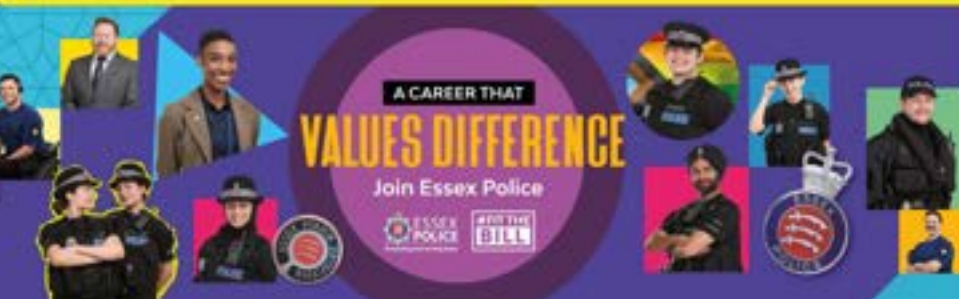


Digital 101

You can report non-emergency crime by calling **101** or by using **Digital 101**, our quick and easy to use online service that's available at any time.



Digital 101 is available on the Essex Police website: [essex.police.uk](https://www.essex.police.uk)



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in protecting and serving Essex, you can follow us on social media, or search **#FitTheBill**