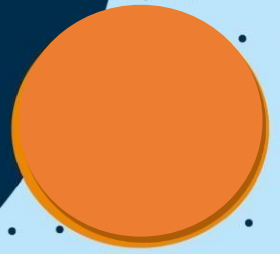




Your local update



Maldon - April 2021



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Introduction

The purpose of 'Your Local Police Update' is to keep our community across Maldon informed and up to date on policing activity. The ambition is to publish an update every month to provide an overview in the following areas:

- Community Policing Team
- Town Centre Team
- Local Policing Team
- Crime trends of note
- Prevention Messages
- Forthcoming Engagement

The Community Policing Team encompasses the Town Centre Team. They undertake proactive and reactive policing tasks covering engagement, crime prevention, crime disruption, and safeguarding of vulnerable people. The teams have embedded specialist Missing Persons officers 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 responds to calls for assistance from members of the public, undertake proactive overt patrols and focus, however, their main role is reactive policing.

We have 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 Maldon 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.



Maldon District Commander Message

Welcome to the monthly newsletter. We continue to police in strange times with Covid lockdown restrictions slowly easing across the country.

My teams continue to deal with the daily demand of policing, helping the Vulnerable, reducing Violence, supporting Victims and got out being a Visible as possible.

As we come out of lockdown and some of the Government restrictions ease my officers are continuing to engage, encourage, explain and only as a last resort enforce through fixed penalty notices.

I am please to say that the works at Chelmsford Police station are coming on well after some Covid related delays. I hope to visit the station in the next week with the Deputy Chief Constable to review the works and confirm a date to re-open.

In our rural areas we hope you will see a change to the local policing vehicles with the addition of a sign showing "Rural Patrol". This is not a gimmick, I really wanted to be able to show the community that we are taking the patrolling of our rural areas seriously and allow them to see when we are there.

Please continue to let us know of issues within your areas through the online platforms or 101, if it is an emergency call 999.

Chief inspector Steve Scott-Haynes

Maldon Community Policing Team & Town Centre Team:

Once again, a lot of our time is spent responding to the demand of emergency calls, but we have endeavoured to be about and about in the Maldon District as much as possible this month.

We regularly patrol the rural towns and villages and this month has seen some good results from our Officers.

In the following pages I will highlight some good work that has achieved.

We have listened to the residents of Maldon who expressed their concerns about speeding in Maldon and the surrounding villages so we have been out completing speed checks in these areas with the assistance of our Road Crime Team.

This month also saw the opening of pubs, cafes and restaurants with seating outside so the team have been patrolling these areas to ensure that they are complying with COVID regulations.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Our Police cars for the Maldon District are now bearing insignia stating "Rural Patrol,"
Below is a picture of the these;



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Earlier this week our Officers from the Road Crime Team were in [#Latchingdon](#) after concerns were raised by the local community about drivers speeding through the village.

5 drivers were stopped for doing 40MPH in a 30MPH limit.

We will continue to monitor the area.

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Today you may have seen the team in [#Bradwell-On-Sea](#), [#Maldon](#), [#Latchingdon](#) and [#Mayland](#) engaging with members of the public and businesses after the long awaited opening of eating establishments.

We also responded to reports of anti-social behaviour in [#StLawrenceBay](#) by conducting patrols, speaking with the Public and responding to incidents.

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From Rural to Urban – Today officers from your Maldon Local Policing Team had a variety of incidents to deal with but we were still able to help our Chelmsford Local Policing colleagues out with the remnants of Tree that was believed to have fallen off the back of a farmers truck and was obstructing part of the A12!

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You may have seen officers conducting foot patrols in [#Maldon](#), [#BurnhamOnCrouch](#) and [#Southminster](#) today. We have been speaking with members of the public and businesses on the first weekend of the high streets reopening. We had individuals approach us explaining matters in their community which we will now action; which is exactly what we want to achieve by doing these patrols so thank you!

Everyone was very much enjoying the beautiful day!

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This evening we have completed speed checks in [#StowMaries](#) and [#Tillingham](#). The highest speed recorded was 76mph, which was in a 40mph zone! Unacceptable. We stopped a numbers of vehicles which resulted in either reporting them for offences or giving suitable words of advice.

We assisted a Roads Policing Unit with the arrest of a male for drink drive in [#Southminster](#) where he blew 134!!

We have also been conducting patrols following reports made by you, the public, relating to various matters. One member of the public approached our officers whilst on foot patrol in Promenade Park on Saturday reporting ASB in Beeleigh Falls in [#Maldon](#). We have attended this evening as part of our patrols. [#YouSaidWeDid](#)

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Good news story

We have also had a successful conviction of four people who were supplying drugs, running an Organised Crime Group and laundering money in the Maldon District

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The ringleader of a multi-million pound drugs ring, his girlfriend and two associates have been jailed after officers dismantled an organised crime group.

Abdul Hamid - who is starting an 18 year jail term today - ran the Tariq drug line selling cocaine mainly in [#Chelmsford](#), [#Maldon](#), [#Heybridge](#) and the [#Dengie](#) Peninsula.

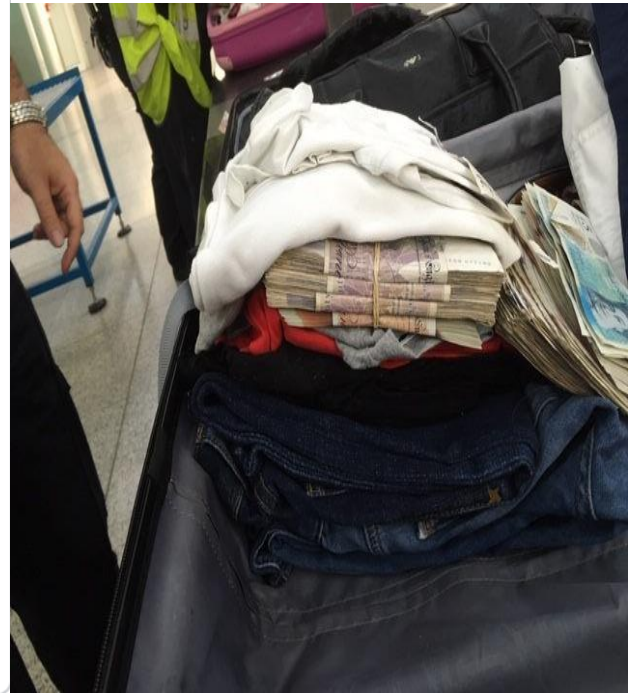
The profits were laundered through five businesses Hamid and his partner Danielle Stevenson-Roberts ran in Maldon.

Officers suspected they were smuggling cash in their luggage during frequent visits to Tenerife.

As a result, they were detained by Border Force officials at Stansted Airport on 18 August 2019 and were found to have £29,000 in their luggage.

READ:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/.../maldon-drugs-crime-group.../>



Maldon Police Station

Maldon Front Counter is currently shut due to the premises being used as a Vaccination Centre. During this period, you will be able to contact Essex Police by using the yellow phone shown below. This will connect you directly to Essex Police. Alternatively, you can call 101 or report any issues online from our website.

If you wish/need to attend an Essex Police front counter, then the nearest currently will be either Chelmsford or Braintree.

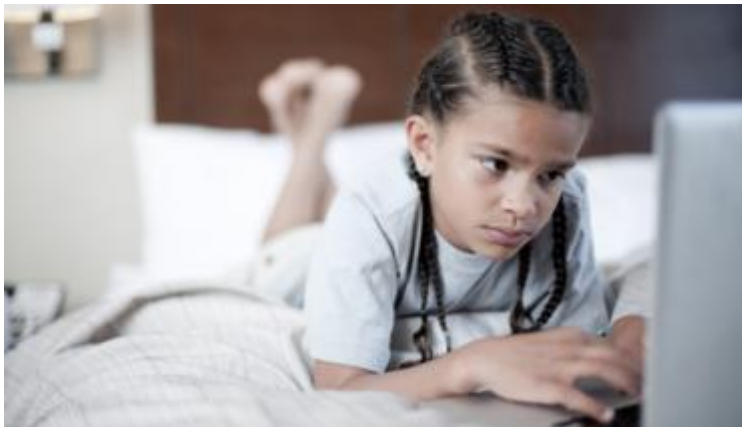
We apologise for any inconvenience during this period.





Community Engagement:

Crucial Crew teaching kids vital skills



Crucial Crew is changing format this year due to pandemic restrictions.

We've been working with a theatre company to develop a play with important messages about gangs, exploitation, grooming, drugs and knife crime. It will be filmed and sent to schools, followed by a video call session with the actors and children to discuss what happened in the play.



These are serious themes, but are all presented in a way which is appropriate for Year 6 children. Learning about these issues helps children to spot, avoid and report dangers as they move up to high school.

All year 6 children from Maldon District Primary Schools will have the opportunity to participate.



Statue made from 10,000 blunted blades to visit Chelmsford

A powerful national monument warning of the dangers of knife crime is visiting Chelmsford in September.

The Safer Chelmsford Partnership are planning a programme of events and education to coincide with the Knife Angel's visit.

Read more: <https://citylife.chelmsford.gov.uk/2021/03/16/huge-anti-knife-crime-sculpture-coming-to-chelmsford/>



CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE



Dog theft

Dogs are members of our families. To help keep them safe from thieves, follow the advice below.

Home security

Lock garden gates top and bottom with a shoot bolt or padlock. Do the same to outside kennels. Make sure fences are secure, check your garden regularly and consider alarms and CCTV.

Don't leave dogs outside

If you aren't supervising, don't leave your dog in the garden or an outdoor kennel. Never leave your dog secured alone outside a shop, or in a car - especially on a hot day.

Keep doggy ID documents

Your dog must be microchipped by law and registered with current information. Don't put your dog's name on their collar - use your surname and phone number. Keep some good, clear photos of your pet and update them regularly.

Train them well

Train your dog to come when called and never let them off-lead if you aren't sure they'll come back to you.

Stranger danger

Beware of strangers asking you about your dog. Don't put details of your pets or walks on social media. Check references for dogsitters. Watch out for fake RSPCA staff, who have been reported in the press as knocking at doors and stealing dogs. RSPCA staff have no powers of entry and must be accompanied by a police officer if they want to take a dog.

Dog Watch

You may wish to join the Dog Watch community to help keep pooches safe: <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/>



Go steady



On 12 April, outdoor hospitality re-

If you're planning on going out for a meal or drink, please be aware that:

1) Most pubs require you to pre-book tables in their beer gardens or outdoor areas before going. Check online or call in advance. The first few weekends are likely to be very busy, so you may be disappointed if you just turn up.

2) If you have not consumed alcohol for a while, you may find that it affects you more. Go easy and drink responsibly.

3) The social distancing rules haven't changed. You still need to stay 2 metres apart and only go out in groups of 6 or up to two households. Drinking may affect your judgement, so take care to stay safe and within the rules to avoid infection rates rising.

Visit Drink Aware for alcohol advice: <https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/>

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There will be a more focused approach to Q & A sessions on Facebook also whereby you can post questions to a member of the Community Policing Team and they will be answered 'live' for you. Please get involved as these are a useful indicator as to what concerns the community has.



On the 13th of May at 1600 hour until 1700 hours we will be joining forces with the Fire service for our Facebook Live Q and A so you can ask the Police and Fire service question.

I also invite you to follow us on Twitter - @EPMaldon

Any issues within the Community can be emailed to the Community Policing Team on:

CandMcpt@essex.police.uk

This email address is not to be used for the reporting of crime and does not replace calling 101/999 or reporting crime online via the Essex Police website.

