

July 2023

HARE COURSERS CONVICTED

RET have secured an Essex first conviction of two males who travelled to Paglesham, Essex to hare course in January.

In what is also one of the first convictions in the UK, Tommy Gray of Buckinghamshire and Joseph Abercromie of Kent pleaded guilty to the new offence of trespass with intent to pursue hares.



Gray and Abercromie were seen trespassing on farmland and police were called. RET and local officers attended and caught Gray and Abercromie in fields with dogs.

RET work with six surrounding police forces to tackle hare coursing under Operation Galileo. Through this collaboration, we have reduced hare coursing by 50% this year compared to last season.

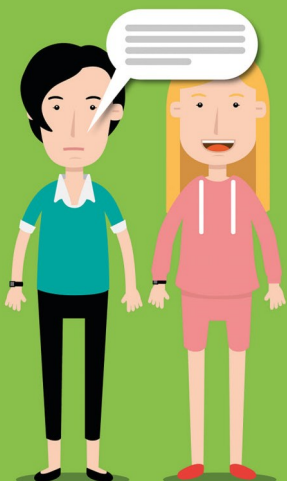
RET have convicted four people this season for coursing offences and obtained the first dog prohibition order in England.

The coursing season starts after harvest and runs through the winter until crops have grown too high to run dogs in fields.

If you witness hare coursing call 999 as it is a crime in progress. If you suspects hare coursing has taken place report it on the Essex Police website or via 101.

For advice email:

Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk



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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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**

NOWHERE TO HIDE

RET have continued to target stolen vehicles and plant throughout July.

Criminals who steal vehicles and plant in Essex are actively targeted by the team.

In June and July alone, the team located 8 stolen vehicles.

A high value stolen Range Rover was located in Uttlesford.



In Chelmsford a stolen tipper truck was found.



Criminals often leave stolen vehicles for a 'soak' period to see if they have a hidden tracker device. During this period the team have an opportunity to search rural locations for hidden vehicles.

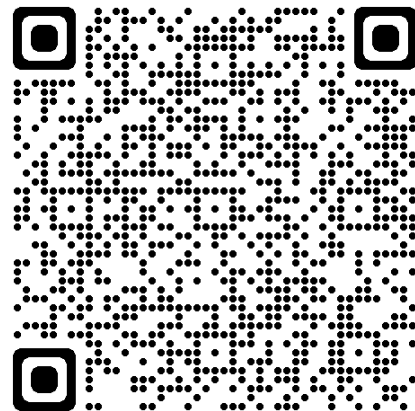
But its not just plant and high value cars.

In Colchester the team recovered a stolen moped. To its owner, its loss can have a huge effect on their ability to get to work or education, especially if they live in a rural area.



For hints and tips on vehicle crime please scan the QR Code below on your smart phone.

Or you can access this advice through the Essex Police Website.



TENDRING SHOW

RET were delighted to attend this years Tendring Show.

The show, now in its 107th year, brings together the rural community from across Essex.

We took the on loan Police tractor for its final outing before being returned to New Holland.

The RET stand was entirely staffed by our brilliant Specials. These officers volunteer their spare time to work as Special Constables and Sergeants with full police powers.



RET has one Specials Sgt and 3 PC's attached to the team.

The team met hundreds of people and gave crime prevention advice on a range of issues.

SUMMER ENGAGEMENT

The team also attended the Heddingham Classic Car Show. Being a heritage site as well as a rural location it was one we couldn't miss.



Lots of visitors to our display and plenty of crime prevention advice given out. If you would like us to visit your event email Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk

LIVESTOCK MARKET VISITED

The team have committed to visiting Colchester Livestock Market every Tuesday.

This is the only large livestock market in Essex. Farmers from across the region attend the auction to buy and sell livestock.

By attending the market weekly farmers will have the certainty of speaking to a team that understand their industry and issues.

RET will be at the market every Tuesday between 1030–1130.



CAN YOU HELP?

PFCC Rural Crime Forum needs new members.

Do you live, work or own a business in a rural community and have an interest in crime prevention and community safety? An exciting opportunity has arisen where you can have your voice heard and help make your rural community safer.

If you represent a rural community or business and would like to have a voice on rural issues and in making your community safer, come along to one of our forum meetings to find out more. Please send your details to PFCC@Essex.police.uk for information.



PFCC POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR ESSEX #EssexPFCC

Do you represent a rural community or own a rural based business in Essex?

Find out about joining the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Rural Crime Forum and have a say in making your community safer

pfcc@essex.police.uk

FIRE DANGER

The team have responded to several grass fires in July.

A large field fire in Boreham called for immediate action and close working between RET, local officers and ECFRS.

The speed with which the fire spread, threatening homes, was truly frightening.



We were also called to a vehicle fire on the A130 which then set fire to the grass bank. Swift action by fire prevented a large blaze.

Please be careful in this dry weather and avoid any actions which could start a fire.

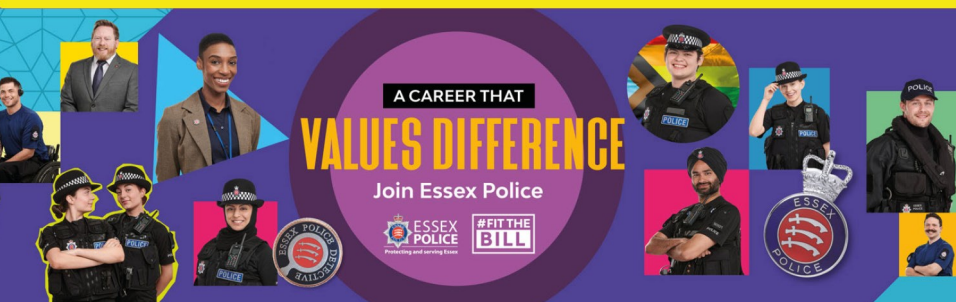


Digital 101

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



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