

August 2023

SHOW TIME!

RET have been busy over the summer attending engagement events.



Over June, July and August the team went to 32 events.

These included highlights such as the Countess of Wessex Show, Burnham Emergency Services Show, and the Tending Show.

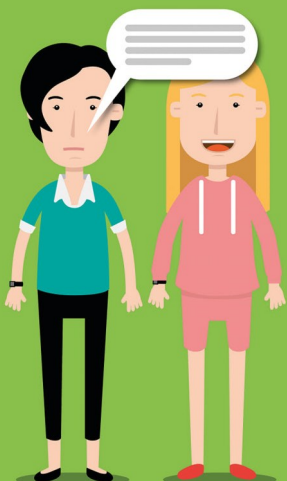
The team spoke to hundreds of members of the public over the summer, handing out crime prevention leaflets and raising awareness of the team's work.

As well as big country shows, the team attended police station open days, community meetings and village shows.

The Police New Holland tractor proved very popular with young and old. The tractor was loaned to the team for free by New Holland and Ernest Doe's. Over the summer it was used at events to engage with the public.



If you would the team to visit your event, please email us at 74973@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**

HARE COURSING

Unfortunately the cruel and illegal practice of hare coursing is back.

Following harvest, hare coursers are again able to access fields to chase hares with dogs.

RET spend nine months of the year tackling this issue, identifying offenders and prosecuting them.

The team use heat mapping, intelligence and local knowledge to identify hot spot areas and focus patrols.

We have already seized two vehicles suspected of being involved in hare coursing.

In Chelmsford a vehicle became stuck in a field and was recovered by the team.

In Braintree suspects were detained and their vehicle recovered following reports from a member of the public.

Last year saw a 50% drop in hare coursing reports, from 363 incidents in 2021-22 to 183 in 2022-23.

The team are determined to reduce this further this season.

The public are advised to look for the following signs of hare coursing -

- Old 4x4 vehicles parked on or near fields
- People trespassing in fields on foot usually with greyhound or lurcher dogs.
- Dogs actively chasing hares.

If you see hare coursing happening call 999. Essex Police treat hare coursing in action as an emergency.

If you suspect hare coursing has happened, report online via the website or call Essex Police on 101.

RET follow-up all hare coursing reports.

If you need any help or advice please email the team at-

Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk



DEDHAM ACTION DAY

RET undertook a day of joint action in Dedham Vale, tackling anti-social behaviour .

PC Jed Raven worked with Suffolk Police and Colchester's Community Policing Team .



Local problems were discussed ahead of the day and action undertaken to address concerns.

Littering, speeding, parking and wildlife issues were all tackled.

Other agencies and the local parish council were also involved.

One person was arrested for drugs possession.

WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

During August, 60 youngsters attended Essex Police Headquarters to carry out work experience with the force.

Aged 12–17, they met various teams and undertook Police themed activities.

RET were pleased to present to the young people and show them around the Wildlife trailer.



RET ON THE RADIO

Sergeant Felton from the team was interviewed live on air for the Sonia Watson BBC Essex programme.

The National Farmers Union released figures for rural theft insurance claims. Essex was the only county in England to show a drop in claims, down 9.5%.

Whilst good news, thefts and insurance claims are still too high and the team is determined to continue to focus on those that commit theft in our rural communities.



OFF ROADER TACKLED

A teenager who rode an illegal off road bike on two historic monuments has his bike seized following joint action by RET and Colchester based Roads Policing officers.

Grymes Dyke and Gosbecks Archaeological Park in Colchester are both Schedule 2 Monuments and of national importance. They are protected from harm by law. Riding off road bikes on these monuments is illegal.

Following a considerable number of calls from the public, RET enhanced patrols in the area and informed local policing colleagues. The team worked with Colchester Park Rangers to raise awareness locally.

The teenager was caught by Roads Policing Officers riding on the Dyke. He had no insurance for the bike and it was not road legal.

He was issued with a S59 notice, meaning any vehicle he uses in an anti social way in the future can be seized. His bike was also seized and crushed.

You can report ASB to Essex Police via the website or on 101. You can also speak to your local Community Policing Team.

VEHICLES RECOVERED

The team have recovered six stolen vehicles in August.

In Thurrock, two stolen dumper trucks and a moped were recovered.



In Harlow a stolen tracker was found hidden in bushes, alongside two more stolen mopeds.

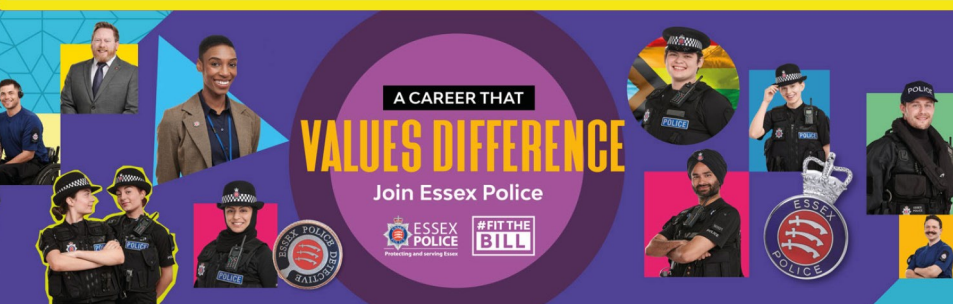


Digital 101

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)



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