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## SAFEGUARDING OUR HERITAGE

RET are the force experts on all things heritage, including items uncovered by metal detectorists. PC Jed Raven is the force Heritage Crime Officer and works closely with a range of partners such as Historic England and English Heritage.

Metal detecting is a popular hobby but has to be carried out responsibly.

Under the Treasure Act 1996 all gold and silver objects found have to be reported to the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO). This is to stop important artifacts being lost to private collections and safeguard our shared heritage.

A detectorist uncovered a post medieval gold ring whilst legally metal detecting on farmland in Braintree.

Unfortunately the finder did not declare the ring as required by law.

After receiving intelligence about the rings discovery, RET worked closely with the FLO to locate the finder and make sure it hadn't been sold.



After an extensive investigation the finder was issued with a Community Resolution and educated around the Treasure Act and their responsibilities.

The National Council for Metal Detecting website contains useful information for anyone engaging in this hobby — [www.ncmd.co.uk](http://www.ncmd.co.uk)



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ALWAYS CALL 999**

## RET TACKLE ROAD SAFETY

The team have been busy throughout April responding to community concerns around speeding and rural road safety.

The team are fully behind Operation Vision Zero, an Safer Essex Roads Partnership operation which aims to reduce road deaths in Essex to zero.

Speeding is one of the main contributing factors in many roads deaths.

Multiple speeding checks were carried out in Uttlesford, Maldon, Chelmsford, Colchester, Braintree and Epping Forest.

In Ongar a disqualified driver was stopped by the team. He was found to not have insurance, and also had a young child not secured in a child seat. His car was seized and prosecution will follow.



In Kelvedon a driver was caught driving at 42 mph in a 30 mph limit. He also failed a roadside drugs test and was arrested.

Another speeding check in Kelvedon caught a motorist travelling at 50 mph in a 30 mph zone. He received a speeding ticket and education around the dangers of speeding.

A speeding check in early April saw a driver in

Stow Maries travelling at 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. Another speeding ticket was issued.



Education is equally as important as enforcement. RET are keen to encourage the younger generation to get involved.

Over the past five months RET have visited six primary schools and several youth groups including the Beaver Scouts in Kelvedon and Feering.



We gave talks on road safety and carried out speeding checks outside village schools.

The team will be undertaking more rural road safety patrols over the summer.

## RET RESPOND

A swift response from RET saw a stolen road roller returned to its owner.

The roller was taken from a business in Colchester. It was fitted with a tracking device.

Its owners called Essex Police for help locating it. The control room alerted RET due to our success recovering stolen plant.

Within 45 minutes of the call being received by the control room, a RET unit had located the item in Basildon and recovered it.



## MORE PLANT RECOVERED

The team successfully recovered five stolen vehicles in April.

This included a Range Rover stolen in Basildon.



We also found a Ford Transit van, 1 and 9 ton dumper trucks and a motorbike that was being used in crime whilst missing.



## LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT FOR RET

The team have been given a lifesaving major bleed kit by Uttlesford Tri-Service Engagement Officer Andrea Adams.

The kit contain everything we need to stem major bleeding quickly at the scene of a crime or accident.

The kit includes a tourniquet and specialist blood clotting bandages.

The kit will be carried in our primary response vehicle ready for immediate use.



## TACK MARKING SUCCESS

Officers from the team have been deploying a new property marking device.

The device etches text, such as postcode or serial numbers onto any surface.

The team attended the East Essex Pony Club to give talk on tack security and helped the members achieve their Security Awareness Badges through the Pony Club.



After the talk members were able to get their precious tack security marked.



## RURAL PATROLS

The team have been accessing rural locations to ensure a high visibility presence and engagement with rural communities.

Following complaints of anti social behaviour at Hilly Fields in Colchester, which contains a scheduled ancient monument, the team were out on foot patrolling the site.

Meanwhile, we used out police mountain bikes to patrol the path along the River Chelmer in Chelmsford.



We also patrolled the RSPB nature reserve at Old Hall Marshes in Maldon, the Essex Wildlife Trust site at Tiptree and Forestry Commission woods in Colchester.

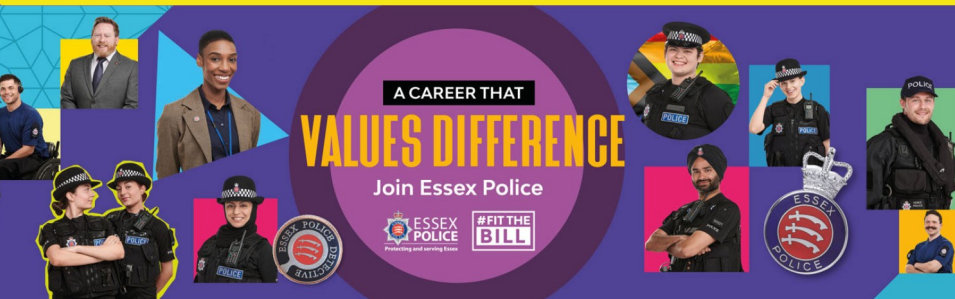


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