

July 2024

TENDRING SHOW

The Rural Engagement Team and local policing colleagues were out in force at this years Tendring Show.



The Emergency Services area was very popular with all three services represented.

The team took along our popular small size police uniform for children to dress up in, as well as one of our specialist 4x4 vehicles and equipment.

We even flew the drone to demonstrate our use of new technology to catch criminals.



Over the summer we have visited several large country shows around the county, including the Essex Schools Food and Farming Show, Essex Young Farmers Show and the Dow Show.

We are looking forward to the Countess of Warwickshire Show in August and the Orsett Show in September.

Pop along and meet the team to discuss any rural issues.



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**

RET HIT THIEVES HARD

The team have continued to hit thieves hard, locating and returning stolen agricultural machinery and plant to its rightful owners.

A mini digger was stolen in Harlow in June. The team tracked it down, hidden in bushes in a rural area of Uttlesford days later.



A tractor and grass mowing gear was stolen in Harlow. Using our tracker devices, we traced it to Chelmsford. Unfortunately the tractor had already gone by we were able to recover the grass mowing gear.



We even traced a quad bike which was stolen in 2016...in Wales! Checks revealed its true identity when we found it in Colchester.



Sometimes we have the unhappy task of informing a law abiding member of the public that their property is in fact stolen.

A caravan owner in Braintree hadn't checked the stolen caravan database, CRIS, before purchasing a caravan. Unfortunately for him, we seized it and it is now being returned to its rightful owner.



If you have information regarding stolen items, report it on our website or call on 101.

PAGLESHAM SHOOT

RET joined forces with the Essex Police Firearms Licensing Team to attend the Paglesham Clay Pigeon Shoot.

The team presented to shooters on rural matters and firearms issues.

We were pleased to learn more about the sport.



RET work with a range of rural partners, including the British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

We have previously jointly run training for police and other agencies on a range of issues effecting shooting.

DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR PC

RET officer, Joe McCarthy was recognised twice in the same month for outstanding work.

PC McCarthy received a Chief Constables Commendation for locating key evidence which helped to solve a murder in Grays.

In the same month he also received a Chief Constables Certificate of Merit for his work recovering stolen agricultural equipment and plant.

Its rare for an officer to receive either of these awards, let alone both in the same month. Well done.



GREEN LANE VISIT

RET work with a huge range of community interest groups, charities and partners.

We were pleased to visit the Green Lane Association in Uttlesford.

The association represents the interests of off road 4x4 users in the countryside, ensuring its members adhere to a code of conduct and act responsibly.

We were pleased to talk about issues effecting them and how we can work together.



PEDAL POWER

We have deployed on our police cycles again, this time in Colchester.

The team work with the MOD to provide visible policing on the Defence Training Estate, dealing with issues such as poaching, hare coursing and livestock worrying.

Bikes allow us to access rural areas that are difficult by car.



Over the summer the team will be out across the county patrolling by car, bike and foot.

RURAL CRIME ADVICE

Do you need advice on rural crime? Would you like RET to visit your event or speak to your community group?

RET lead the force on the following issues -

- Wildlife and heritage crime.
- Hare coursing
- High value theft of plant
- Rural road safety
- Dog theft
- Fly tipping
- Unauthorised encampments



If you would like us to attend your event, email us at RuralEngagementTeam@essex.police.uk

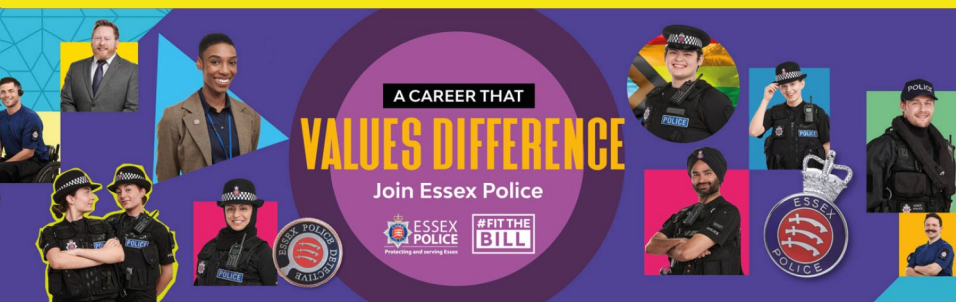


Digital 101

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.



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