

# YOUR LOCAL UPDATE TENDRING DISTRICT

December 2025 – Issue 66



## Monthly Message from the Tendring District Commander, Stuart Austin

Hello and welcome to this month's "Local Update" from Tendring Police! As Christmas rapidly approaches, our team is in full festive swing—and you'll soon read about our heartwarming Christmas Tree Appeal, led by our very own missing person liaison officer, Jamie Skipper, and the dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team. This year, 860 children across Tendring will receive presents—children who might otherwise have gone without. That's the kind of Christmas magic we can all believe in!

A special shout-out goes to Oscar Gillmore, a remarkable 10-year-old who raised over £3,000 for the appeal by running and cycling 200km in October. I had the pleasure (and the challenge!) of joining Oscar for nearly 5km—though, truth be told, he left me in the dust. Oscar, you've certainly earned a rest (and maybe an extra mince pie) this Christmas!

On the policing front, our focus on preventing and solving crime remains as strong as ever. Whether it's charging a suspect with 21 shop thefts in Harwich, running targeted vehicle operations, or tackling knife crime, our team is solving more crimes than last year. Despite what some may say, crime is down in Tendring, and we're determined to keep it that way into 2026 and beyond.

I also attend the Clacton Town Board, which has just submitted its 10-year vision for a £20 million regeneration programme. The priorities—Safe and Lively, Prosperous, and Healthy—reflect what residents have told us matters most. Policing will play a key role in making our town centre as safe as possible, and I look forward to continuing this work.

As we enter the seasonal drink-drive campaign, let me be clear: no one should be drinking and driving. One death on Essex's roads is one too many. Our team will be out and about, breathalysing drivers and keeping our roads safe. Please also remember to secure your homes—presents can be tempting to those with less festive intentions.

Policing never sleeps, even at Christmas. Our officers will be working around the clock, leaving their families to look after yours. I hope it's a peaceful holiday for our amazing team, and I wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Here's to 2026- where we will continue to catch criminals, help people and keep people safe.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin  
District Commander Tendring



## Celebrating 20 years of service

We are proud to celebrate an incredible milestone for a valued member of our team, PCSO Dan Foley, who has dedicated 20 years of service to Essex Police.

Throughout his career, he has shown unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe, supporting residents, and working tirelessly to make a positive difference across the district. Dan's professionalism and dedication are a true credit to the force.

Please join us in congratulating Dan on this remarkable achievement and thanking him for his continued service.



## Operation Sceptre: Working together to tackle knife crime in Tendring

The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) partnered with Tendring District Council and the charity Save a Life, Ditch a Knife as part of Operation Sceptre, a national initiative focused on reducing knife crime and raising awareness of its devastating impact on communities.

The operation included:

- Knife sweeps in public spaces to remove dangerous weapons from our streets
- Responsible retailer visits to ensure compliance with laws on selling knives and bladed articles
- Community engagement to educate and encourage safer choices

The involvement of Save a Life, Ditch a Knife

helped us share the message that carrying a knife is never the answer. Together, we're working to make Clacton and surrounding areas safer for everyone.



## CVST's Victorian Christmas market brings festive cheer to Clacton

Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) held their annual Victorian Christmas Market at Clacton Town Hall on Saturday, 15 November, and it was a huge success!

Visitors enjoyed craft stalls, festive refreshments, and appearances from Father Christmas and Queen Victoria.

Our Neighbourhood Policing Team officers were pleased to attend community engagement, meeting residents and joining in the festive spirit.

A big thank you to CVST and all the volunteers for creating such a fantastic community celebration!

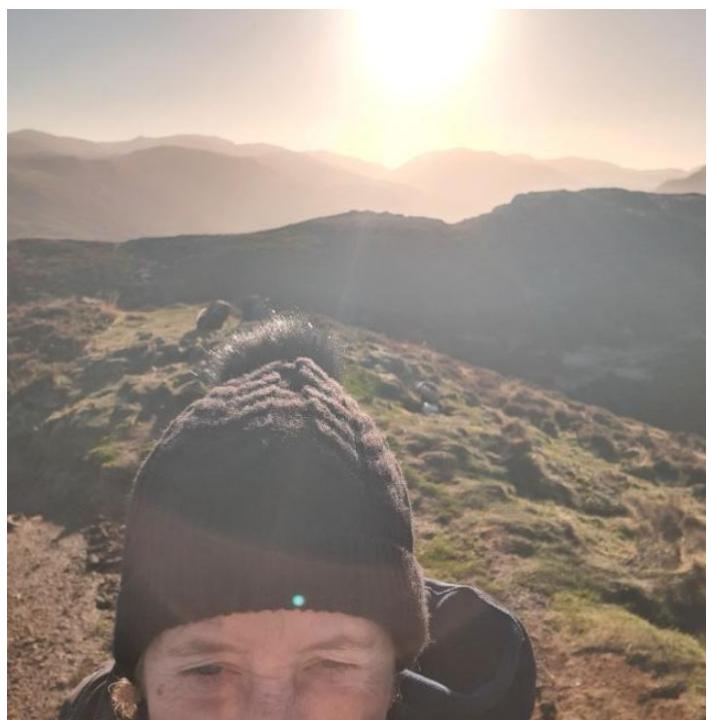


## Empowering young people with The Respect Project in the Lake District

PCSO Michele Diss recently returned from an inspiring week in the Lake District with Essex Boys and Girls Club and students from three Tendring schools as part of The Respect Project.

Taking part as a PCSO helped break down barriers between police and young people while supporting them through incredible challenges – from climbing a mountain and camping overnight in -3°C to learning survival skills and taking responsibility for cooking and cleaning.

The Respect Project aims to build stronger communities by supporting Year 9 students across Essex who need extra help to stay engaged in education. Through life skills sessions and outdoor challenges, more than 5,000 young people have grown in confidence, resilience, and teamwork. These experiences create lasting positive changes for individuals, families, and communities.



## Marine Unit joins forces with Kent and Essex IFCA for training on the River Colne

On Tuesday 25 November, the Marine Unit carried out training exercises on the River Colne at Brightlingsea alongside colleagues from the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA).

The Marine Unit works closely throughout the year with Kent and Essex IFCA, conducting joint patrols and operations, sharing information and intelligence, and delivering joint training to protect our waterways and marine environment.



## Dog owner accepts strict conditions after livestock attack in Alresford

A woman whose dog attacked livestock near Alresford has agreed to strict conditions for future dog ownership.

Our Rural Engagement Team investigated reports of a dog worrying sheep in a field on 8 November. Sadly, one sheep died, another had to be put down, and a third was treated for injuries.

The 20-year-old Colchester woman admitted the offence and received an adult conditional caution.

Investigating officer PC Dane Wyatt explained that a conditional caution is not an easy option, "We spoke with the livestock owner and agreed a course of action to promote responsible dog ownership in the future. Victims are often concerned to ensure that such attacks are not repeated, and the dog owner learns from the incident."



## Stay alert: Vehicle theft prevention in Tendring

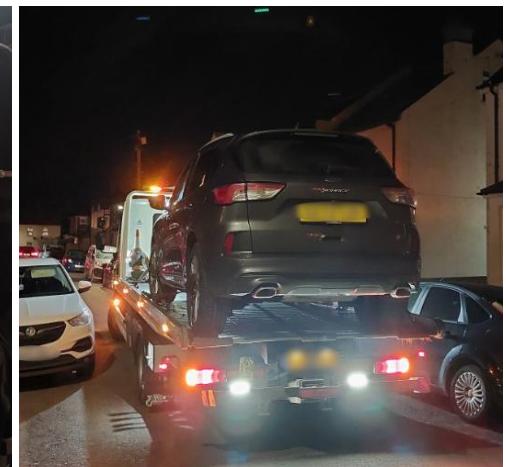
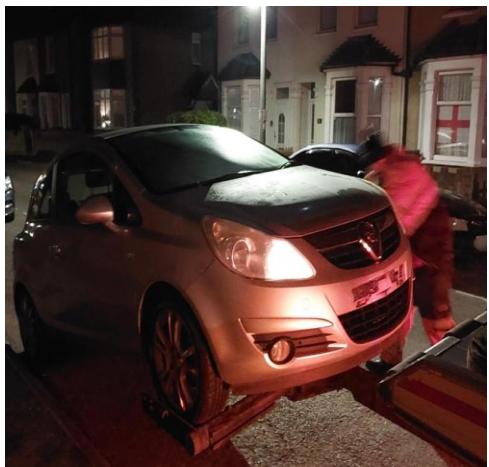
Following the recovery of several stolen vehicles in Clacton by officers on proactive patrols, we're reminding all residents to remain vigilant. Your awareness is key to reducing vehicle theft across the Tendring district, please report anything unusual.

To help protect your vehicle, whether it's the family car, your motorbike, or a business van, consider these crime prevention tips:

- Always lock and secure your vehicle, even for short stops.
- Remove valuables from view and keep keys away from doors and windows at home.
- Use extra security measures such as steering wheel locks or tracking devices.
- Park in well-lit areas or secure garages whenever possible.
- Report suspicious behaviour immediately.

If you suspect someone is involved in car theft, know where a stolen vehicle may be, or notice anything unusual, contact Essex Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

To report anonymously, contact Crimestoppers at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org) or call 0800 555 111.



## Traffic operation in Jaywick targets driving offences and road safety

On Friday 28 November, the Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out a traffic operation in Jaywick, focusing on offences such as no insurance, driving without a licence (DWOL), and minor vehicle defects.

In just three hours at a static stop, the team achieved the following results:

- 1 vehicle seized after the driver was found to have an expired licence
- 10 Traffic Offence Reports issued for offences including DWOL, no insurance, no seatbelt, and insecure loads
- 1 male stop-searched under Section 23 and found in possession of Class B drugs, which was dealt with accordingly

We'll be taking this operation to other areas of the Tendring district each month, so stay tuned for updates!



## Neighbourhood Policing

### Team engages with community at Walton and Clacton Christmas markets

Officers from the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Christmas markets at Walton and Clacton Leisure Centre.

These events provided a great opportunity to engage with the community, listen to concerns, and share information about local policing priorities.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak with us—we value your continued support!



## Vehicle crime operation in Frinton and Walton targets road safety

On Monday 1 December, officers from the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out a vehicle crime operation in Frinton and Walton, focusing on road safety and driver behaviour.

In just four hours, the team stopped 69 vehicles, resulting in:

- Seatbelt offences – 3
- Mobile phone offences – 6
- Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence (DOWL) – 3
- No MOT – 2
- No insurance – 3
- Reported to DVLA for poor eyesight – 1
- Vehicles seized – 3

Operations like this are vital to improving road safety, reducing risk, and keeping our communities safe.



## Oscar raises over £3,000 for Tendring Police Christmas Appeal

Throughout October, 10-year-old Oscar Gillmore completed an incredible 200km, combining running and cycling to support this year's Tendring Police Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to his amazing effort, Oscar has raised over £3,000 on his GoFundMe page and has already been shopping for presents that will bring joy to families in need this Christmas.



Oscar said:

*"This is my second year supporting the Tendring Police Christmas Appeal, and I know the difference it makes for children and families in our community. Every step and every mile was worth it knowing it will help bring happiness. Thank you to everyone who supported me, it means the world!"*

Oscar, you've shown what true community spirit looks like—thank you for making such a difference!

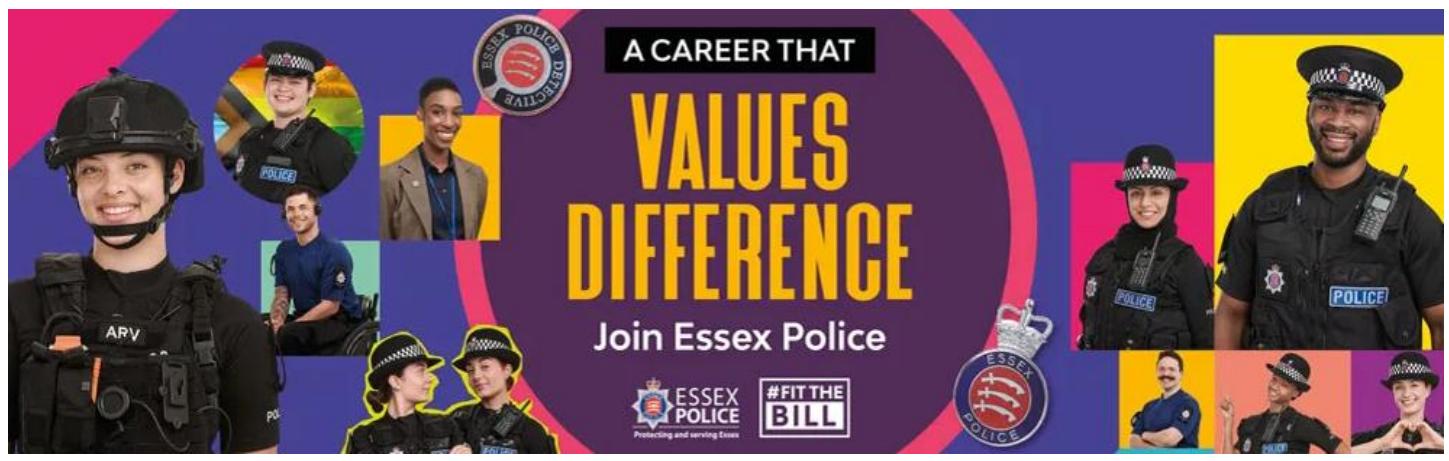


## Community connections in Jaywick

PCSO's from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team enjoyed joining the country dancing group at Jaywick Hall on Golf Green Road one Thursday evening in November.

Events like these are a fantastic way to engage with residents, build relationships, and share information about local policing priorities, all while having fun and supporting community activities.

Thank you to everyone who welcomed us and made it such an enjoyable evening!



## Vehicle crime operation in Manningtree and Lawford targeting road safety

Tuesday 2 December, the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out a five-hour traffic operation across three sites: Long Road Lawford, A137 Manningtree, and Manningtree Walls/Station Road/Harwich Road.

Combined results from the deployment:

- Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence (DOWL) – 1
- Seatbelt offences – 10
- No MOT – 2
- Mobile phone offences – 8
- No insurance – 4
- Due care and attention – 1
- Disqualified driver reported to court – 1
- Vehicles seized – 5
- Arrest – 1 (drug driving)
- Words of advice regarding speeding – 10
- Speeding ticket issued – 1

Total vehicles stopped: 241

Operations like this are vital for improving road safety, tackling uninsured and unsafe driving, and keeping our communities safe.

Thank you to the many drivers who adhered to the law and helped make this operation run smoothly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



## Festive creativity at Clacton Police Station

This year, the base of the Clacton Police Station Christmas Tree has been transformed into a showcase of creativity, thanks to the talented students from TDH Academy. Their fantastic artwork has brought extra festive cheer to the station and highlighted the wonderful community spirit in Tendring.

At the end of November, District Commander Stuart Austin and our Neighbourhood Policing Inspector faced the difficult task of selecting a winner from the incredible entries. The decision was so tough, they chose two!

Congratulations to Willow (aged 8) and Maddison (aged 4), who will each receive a special prize for their outstanding designs.

A huge thank you to all the students who took part, your creativity has made this year's tree truly special!



## Neighbourhood Policing Team connects with 1st Holland-on-Sea Brownies

On Tuesday 2 December, officers from our Neighbourhood Policing Team were delighted to join the 1st Holland-on-Sea Brownies for an engaging session.

The Brownies explored the world of policing by trying on official uniforms, taking their own fingerprints, and speaking directly with officers about the role we play in keeping communities safe.



A big thank you to the Brownies for inviting us along, we really enjoyed meeting you all!



## Marine Unit joins RNLI for coastal safety patrols

On Thursday 4 December, the Essex Police Marine Unit carried out high-visibility patrols on the River Colne, visiting local marinas and boatyards.

Starting from Brightlingsea Harbour, the team joined the Clacton RNLI vessel "The Chris & Jo West" for joint training exercises off Colne Point near Lee-Over-Sands.

The Marine Unit works closely with Dover Coastguard and provides vital search and rescue support to assist the RNLI during incidents, ensuring safety on our waterways.



A big thank you to the Clacton RNLI crew and our Marine Unit officers for their time, expertise, and commitment to keeping our coast safe!

## Clacton volunteer police cadets deliver hope with record food bank collection

Our amazing Clacton Volunteer Police Cadets have gone above and beyond, completing their most successful food bank collection yet!

After weeks of planning and hard work, they delivered a substantial donation to the Salvation Army to support local families in need.

This effort isn't just about food, it's about community spirit, kindness, and hope. These dedicated young volunteers give their free time to make a real difference in Clacton, and we couldn't be prouder of their commitment and compassion.



## Clacton officers execute warrant in drug investigation

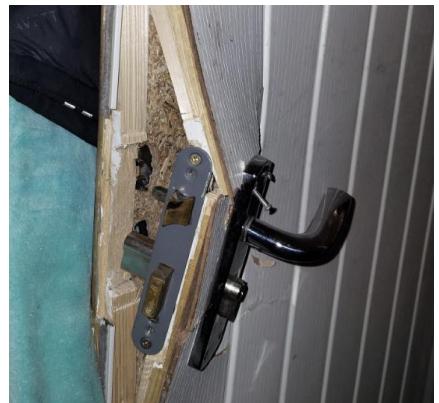
On Wednesday 10 December, officers from the Clacton Town Centre Team executed a warrant at an address in Clacton in connection with suspected drug activity. Controlled substances and other items were recovered, and further enquiries are ongoing.

If you are involved in the illegal supply of drugs or allow drug activity at your property, expect a knock at the door.

If you have any information regarding drug supply in the #Tendring community, please report it so we can take appropriate action. You can submit a report online at <https://www.essex.police.uk> or use the 'Live Chat' feature to speak with an operator between 7am and 11pm. You can also call 101.

Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

**CrimeStoppers.**  
**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.



## Festive community engagement at Hamford school

Tendring PCSOs were delighted to join the staff at Hamford Primary Academy to help serve Christmas lunch to the pupils. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with young people and share in the festive spirit while supporting our local school community.

Thank you to everyone involved for making the day so enjoyable!



## Harwich: Shoplifter admits 21 shop thefts after neighbourhood policing team investigation

A Harwich shoplifter has admitted a series of shop thefts in the town after he was arrested by Tendring neighbourhood policing officers last week.

Perry Stearn, 33, of All Saints Close, had just stolen £115 of popular children's toys from the B&M and Home Bargains stores in Parkeston when officers caught up with him in Williamsburg Avenue on 4 December, thanks to a call from a member of the public.



He was already wanted for a series of shop thefts dating back to 29 July 2025.

Following a swift but thorough investigation, Stearn was charged with 21 counts of shop theft involving more than £1,331.61 of meat, chocolate, washing liquid and toys, plus a selection of Advent calendars.

Thanks to CCTV footage and witness statements provided by the stores, Stearn pleaded guilty to all charges when he appeared before Chelmsford magistrates the following day.

He's been remanded on conditional bail not to enter Argos, Asda, B&M Bargains, the Co-op, Home Bargains and Tesco shops in Harwich, until his next court appearance, due at Colchester Magistrates' Court on 7 January 2026.

After the hearing, PC Cooper, of Harwich Neighbourhood Policing Team, said:

"Shop theft is completely unacceptable. It doesn't just affect businesses, it impacts the whole community.

"Local shops work hard to serve residents and theft drives up costs for everyone, damages livelihoods and can even lead to reduced services.

"Our role is to protect our neighbourhoods and support those who are doing the right thing. We will continue to take firm action against offenders and work with partners to keep Harwich a safe and thriving place for all."

And Sgt Bowers urges anyone considering shoplifting this Christmas to think again.

"If you're struggling and thinking about stealing, please remember help is out there.

"Stealing isn't the answer and will only make things worse for you.

"Reach out for support before making a choice that could harm your future."

Food banks, community fridges & pantries and organisations such as the Salvation Army, FoodCycle and local churches can provide food and, in some cases, free meals.

If you're on a low income or are in receipt to benefits, you may be able to apply to the Household Support and Essential Living funds administered by local councils. Citizens Advice can also help you to access benefits, grants and emergency support.

# We are truly humbled by the incredible generosity of the Tendring community this year!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Community Christmas Tree Appeal. Because of your kindness, we've delivered gifts to 860 children across the Tendring district! 🎁 ✨



Your donations, big or small have made a real difference, especially during these challenging times. We're grateful to local businesses, community members, and even those who raised funds or gave their pocket money to help spread joy. Special thanks to the local stores that provided drop-off points and to the amazing volunteers who wrapped and delivered presents, you are the heart of this appeal! ❤️

Finally, a huge shout-out to Jamie Skipper for leading the appeal again this year 🙌🌟 An incredible effort and a job well done!

Together, we've made Christmas brighter for hundreds of families. Thank you, Tendring!

Check out some of the wonderful moments captured throughout the appeal below...















## Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

On Monday 8 December, a fantastic and informative session took place at CVST, led by our Fraud Prevention Officer, Tammy.

The group received up-to-date advice on the latest scams and practical tips to stay safe.

Tammy shared valuable insights on common fraud tactics such as romance and investment scams, explained how to protect personal details both online and offline, and highlighted simple tools like purse bells and card protectors to help reduce risk.

Events like this are all about empowering our community with knowledge and confidence to prevent crime.

A big thank you to Tammy for sharing her expertise and supporting residents in Tendring!



If you run or are part of a community group in Tendring and would like a session on the most common scams and how to stay safe from fraud, please email [79913@essex.police.uk](mailto:79913@essex.police.uk) to arrange a visit.



## Community Lets Talk Events

The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during December/January 2025. Please come along if you have a question about crime in the area or wish to make us aware of issues affecting the community. All Welcome, no appointment needed! Please also see the dates & locations advertised on the Essex Police website under 'Your Area'

[Your area | Essex Police](#)



**Saturday 20 December** 10am to 11am

Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree, CO11 1DJ.

**Sunday 21 December** 4pm to 5pm

Costa Coffee, Water Glade Retail Park, NEXT, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Sunday 28 December** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QN.

**Monday 29 December** 10am to 11am

CVST, Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3PD.

**Saturday 3 January** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Monday 5 January** 10am to 11am

Poundland, 43-45 Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

**Monday 5 January** 4pm to 5pm

Sainsbury's Supermarket, Samson's Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0RN.

**Wednesday 7 January** 10am to 11am

Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD.

**Thursday 8 January** 10am to 11am

CVST, Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3PD.

**Thursday 8 January** 3pm to 4pm

Costa Coffee, Water Glade Retail Park, NEXT, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Saturday 10 January** 10am to 11am

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Sunday 11 January** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Monday 12 January** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Monday 12 January** 10am to 11am

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

## Community Lets Talk Events

**Saturday 17 January** 10am to 11am

Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree,  
CO11 1DJ.

**Monday 19 January** 10am to 11am

Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea,  
CO15 4AU.

**Monday 19 January** 10am to 11am

The Council Offices, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea,  
CO7 0BP.

**Monday 19 January** 10am to 11am

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Tuesday 20 January** 10am to 11am

Jaywick Community & Resource Centre, Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, CO15 2JP.

**Tuesday 20 January** 10am to 11am

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Wednesday 21 January** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Wednesday 21 January** 10am to 11am

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Wednesday 21 January** 10am to 11am

The Brooklands Community Shop, 12 Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, CO15 2JP.

**Thursday 22 January** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QN.

**Tuesday 27 January** 4pm to 5pm

Morrisons, Water Glade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Wednesday 28 January** 10am to 11am

Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

**Wednesday 28 January** 10am to 11am

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Thursday 29 January** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Thursday 29 January** 10am to 11am

The Brooklands Community Shop, 12 Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, CO15 2JP.

**Friday 30 January** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.



## You Said, We Did – Tendring District Update

We're committed to listening to your concerns and taking action to make our communities safer and stronger. Here's how we've responded to the issues raised across our towns and rural villages.

We're here to listen, act, and support. If you have concerns or ideas, please reach out to your local neighbourhood policing team or attend one of our upcoming community events advertised in this publication and on our social media channel **#EPTendring**.



**You Said:** You told us you were concerned about vehicle crime and unsafe driving in certain areas of the Tendring community.

**We Did:** In response, we carried out two dedicated operations on 1 and 2 December. Across Frinton, Walton, Lawford, and Manningtree, officers stopped more than **300 vehicles**, addressing offences such as mobile phone use, no insurance, disqualified drivers, and drug driving. Several vehicles were seized, and proactive enforcement will continue to keep our roads safe.

Our monthly infographic offers a glimpse into the activities of Tendring officers over the past month.

### November 2025 Highlights:

- ◆ Located 74 missing persons and provided them with necessary support.
- ◆ Investigated 80 reports of antisocial behaviour, addressing community concerns.
- ◆ Responded to 36 road traffic collisions, ensuring safety and smooth traffic flow.
- ◆ Handled 345 domestic violence-related crimes, addressing the criminal behaviour involved while providing victims with support and connecting them to specialist services.
- ◆ Solved 126 crimes, holding offenders accountable.
- ◆ Submitted 584 intelligence reports to target criminal activities.
- ◆ Conducted 52 stop-and-search operations in the Tendring District to prevent harm.



# Road Crime and Safer Essex Roads Partnership

November was a busy month for road safety across Essex, with enforcement and education efforts continuing to make a real impact. The latest figures from the Safer Essex Roads Partnership and Essex Police highlight both the challenges and the progress being made to keep our roads safe.

## Lives Lost and Serious Injuries

Tragically, two people lost their lives in traffic collisions during November, and 76 serious casualties were recorded. These sobering statistics remind us why road safety remains a top priority.

## Targeting Dangerous Driving

Police and partners worked tirelessly to tackle high-risk behaviours:

- 133 drivers were caught using mobile phones behind the wheel.
- 69 arrests were made for drink driving and 190 arrests for drug driving.
- 193 seatbelt offences were detected, showing the continued need for basic safety compliance.

## Insurance and Careless Driving

Uninsured vehicles pose a significant risk, and 535 vehicles were seized for having no insurance. In addition, 413 careless driving offences were prosecuted, reinforcing the message that reckless behaviour will not be tolerated.

## Road Policing and Community Action

Road policing teams made 212 arrests in total, while community involvement played a vital role:

- 731 Community Speed Watch warning letters were issued.
- 410 Extra Eyes submissions were received, where members of the public reported dangerous driving.

## Education at the Heart of Safety

Prevention is as important as enforcement. In November, 11,890 road safety educational courses were delivered, helping drivers understand the risks and responsibilities that come with being on the road.



These figures show the combined effort of enforcement, education, and community engagement in making Essex roads safer. Every statistic represents lives protected and tragedies prevented.

Together, we can continue to reduce harm and make our roads safer for everyone.

For more information on the Safer Essex Roads Partnership, visit [www.saferessexroads.org](http://www.saferessexroads.org)

## Tendring Special Constabulary

Volunteer Police Officers Making a Real Difference Special Constables, are volunteer police officers. They have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular police officers. But Special Constables volunteer their time to help people and communities across Essex. They don't get paid for their police work but they are reimbursed for expenses. This includes costs like travel. Special Constables are given training and support to prepare them to become a volunteer police officer. They develop new skills, make friends and protect those who live in, work in, study in and visit Essex.

A Special Constable is an extraordinary person. A special kind of person. For more information visit:

[Special Constabulary | Essex Police](#)

**Tendring Special Constables have put in an incredible number of hours throughout November 2025. This infographic really tells a story, true community hero's!**



# Walton Community Forum – The Hub of Walton High Street!

## WALTON COMMUNITY FORUM

61 High Street  
Walton on the Naze  
01255 677006

waltoncommunityforum@gmail.com

Web: [www.waltononthenaze.org](http://www.waltononthenaze.org)

Facebook: Walton Community Forum

**Open Monday – Thursday**  
10am – 2pm  
**Fridays 10am-12.30pm**



## WHAT WE DO!

We can give advice and guidance on many services and signpost where appropriate to local agents. We are happy to look for information if it is not readily available. Local activities are updated regularly.



### Looking to get into work, or stay in work, with support that fits around you?

Connect to Work is a free programme for people who are not currently working or finding it difficult to stay in work. Whether you're living with a health condition or disability, caring for someone, or facing other life challenges, we're here to help.

#### You'll get:

- a dedicated employment adviser
- help with CVs, interviews and job searching
- support with workplace adjustments
- up to 12 months of support if you're out of work
- up to four months of support if you're in work

#### You could be eligible if you:

- are aged 18 or over
- live in Essex, Southend-on-Sea or Thurrock
- have the right to live and work in the UK
- are not currently in paid work, or at risk of losing your job
- are willing to work

Visit [www.essexopportunities.co.uk/connect-to-work](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/connect-to-work) or call 03330 138 337 to learn more.

**Friendly, confidential support whenever you're ready.**

Scan the QR code for more details.

Walton Community Forum  
61 High Street  
Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD

Tuesdays 10-12.30pm  
01255 677006



#### SERVICES AT - Walton Community Forum – 61 High St, Walton on the Naze, CO148BD - 01255 677006

Autism Anglia	Drop-in service (First Weds every Month 10-12pm)
Blood Pressure machine loan	FREE blood pressure and cuff loan
Book & Puzzle Exchange	FREE Books and jigsaws available to take and return at leisure
Cancer Screening Support	Cancer screening leaflets, help & advice
Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice drop in or appointment (Every Tues 10-2pm)
Computers and photocopying	Free personal use or guidance of our public computer Free WiFi - Printing and photocopying (Small charge cash only)
Council Information	Links to Tendring District Council – Tenancy Management drop ins (Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10-12pm) Advice, services & Contact No's
Employment	CV & covering letter writing (Every Friday 10-12pm) NHS Essex IPS Employment Services (Every Tues 10 to 12pm)
Essex Wellbeing community Agents	Drop-in service for blue badge applications, benefit applications, equipment & carers & social support (Monthly every third Thursday 10-12pm) Starting 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Events, Social and Health & Wellbeing	Regular Health & Wellbeing events (Ask for more details) Links with Essex University health & wellbeing hub
Local information	Bus Timetables, Hospital Transport Information. Local clubs & Fitness activities throughout the week Leaflets on local events, charities & Health Services
Other Partnerships	Essex Wellbeing - Health checks (Monthly) ask us for more details. Essex Police & Fraud Awareness regular drop ins TDC-Community Safety Team regular visits
Peabody Trust & Foodbank	Benefits, housing, Foodbank and social needs (Mon 10-12pm) Drop off point for donations Information available for foodbank services
Social Prescriber	NHS help with weight management, mobility & equipment, mental wellbeing, money worries, social inclusion. (Monthly every second Monday 10-12pm)
Summit Support	Mental Health support, learning disability support, advocacy (Monthly every fourth Monday 10-12pm)
Tourism information	Tide timetables & Harbour information, RNLI leaflets Local walk leaflets/Leaflets for local attractions Boat trip information, Day Trips & Coach trips/local events
Utilities	Bill Clinic - reviewing utility bills (Monthly) ask us for more details Energy Champions (Monthly) ask us for more details



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE WALK

Wednesday 24 December

**Clacton** - 9.30am

Imperial House, 20-22

Rosemary Road, Clacton

**Harwich** - 10am meet at Dovercourt Swimming Pool, Wick Lane, Dovercourt.

Walk and chat, wear a Christmas Hat! There will be a prize for the wackiest Christmas hat.

Please contact:

Clacton - Fran on 07707 282909.

harwich - Shirley on 07761344315.



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## IT SUPPORT GROUP



Last Friday of every Month, 1:30-3pm  
Dovercourt & Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, CO12 3PD

Would you like to learn how to use your phone, laptop or tablet? Come along and see our friendly volunteers (bring your device). £2 per session. Places must be booked in advance, call 01255 554115 to reserve your space.



## FREE training for YOUR community group

A series of workshops throughout Autumn and Winter on topics including...

- First aid at work
- Food hygiene
- Create your own posters and leaflets for free
- Making your social media shine
- Funding top tips using free technology
- Promoting your organisation
- Writing press releases
- Chief Executive Network
- GDPR and data protection
- Working Inclusively
- Getting your community involved
- And more to be added

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## Zero Tolerance for Drink Driving

This December, Essex Police is joining a national campaign to tackle drink and drug driving. There will be **zero tolerance** for anyone caught driving under the influence.

Our Roads Policing Unit will carry out targeted patrols across Essex to keep roads safe and identify those suspected of breaking the law by driving above the legal limit. Throughout the month, we'll work with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.

Adam Pipe, Head of Roads Policing, said:

*"Driving under the influence has been a key factor in some of the most serious collisions on Essex's roads this year. My officers continue to see a worryingly high number of people who think it is acceptable to get behind the wheel with alcohol or drugs in their system. Both can stay in your system much longer than you think, so you may not even realise you're over the limit.*

*My message is clear – if you drink or drug drive, you can expect to be stopped and arrested. If you're arrested you could lose your licence, your job, your home, and even your family. More than that, you could lose your life or be responsible for taking someone else's.*

*It is simply not worth it. Please, this Christmas THINK! about yourself, your loved ones, and other people on the road."*

Driving after drinking or taking drugs is dangerous and illegal. It slows reactions, affects judgment, and puts lives at risk – yours and everyone else's.

### The consequences:

- You could cause a crash and seriously injure or kill someone.
- You risk being arrested, losing your licence, and facing court.
- You could ruin lives – including your own.

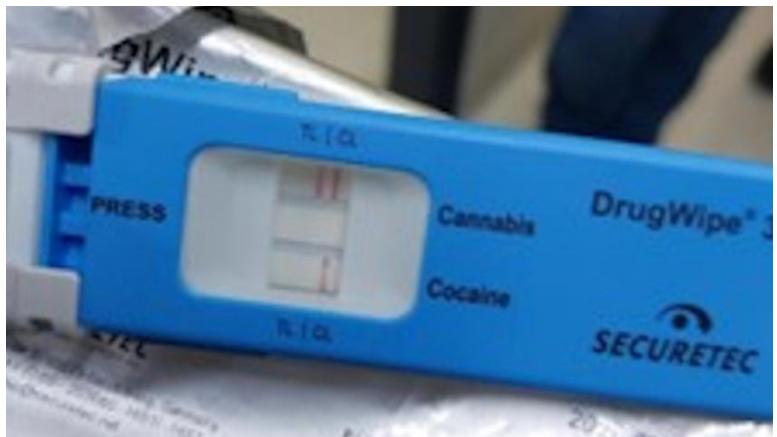
### Plan ahead this Christmas:

- If you're going out, decide how you'll get home before you start drinking.
- Use a taxi, public transport, or a designated driver.
- Don't let friends drive after drinking – make sure everyone gets home safely.

Throughout December, our message is simple:

- We will use every power we have to stop drink and drug drivers.
- If you suspect someone is driving under the influence, tell us. Your information helps us target hotspots and take offenders off the road.

Drink and drug driving is selfish, reckless, and completely avoidable. Let's work together to keep Essex safe this Christmas.



## Crime Prevention

### Keep your home safe, don't advertise to burglars

Burglars often look for easy clues that suggest a home contains valuable items. One of the most common giveaways? Leaving packaging from expensive purchases outside your property or next to your bins.

When you leave boxes from high-end electronics, gadgets, or luxury goods on display, you're essentially telling potential thieves what's inside your home. This makes your property a more attractive target.

What can you do?

Break down packaging and place it inside your recycling bin or take it to a local recycling center.

Avoid leaving boxes or branded packaging visible from the street.

If possible, dispose of packaging after collection day to reduce exposure.

A few extra minutes to conceal packaging can help protect your home and belongings.



### Your CCTV could help catch criminals, register today

Our CCTV network helps us solve real crimes—and you can be part of it. By registering your CCTV or doorbell cameras with us, you'll receive alerts when your footage could assist in catching criminals operating in your area.

#### It's quick and easy:

- Register your cameras securely in just **60 seconds**.
- If a crime happens nearby, we'll send you a text or email asking if your cameras may have captured useful footage.
- Upload images via the secure link provided.



#### Your privacy matters:

- Your details are stored securely and never made public.
- We do **not** have access to your cameras or stored images—you choose what to share.
- We only contact you if we believe your footage could help.
- Sharing footage does not mean you'll have to attend court.
- You can unsubscribe at any time.

Join today and help us make Tendring safer. Register now → <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/cctv-registry/>

## Man arrested following incident in Elmstead Market

A 45-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of assault and possession of an offensive weapon after reports of a man behaving erratically in School Road, Elmstead Market, on 8 December.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin reassured the community:

"We understand this incident has caused concern for those living and learning nearby. However, I want to reassure everyone that we do not believe there is any wider risk to the public.

The offences are in no way connected to the nearby school, and we have maintained close contact with them since the reports were made.

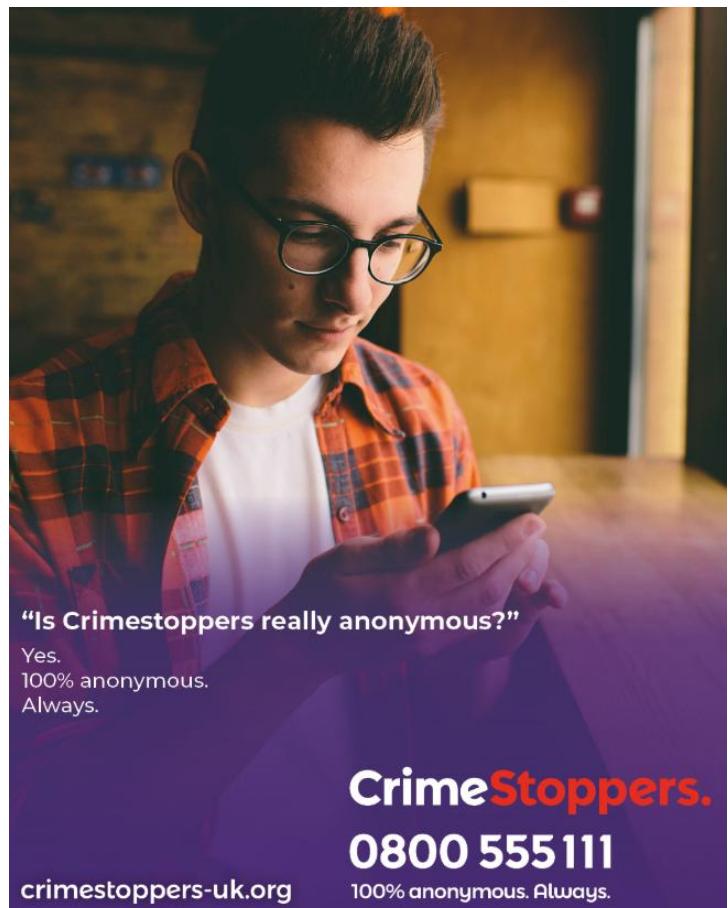
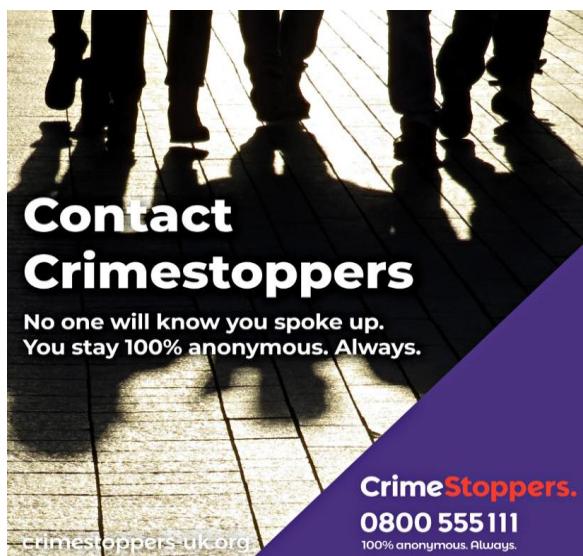
You will see a visible police presence in the village over the coming days. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to our officers.

We'd also like to thank members of the public who contacted us and provided information that supported our investigation. Our enquiries are continuing."

If you have further information about this incident, please get in touch and quote **incident 223 of 8 December** when providing information.

You can let us know by submitting a report on our website or by using our online Live Chat service which is available 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week. Visit our website to find out more about our online reporting services. Alternatively, you can call 101.

If you would like to make an anonymous report you can contact independent charity [Crimestoppers](#), by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.



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## Help Us – Help You!

Every day we answer thousands of phone calls from members of the public asking for our help. And we are dedicated to helping people, especially in an emergency.

But we are continuing to see an increase in people ringing 999 for something that isn't an emergency. Just 20% of the calls we are receiving to 999 actually need an emergency response.

So, we are asking people to think about whether they need to call 999. Or if another way of getting in contact with us would be better. By doing this, it will help make sure we are free to answer those phone calls from people who need our help the most. Calling 999 must be a last resort.

You should only use this service if you are reporting an emergency. What is an emergency?



Listed below are a few examples of emergencies when it would be necessary to call 999. This is not however an exhaustive list and common sense must prevail.

### General circumstances of an incident reported to the police, when there is or likely to be:

**Danger to life** use, or immediate threat of use, of violence serious injury to a person and/or serious damage to property.

**Criminal conduct** The crime is, or likely to be serious and in progress. An offender has just been disturbed at the scene. An offender has been detained and poses, or is likely to pose a risk to other people.

**1. RIGHT SERVICE?**  
UNSURE IF IT'S A POLICE ISSUE? or is another service better suited? Find out online at: [WWW.ASKTHE.POLICE.UK](http://WWW.ASKTHE.POLICE.UK)

**2. CHECK ONLINE?**  
Is the information already on our website? Check online: [WWW.ESSEX.POLICE.UK](http://WWW.ESSEX.POLICE.UK)

**3. REPORT ONLINE?**  
Has a crime already happened and you want to report it? Report online: [WWW.ESSEX.POLICE.UK](http://WWW.ESSEX.POLICE.UK)

**4. LIVE CHAT/101**  
Do you want to share some information with us or speak to someone specific? Use **LIVE CHAT**, otherwise **CALL 101**

**5. CALL 999**  
IS IT AN EMERGENCY? Is a crime happening right now or is life or property at risk? **CALL 999**

Find out more at [www.essex.police.uk/HelpUsHelpYou](http://www.essex.police.uk/HelpUsHelpYou)

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you a safe and happy festive season

As the year comes to a close, all of us at Tendring Police would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our community safe.

This festive season,

- Look out for one another – check in on friends, family, and neighbours.
- Stay safe – whether at home, on the roads, or online.
- Reach out if you need us – we're here 24/7.

You know where to find us if you need advice, assistance, or just reassurance. Together, we can make Tendring a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

