

# YOUR LOCAL UPDATE TENDRING DISTRICT

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

As I am writing this, the sun is shining and it really feels like spring has arrived. With warmer weather on the way, our planning for the busy summer months across Tendring is already well underway. We know that as more people come to enjoy our fantastic coastline and towns, demand for policing increases, and I want to reassure you that we are preparing carefully to keep everyone safe.

I am really pleased to share that we will be holding a Police Station Open Day on Saturday 30 May. These events are always popular and give us a great chance to meet you, have a chat, and show you some of the excellent work our officers and staff are doing across the district. We would love to see you there.

It has been another busy month for our teams. In this edition you will read about action taken against cannabis grows, closure orders secured on properties linked to antisocial behaviour, and ongoing work to improve driving standards across Tendring. Alongside this, officers have made a number of arrests and charges as part of their everyday work to tackle crime and protect our communities.

I was also proud to attend the launch of the Women's Safety Charter on International Women's Day. We continue to work closely with our partners to improve the look and feel of our towns and public spaces, so women feel safer. While we know that men can also be affected, women experience these issues far more often. If anyone doubts that I would encourage them to listen to the experiences of the women in their lives. Making Tendring a place where everyone feels safe remains a key priority for me and my teams.

I also want to mention Vitoria Figueiredo Barreto, who at the time of writing is still missing. This has understandably caused concern, and I know the Brightlingsea community has really come together to support her family and friends, showing the very best of community spirit. Please continue to look for official updates as our enquiries continue.

Finally, we have seen a recent rise in thefts from vehicles in parts of Holland on Sea and Clacton. Our neighbourhood teams are working hard on these investigations, but many of the vehicles involved were left unlocked. Please take a moment to make sure your vehicle is locked and secure. You have my assurance that we are doing everything we can to identify and catch those responsible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy the spring sunshine, and if you are celebrating Easter, I hope you have a lovely time with family and friends.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin  
District Commander Tendring



# ★ CLACTON POLICE STATION OPEN DAY 2026 ★

Saturday 30 May • 11am–2pm - Outside Clacton Police Station

Tendring Police will be hosting its 4th Emergency Services Day, offering a range of police-themed activities for the younger members of our community to enjoy. There will also be demonstrations from several of our specialist policing teams, giving visitors an insight into their work and the equipment they use to protect people in Essex and catch criminals.

Of course, we'll have Essex Police cars and motorcycles available for people to take a closer look at, along with police uniform for anyone who wants to try it on. We're also delighted to be joined by our emergency service colleagues and several charitable organisations we regularly work with, all showcasing the fantastic work they do across our community.

Come along, meet your local officers, and enjoy an exciting look at the work that keeps our community safe.

Everyone welcome — we can't wait to see you there!



## Clacton Police Station Open Day

Beatrice Road, Clacton on Sea

Saturday 30 May 2026

11am to 2pm



## Harwich Officers Execute Significant Cannabis Factory Raid

Officers acting on intelligence uncovered a significant cannabis cultivation operation after executing a warrant at a property in Dovercourt.

On Monday 23 February, officers entered a property in Marine Parade, where a search revealed five separate grow rooms containing cannabis plants, along with equipment associated with large-scale production.



Inside, officers found:

- Over 300 cannabis plants across multiple rooms, in various stages of growth.
- Rooms lined with white plastic sheeting, lighting rigs, plastic trays, specialist ducting and filtration systems.
- Several large water tanks, bottles of plant nutrients, and compost bags.



Evidence of poor ventilation, with mould forming on walls and windows and condensation throughout the premises.

Cannabis with a potential wholesale value of between £62,000 and £115,000 was seized.

One room on the first floor contained 67 mature cannabis plants.

Another large room housed 139 juvenile and mid-stage plants, while additional rooms on the second floor were set up for younger plants or future cultivations.

A shed in the rear garden also contained used filters and discarded growing materials.

Officers noted that all plants appeared to have been hand-watered and a number of the rooms were operating with active lighting systems when the warrant was executed.

An assessment confirmed the building had been extensively altered to facilitate cultivation, with multiple rooms repurposed specifically for growing drugs.

Enquiries are ongoing to identify those responsible.

PC Mitchel Cooper, of Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team, led the warrant and said:

“Cannabis production on a large scale presents very real dangers to those who are exploited as part of the drugs trade and causes significant issues for wider communities.

“We will act on intelligence we receive around drug activity in Tendring.

“This intelligence relies on people talking to us, it relies on maintaining a good relationship with our communities in Harwich and across the district.

“The information you provide helps us build up a clear picture of where problems are arising.

“Aside from the harm caused to those exploited to work on cannabis grows, the abstraction of electricity, undertaken to power such grows, presents a very real danger to residents living nearby.

“The bypassing of electricity meters and extensive faulty wiring regularly causes fires.”

## Police Secure Closure Order to Tackle Ongoing Issues in Clacton

PC Byford from Clacton's Neighbourhood Policing Team took action to protect the community in Clacton by securing a Closure Order for an address in Old Road.

The order was granted at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Friday 20 February and will remain in place for three months.

Following concerns from the community, including reports of incidents involving violence and drugs, officers had been working with the address for several months, carrying out regular visits and providing support to those living there. Despite continued engagement, further concerns led to the decision to pursue a Closure Order.

The order means that no one, including former residents, is permitted to enter the property for the duration of the three-month period.



The Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to take antisocial behaviour and the use of Closure Orders seriously to protect our communities and ensure residents feel safe.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin, District Commander for Tendring, said:

“PC Byford has worked proactively to address issues relating to this address, which I know have been concerning the community.

“We will always try to find positive, constructive solutions, but will take enforcement action where it is necessary, and Closure Orders are just one tool available to us to protect the public.

“I hope this shows that when concerns are raised with us, we act.”

*If you have any information regarding antisocial behaviour / 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/>*

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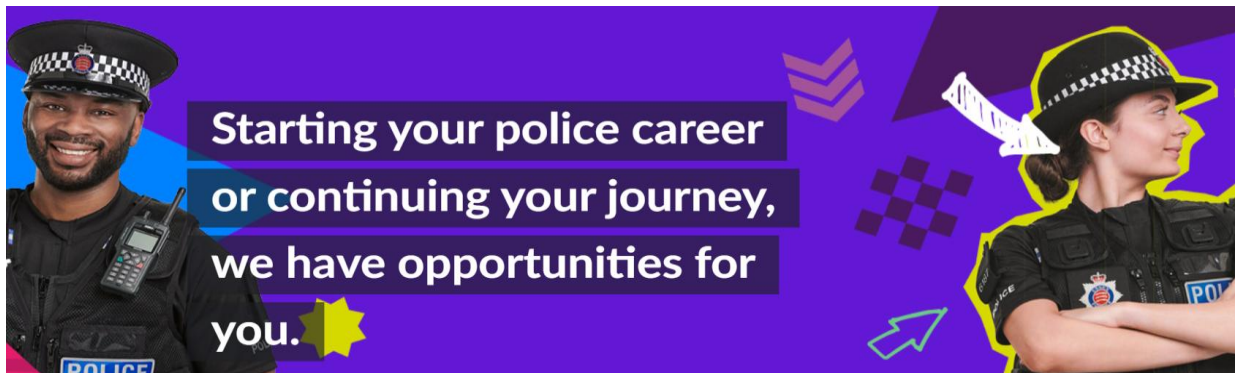
## Supporting Young People in Tending: PCSOs Champion Safety and Careers

Frinton & Walton PCSOs recently joined Children & Young Person Officer PC Perry to support Lift Tending at their latest wellbeing event. Officers spent time engaging with students and parents, offering guidance on crime reduction, personal safety, when to contact emergency services, and how to stay safe online, on social media, and when out at night. They also highlighted the value of partnership working to ensure young people feel supported both in and out of school.

The officers also attended the Lift Careers Fair in Thorpe-le-Soken. With more than 45 years of policing experience between them, they answered questions about life in policing, shared personal stories from the job, and offered insight into the application process for joining Essex Police.

Thinking about a career in policing? Find out more at:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/ca/careers/>



## Suspicious Activity Leads to Recovery of Motorbike

On Thursday 5 March, Clacton Police Community Support Officers were carrying out patrols in the Ellis Road area when they spotted two males behaving suspiciously. One was carrying a green jerry can, prompting the officers to take a closer look.



Trusting their instincts, the PCSOs returned to the area and discovered the motorbike shown in the photos. The two males had already left the scene, and the bike had no visible index or identifiable VIN number.

The motorbike was recovered and taken to Clacton Police Station for further checks.

If you recognise the bike or have any information that could help our enquiries, please contact us quoting the date and location.

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## Community Speed Check Highlights Safety Concerns on Plough Road

A recent Trucam speed check carried out in Great Bentley, along Plough Road, has highlighted ongoing concerns around speeding in the area. The operation recorded 17 offenders, with the highest speed reaching 44mph in a 30mph zone.

The results demonstrate the importance of continued speed enforcement and community awareness in keeping rural roads safe. Local teams will continue working with residents and partners to address speeding issues and promote responsible driving throughout the village.



## Community Engagement and Speed Checks in Great Bentley

On Monday 23 February, Police Community Support Officer Julia spent the morning in Great Bentley, where she attended a local coffee morning to meet residents and discuss any questions or concerns affecting the village.

In response to recent reports of speeding, she also conducted a 30 minute speed check on Plough Road. During this period, fifteen vehicles were recorded travelling above the 30mph limit, with the highest speed noted at 39mph.



This was a productive visit with strong engagement from residents, reinforcing our ongoing commitment to keeping the community safe.

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## Clacton PCSOs Carry Out Joint Patrols Along the Promenade

On Wednesday 25 February, Clacton PCSOs teamed up with the Tendring District Council Community Ambassador for joint foot patrols through the Jaywick area and along the seafront.

With bright weather bringing many people out to enjoy the prom, the team took the opportunity to speak with residents, offer reassurance, and remain visible within the community. Throughout the patrol, they engaged with numerous members of the public while keeping a close eye out for any signs of antisocial behaviour.

Visible, approachable, and here to support our community.

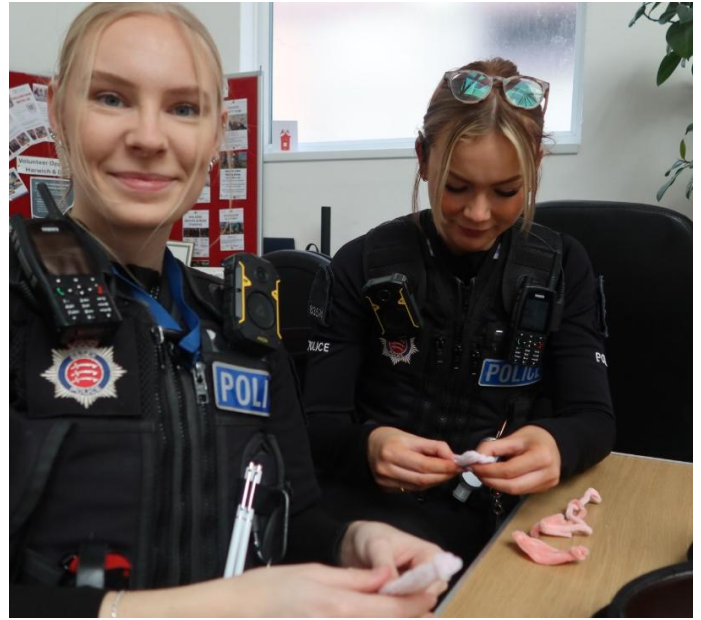


## Crafting Community Connections in Harwich at CVST

On Thursday 12 March, officers from the Harwich Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Community Voluntary Services Tending (CVST) hub in Dovercourt to spend time with members of the craft group.

It was a blooming lovely session, with members creating colourful pipe cleaner flowers using an online tutorial. Everyone had great fun and made some beautiful blooms that will brighten the space throughout Spring.

Thank you to CVST for welcoming the team and facilitating an enjoyable and creative session!



## Traffic Operation – Clacton Town Centre

On Thursday 12 March, the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out a focused traffic operation aimed at improving road safety, reducing dangerous driving, and engaging with motorists in and around the town centre.

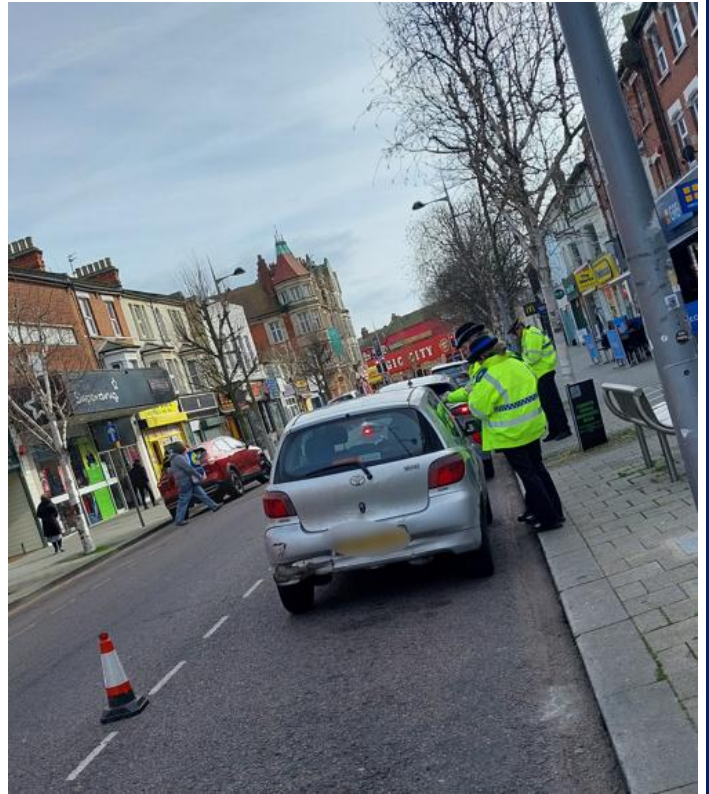
Throughout the operation, officers stopped a total of 168 vehicles, speaking with drivers about safe driving practices and conducting checks to ensure compliance with road traffic legislation.

### Key Outcomes

- 168 vehicles stopped and checked
- 1 electric scooter seized for illegal road use
- 1 road traffic collision attended during the operation
- 3 Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) issued for no seatbelt
- 1 Traffic Offence Report issued for using a mobile phone while driving

This operation provided valuable visibility and reassurance to the community while helping to address behaviours that contribute to road related harm.

We will continue to run similar targeted operations as part of ongoing efforts to improve safety across the Tendring District.



## Two Arrested After Head-On Collision in Clacton

Two drivers have been arrested in Clacton after a Ford KA and a Peugeot 3008 collided on Oxford Road at around 6.15pm on Friday 13 March.

Officers quickly arrived at the collision and made sure no one was seriously hurt.

Following roadside enquiries, two people were arrested.



A 38-year-old man from Clacton and a 27-year-old woman from Clacton were arrested on suspicion of drug driving.

They have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

## Stolen Motorbike Recovered in Clacton

On Sunday 15 March, Clacton Police Community Support Officers were out on patrol when they located a motorbike on Muswell Walk.

After making enquiries, officers quickly established that the bike had been stolen.

The vehicle was promptly seized and will be returned to its rightful owner.



The swift action of our PCSOs continues to contribute to community safety and the recovery of stolen vehicles.

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## Tendring Women's Safety Charter Launched on International Women's Day

This International Women's Day, a powerful step has been taken towards a safer future for women and girls in Tendring with the launch of the Tendring Women's Safety Charter.

Unveiled at the Princes Theatre, the charter was developed by Tendring District Council in partnership with Brand Elect and women's safety specialist Karen Whybro, funded through the Safer Streets programme. The charter is the result of extensive consultation in which women and girls shared their experiences of feeling unsafe in public spaces, ranging from low level harassment to behaviours that create fear or discomfort.

Tendring District Commander Stuart Austin attended the launch, showing policing support for this important initiative and reinforcing the commitment to strong partnership working to improve safety across the district.

The charter aims to bring businesses and organisations together to create environments where women feel safe, supported and respected. By pledging their support, participating organisations will receive free training and guidance to help staff recognise inappropriate behaviour, respond effectively, and promote zero tolerance towards harassment.

The first training session for businesses will take place in March at Clacton Town Hall, with further sessions planned throughout the year. A wider public launch is scheduled for later in 2026.

Together with our partners, we remain committed to building a safer and more welcoming Tendring for all women and girls.



# Operation Vision Zero

Operation Vision Zero delivered another highly productive day in Tendring, with a combined approach from Essex Police, the Safer Essex Roads Partnership teams, Community Speed Watch volunteers, and supporting agencies. Activity took place across the town, reinforcing our commitment to improving road safety and reducing harm.

Both the enforcement team and SERP widened their road-safety footprint through engagement with local businesses, schools, and residents.

### On the Interaction Tour:

- Officers spoke with **150 members of the public**
- **35 businesses** were visited

### Enforcement Team Results:

- 27 offences captured across three sites
- No offences recorded at the fourth site — a positive indication of compliance
- Strong and supportive interaction with the public throughout

### Traffic Offence Reports (TORs):

- Mobile phone: 28
- Seatbelts: 20
- No insurance: 2
- Dangerous condition: 4
- Glass not maintained: 7
- VRM offences: 4
- Ghost plate: 1
- Section 165 vehicle seizures: 6
- Intelligence reports submitted: 2
- Arrest: 1 (drug driving, possession of Class B, no insurance — interviewed and charged)

### SERP Road Safety Team:

- 10 TORs issued for Fatal Five offences
- 2 further Section 165 seizures
- 1 PG9
- 1 arrest (Section 5A, DOWL, No Insurance)

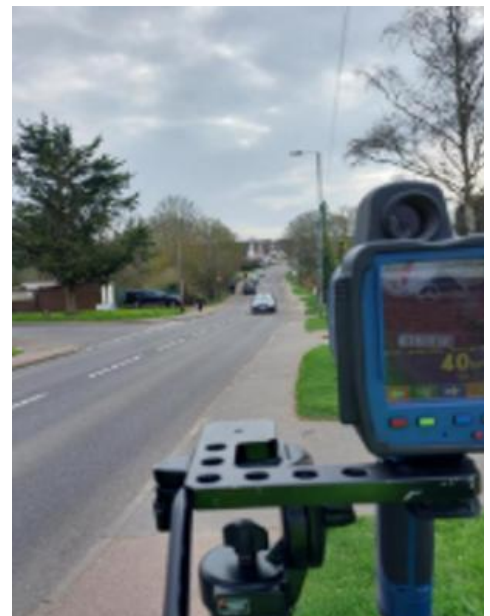
### Great Bentley Community Speed Watch:

CSW supported the day with a session on Plough Road, Great Bentley, recording:

- 76 vehicles travelling above the 30mph limit
- 17 recorded at 36mph or above (6 at 40mph or higher)
- Highest speed observed: **45mph**
- 1 vehicle with a registration number not matching DVLA records
- 1 vehicle appearing to have expired tax and MOT for over four years (reported separately)

A brilliant collaborative effort from all involved — truly “surrounding the town” with road-safety activity.

Thank you to everyone who supported Op Vision Zero in Tendring!



## Could You Support Community Speed Watch? Volunteers Needed!

Community Speed Watch is looking for local volunteers who want to make a positive difference in their area. If you're concerned about speeding on your roads and would like to play an active role in improving safety, this could be an excellent opportunity to get involved.

Volunteers help monitor vehicle speeds in their community, working alongside others who share the same goal of keeping local roads safer. It's also a great way to meet new people and take on a role that genuinely benefits the wider community.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join a group—or are interested in helping to set one up—please get in touch by emailing:

[community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk)

(Please include your location when contacting the team.)

***Help make your roads safer by getting involved today.***



The details of vehicles which are exceeding the speed limit by around 10% are passed to the Police, who issue a letter to the vehicle owner, advising them of the dangers of speeding.

All volunteers are required to attend quality assured training provided by members of the Safer Essex Roads Partnership, and are provided with PPE and equipment to undertake their role.

#### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- The opportunity for residents to increase road safety in their area, and support activities to reduce road traffic collisions and injuries
- An opportunity to meet local neighbours and develop better links with their community
- A visible presence which encourages drivers to slow down and monitor their speed
- A lasting positive effect on drivers' attitudes

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH...

...is a community-based traffic monitoring scheme, delivered by dedicated volunteers who feel passionately about road safety in their area.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

If you'd like to form a Community Speed Watch group in your area, or join an existing Community Speed Watch group, please contact [community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk)

## Essex Police Marine Unit

### Marine Unit conducts joint patrol with Holbrook HM Coastguard Rescue Team

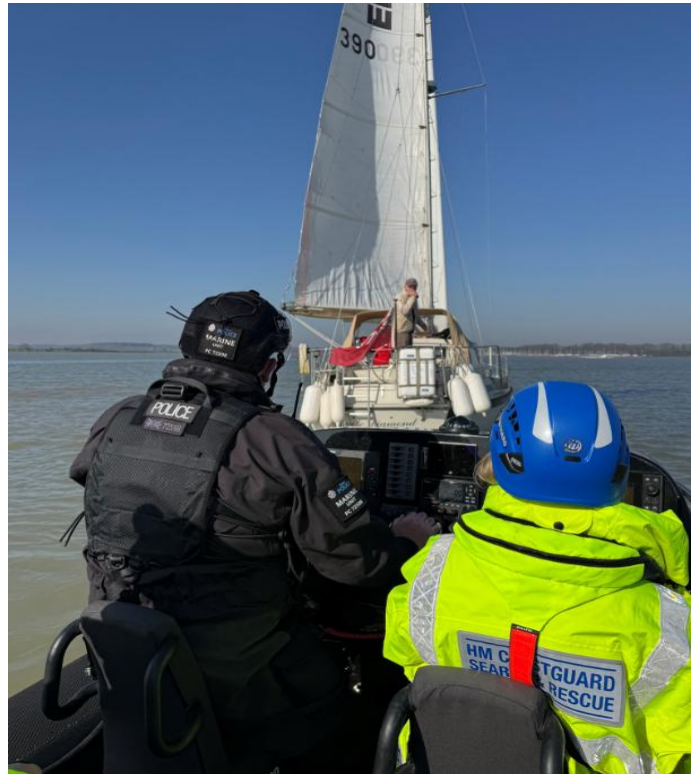
On Thursday 5 March, officers from our Marine Unit were joined on patrol in Harwich by volunteers from the Holbrook HM Coastguard Rescue Team.

The Marine Unit works closely with HM Coastguard, and this patrol provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen joint working and test how both teams support one another during search and rescue (SAR) incidents.

While on board the Essex Police RIB Sentinel, the teams responded to a report concerning the welfare of a man on the banks of the River Stour near Wrabness.

Officers went ashore, located the man, and checked on his welfare. They also provided safety advice about the dangers posed by rapidly changing tides.

We remind anyone visiting coastal or tidal areas to check tide times and remain aware of changing conditions. If you see someone in difficulty at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.



## Essex Police Marine Unit

Two Special Visitors Join the Marine Unit Aboard 'Toby Speller'

On Saturday 14 March, the Marine Unit welcomed two young visitors aboard Police Launch Toby Speller in Harwich. They'd asked to explore the boat and learn more about the vital work our Marine Officers do to keep Essex's waterways and coastal communities safe.

The boys were given a full tour of the vessel, discovering the specialist equipment onboard, from navigation systems to safety gear and the tools used during daily patrols. To top it off, officers took them on a short trip around the harbour, giving them a real taste of life on the water.

Engaging with young people in this way is an important part of our policing approach. It helps build trust, breaks down barriers, and gives them an insight into the many roles within policing that help keep their communities safe.

The Marine Unit were delighted to host the visit, and the boys left with big smiles, and perhaps the first spark of a future career in policing!

For more information about the Essex Police Marine Unit visit: [Marine Unit | Essex Police](#)



## Essex Police Rural Engagement Team

### Rogue Trader Patrols & Drink Drive Arrest

In response to several reports of rogue traders operating in the Tendring District, the Rural Engagement Team (RET) carried out proactive patrols along the A120 corridor to Harwich.

During the patrols, officers visited farms across Horsley Cross, Ramsey, Little Oakley, Thorpe, Frinton and Kirby. Farmers welcomed the engagement and expressed appreciation for the visible police presence on their land.

Later in the day, officers received a report of a vehicle being driven erratically in the Kirby area. Although the

vehicle was not located initially, a second call shortly afterwards enabled officers to respond quickly. The vehicle was identified and stopped, and the female driver provided a positive roadside breath test.

She was arrested and taken into custody, where she later provided another positive reading. She will be charged once sober and is likely to face a significant driving ban.

We would like to thank the members of the public who reported their concerns. Your information plays a vital role in helping us keep the community safe. If you witness dangerous driving or suspicious activity, please continue to report it through the appropriate channels.



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### Cash from criminals buys rural crime-fighting cameras

An innovative crime-reduction initiative is helping to protect some of Essex's most vulnerable rural areas.

Our Rural Engagement Team has used money seized from criminals to buy solar-powered trail cameras which they are placing in rural crime hotspots to identify and deter crimes such as hare coursing, fly tipping and the theft of plant and machinery.

PC Luke Jones says tactical deployment of the cameras can aid investigations, deter criminals and make victims feel safer, providing valuable reassurance and support.

"Trail cameras are relatively cheap and easy to put up and, of course, they can monitor the area day and night.

"The footage is clear, which will help us to identify suspects, vehicles and even index plates – it's good enough to be used as evidence.

"But they also provide us with valuable intelligence which can help us with problem solving and appropriate crime prevention advice."



Under the banner of Operation Around, trail cameras are deployed based on crime pattern analysis, recent incidents and intelligence linked to crime hotspots, and for varying lengths of time depending on the issue.

Luke explains:

“Having identified a problem where we think the cameras will be helpful, we speak with the landowner, provide crime prevention advice and offer to put up cameras.

“Each deployment includes clear signage to meet legal requirements, making it visible that surveillance is in operation. We have found that the signs are as much of a deterrent as the cameras themselves.

“While the primary purpose is to gather evidence and deter crime, they have also proved their value in capturing footage of rare and vulnerable wildlife, helping landowners to better understand conservation needs on their property.”



So far, rural engagement officers have deployed trail cameras at locations across our county to protect

- fields and woodland popular with hare coursers and poachers
- burglary locations
- rural road users
- spots targeted by fly-tippers
- Iron Age and Roman sites
- skylark nests
- badger setts

Results to date have been excellent, says Luke, with farmers and landowners consistently reporting

increased reassurance. Surveys completed after each deployment show high satisfaction, with several stating that knowing the cameras are present has already changed behaviour on their land.

Luke says:

“These cameras provide farmers, landowners and victims in isolated rural locations with another layer of protection.”



### **Op Around**

The idea for Operation Around was sparked when PC Luke Jones attended a parish council meeting and spoke with farmers about hare coursing.

Knowing there’s a lack of CCTV in rural areas got Luke thinking about how low-cost technology could bridge that gap – and Op Around was born.

The trail cameras were bought with cash from the Essex Police POCA Fund – itself funded by money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

## Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

Tammy is our Fraud Prevention Coordinator for the Tendring District and regularly visits community and support groups in the Tendring area, talking about fraud and scam prevention. If you know a group that you feel would benefit from a visit, please email Tammy at: [42079913@essex.police.uk](mailto:42079913@essex.police.uk)

### **Tammy's top scam alert this Month!**

#### Phone Scams

Victims' voices cloned. Do you often receive calls and having realised they are criminals, keep them talking to annoy them, then see the following.

A new wave of AI-assisted fraud targets people and clones their voices. Criminals are using AI technology to clone people's voices and set up unauthorised direct debits over the phone, according to new evidence from National Trading Standards. The advanced voice cloning is part of an organised criminal operation that harvests people's personal data to target victims with a wave of scam and nuisance calls.

For more information on this go to - Friends Against Scams [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/news-and-updates/new-ai-voice-cloning-scam-to-look-out-for](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/news-and-updates/new-ai-voice-cloning-scam-to-look-out-for)

A New AI voice cloning scam to look out for If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting cyber-crime and fraud or phishing attempts to - [www.reportfraud.police.uk](http://www.reportfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

#### April Event:

Thursday 20 April 10am to 12.30pm - Walton Community Hub, High Street, Walton "Spring into Action" Partnership Event.

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#### Empowering Local Women Through Fraud Awareness

On Wednesday 11 March, 20 ladies from the Alresford Co op Women's Guild welcomed Tammy, the district's Fraud Prevention Coordinator, for an informative and engaging session at Alresford Village Hall.

The visit covered current fraud trends, how to recognise common scam tactics, and practical steps everyone can take to stay safe.

The group had the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and build confidence in spotting potential fraud.

A great opportunity for the community to learn, stay informed, and remain one step ahead of scams!



## Community Lets Talk Events

The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during March/ April 2026 Please come along if you have a questions 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 21 March** 3pm to 4pm  
Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

**Saturday 21 March** 10am to 11am  
Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree, CO11 1DJ.

**Monday 23 March** 10am to 11am  
Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Tuesday 24 March** 10am to 11am  
Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

**Tuesday 24 March** 10am to 11am  
Brightlingsea Community Centre coffee morning, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 OLG.

**Thursday 26 March** 3pm to 4pm  
Sainsbury's Supermarket, Samson's Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0RN.

**Saturday 28 March** 1pm to 2pm  
Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Monday 30 March** 3pm to 4pm  
McDonalds, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QN.

**Wednesday 1 April** 10am to 11am  
Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Wednesday 1 April** 10am to 11am  
Walton Community forum, High Street, Walton on Naze, CO14 8AG.

**Sunday 5 April** 10am to 11am  
Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE.

**Wednesday 8 April** 10.30am to 11.30am  
Manningtree library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD.

**Wednesday 8 April** 10.30am to 12pm  
Coffee morning, St Andrews Church, St Andrews Close, Alresford, CO7 8BL.

## Community Lets Talk Events

**Thursday 9 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Friday 10 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Friday 10 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Saturday 11 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Sunday 12 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Monday 13 April** 10am to 12pm

Oasis Café, Frinton free church, Connaught Avenue, Frinton on Sea, CO13 9DB.

**Monday 13 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Tuesday 14 April** 3pm to 4pm

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

**Friday 17 April** 3pm to 4pm

Costa Coffee, Waterglade Retail Park, Next, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Thursday 16 April** 2pm to 3pm

Knit & natter, St Marys Church, Great Bentley, CO7 8QG.

**Sunday 19 April** 10am to 11am

Kingscliff Shelter, opposite the Kingscliff Hotel, Kings Parade, Holland on Sea, CO15 5JB.

**Monday 20 April** 10am to 11am

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

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**Tuesday 21 April** 10am to 11am

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

**Friday 24 April** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.



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Walton food bank, Standley Road, Walton on Naze, CO14 8PT.

**Saturday 25 April** 10am to 11am  
Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree, CO11 1DJ.

**Monday 27 April** 2pm to 4pm  
Coffee Morning, McGrigor Hall, 85 Fourth Avenue, Frinton on Sea CO13 9EB.

**Tuesday 28 April** 10am to 11am  
Kingscliff Shelter, opposite the Kingscliff Hotel, Kings Parade, Holland on Sea, CO15 5JB.

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Brightlingsea Community Centre coffee morning, Lower Park Road, CO7 OLG.

**Thursday 30 April** 10am to 11am  
The Brooklands Community Shop, 12 Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, CO15 2JP.

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

**Thursday 30 April** 10am to 11am  
Walton Community forum, High Street, Walton on Naze, CO14 8AG.



## 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:** Residents told us that speeding, dangerous driving, and nuisance vehicles were a persistent issue across the district.

**We Did:** Officers carried out focused speed and vehicle checks across the district, stopping motorists, seizing uninsured vehicles, and boosting patrols in key areas.



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### February 2026 Highlights

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

- ◆ Located **56** missing persons and provided them with necessary support.
- ◆ Investigated **71** reports of antisocial behaviour, addressing community concerns.
- ◆ Responded to **32** road traffic collisions, ensuring safety and smooth traffic flow.
- ◆ Handled **304** domestic violence-related crimes, addressing the criminal behaviour involved while providing victims with support and connecting them to specialist services.
- ◆ Solved **106** crimes, holding offenders accountable.
- ◆ Submitted **446** intelligence reports to target criminal activities.
- ◆ Conducted **66** stop-and-search operations in the Tendring District to prevent harm.



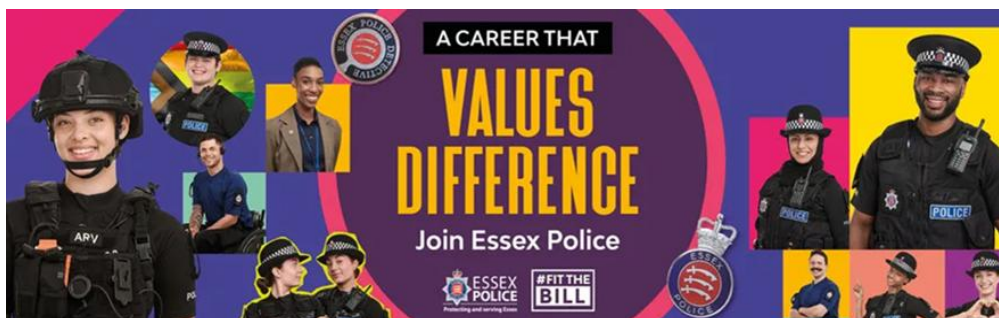
# Tendring Special Constabulary

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 February/March 2026. This infographic really tells a story, true community hero's!



Join CVST at the Kennedy Way Community Garden for the Ignite Youth Open Day

Come along to the Kennedy Way Community Garden for our Ignite Youth Open Day on **Tuesday 7 April**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see the projects and activities created by young people involved in the Ignite programme. Every activity on offer has been designed and built by the young people themselves.

You'll also have the chance to speak with Lynn, Sarah, and members of the Ignite group to learn more about what taking part involves and how the programme supports young people in the community.

Tuesday 7th April 11-2pm

# YOUTH DAY

**Project Ignite** KENNEDY WAY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN  
CLACTON

Exchange table-Books, DVD's and games  
Jewellery Lucky Dip  
Cozy Corner  
Photo Booth  
Wall Art  
Plant a Seed  
Tombola and raffle  
Refreshments and Pic 'n Mix



Lynn Reed-Golden on  
07759 128447 or  
Sarah Kamara on 07707 286635



**Calling All Walton Gardeners – Get Involved with a New Community Allotment Space**

CVST is looking for friendly volunteers to support relaxed weekly sessions at a new allotment space in Walton.

We're also welcoming local community members who'd like to join in, learn new skills, and grow together in a supportive environment.

If you're interested in taking part or want to find out more, please contact Tracy on **07707 286621**.  
Grow, connect, and make a difference in your community!

# CALLING ALL WALTON GARDENERS

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- Friendly volunteers to help support relaxed weekly sessions at a new allotment space in Walton
- Community members who'd love to join in, learn, and grow together

Call Tracy on 07707286621



## Can you help?

### Search for missing person Vitoria Figueiredo Barreto

Our officers are continuing to search for 30-year-old Vitoria Figueiredo Barreto, who was reported missing on Wednesday 4 March.

She was last being seen in the Brightlingsea area on Tuesday 3 March. Officers are following several lines of enquiry and are appealing to anyone who may have seen her or has information to call 999.



We've secured new CCTV in Brightlingsea which officers are continuing to work through as our search for Vitoria continues. The footage, which covers the harbour area, shows a number of vessels present on the water as part of regular marine work patterns between 12am and 6am on 4 March.

This period covers the points where we believe Vitoria may have entered the harbour area and unmoored a boat from a pontoon.

From then, we know the vessel does not appear to have its engine started and, over the next few hours, it began drifting out of the harbour before ultimately coming to a rest close to Bradwell-on-Sea later in morning.

At this stage, there is still no clear and visible footage to conclusively state it was the 30-year-old Brazilian who unmoored the boat. However, we know Vitoria was seen walking alone in the waterfront area at 12.16am, having climbed over a nearby metal fence, which is close to where the boat was unmoored.

Detective Superintendent Anna Granger said:

"Today, we're urging anyone who was working in Brightlingsea harbour or returning from work to the harbour between 12am and 6am to please come forward.

"Appreciating this will have been in darkness, did you see a lone individual unmooring a boat from a pontoon or appearing to be acting out of character in the area. Did you see anything which made you stop and think? Or something you may not have expected to see at that time of night and early morning?"

"We've made a promise to Vitoria's family that we will follow every reasonable lead. So, please, if you were on the water working in this time period, please come forward and speak to us."



For more information visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2026/march/vitoria-figueiredo-barreto/>

## Can you help?

Officers investigating a fatal collision in Clacton are appealing for witnesses and dash cam footage.

We were called to reports of a collision involving a white car and an elderly man outside the One Stop Store, St Johns Road, Clacton, shortly before 3.45pm on Tuesday 24 February.

The man, in his 80s, was taken to hospital after sustaining serious injuries, where he sadly died.

If you have any information, dash cam or other footage in relation to this incident, then please get in contact with us. **Please quote incident 827 of 24 February** when providing any information to make sure it gets to the right person as quickly as possible.

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 <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or by calling 0800 555 111.



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## Crime Prevention

**We are encouraging the public to remain vigilant in order to help us prevent both the theft of motor vehicles and theft from them in the Tendring district.**

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

- Ensure your vehicle is locked and secure at all times, even when unattended briefly.
- Remove valuables from view and avoid leaving keys near doors or windows at home.
- Use additional security devices such as steering wheel locks or tracking systems.
- Park in well-lit areas or secure garages wherever possible.
- Report any suspicious behaviour or activity immediately.



If you suspect someone is involved in the theft of or theft from motor vehicles, know where a stolen car may be, or notice anything unusual in your area, please contact Essex Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

For further advice on vehicle security, visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

## Crime Prevention

### It's Okay to Say No!

If someone comes to your door offering services or products, take a moment before agreeing to anything. If it's something you might consider, ask them to come back later — this gives you time to check who they are, research the company, and make an informed choice.

A genuine, reputable business will always give you space to think and will never pressure you into making a snap decision.

Trust your instincts, take your time, and remember: it's absolutely okay to say no.



### 🌸 Spring Is Nearly Here — Is Your Garden Secure?

With spring just around the corner, many of us are starting to think about freshening up the garden.

It's also the perfect time to check how secure it is.

Simple steps — like updating old shed locks, repairing gates, or adding dense or prickly planting, can help deter criminals before they even reach your home.

A well-secured garden isn't just tidy; it's an important first line of defence in protecting your property and valuables. A few small tweaks now can make a big difference as the days get lighter and warmer.



### 🔔 Attention Businesses – Stay Scam-Smart This Tax Year! 🔔

With the end of the tax year approaching, criminals may look to target businesses with fraudulent activity — so now is the time to stay alert and protect your organisation.

Before paying any invoice, take a moment to double-check it. Criminals often send convincing fake invoices designed to look like genuine suppliers, hoping they'll be paid without question.

Always verify any change in bank details or payment requests directly with the supplier using trusted contact information — **never** the details on the invoice itself.

Stay vigilant, stay cautious, and keep your business protected.



## Crime Prevention

Blowing up their phone and stalking their every move? That's not love, it's harassment.

Sorry doesn't cut it, it's time to **#Reflect** on your abusive behaviour and get help to change. Break the cycle of domestic abuse,

Visit Essex Compass: <https://www.essexcompass.org.uk/reflect-reset/>



## COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

**0330 333 7 444**

Helpline available from 8 am to 8 pm weekdays and 8 am to 1 pm weekends.

You can refer here:

Support for Victims

SELF REFERRAL

POLICE

PROFESSIONAL

Needs Behaviour Change Support

SELF ReSET

PROFESSIONAL ReSET

General enquiries: [enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk)

Have you signed up to Dispatch? – Our free weekly e-newsletter!

We're offering more ways for our communities to stay up to date with our work across Essex.

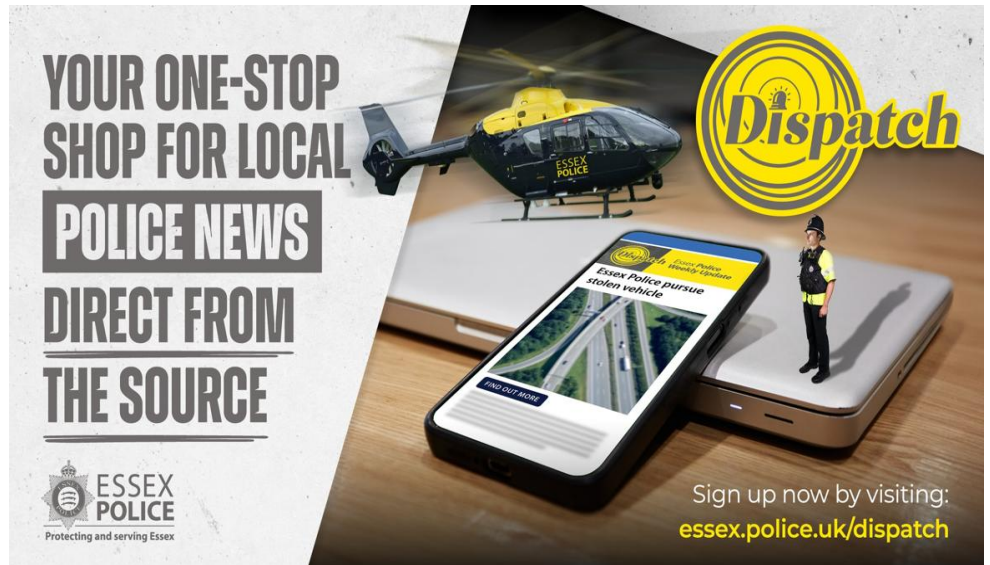
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Sign up today! We'd recommend the Essex edition plus the local district edition for your area – **Tendring!**

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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.

**WHICH OF OUR SERVICES WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU**

- 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**

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

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