

# YOUR LOCAL UPDATE TENDRING DISTRICT



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

Hi all, and thanks for taking the time to read this month's Your Local Update.

I am writing this just before the May half term, and it looks like we are finally getting a bit of decent weather. With the sunshine on the way, we know the area will get busier with people out enjoying everything Tendring has to offer. I hope you all have a really good bank holiday and half term.

We are also looking forward to our annual Open Day on Saturday 30th May. If you are free, please do pop down and join us. It is always a great day and a really good chance to meet your local officers, staff and partners. It is relaxed, family friendly, and hopefully the weather will show up for us this year too.

In this edition you will see just some of the work happening across the district. One of the standout results recently was dismantling a large cannabis grow in the town centre, which is a great outcome and a real disruption to criminal activity. Our town centres are such an important part of the community, and we will keep working hard, alongside partners, to keep them safe and make them places people want to spend time in.

We have also seen some positive progress tackling theft of and from vehicles, with a number of arrests and charges. That said, we are still seeing offenders getting into unlocked cars, so just a quick reminder to double check your vehicle is secure and nothing is left on display. It might seem simple, but it really does make a difference.

Our neighbourhood teams are continuing to stay visible in our communities, getting out on patrol, speaking with residents and focusing on the issues that matter most to you. Whether that is tackling anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable people or working through longer-term problems with partners, there is always a lot going on behind the scenes.

What you see in this newsletter is only a small snapshot of that work. Officers and staff are out there day and night supporting the public, and I want to say a genuine thank you to them for everything they do.

We are always keen to hear from you as well. If there is something affecting your area, or something you think we should be focusing on, please do get in touch, speak to your local officers or come along to one of our events. Your feedback really does shape what we do.

Thanks again for your support, and I hope you enjoy the update.



*Chief Inspector Stuart Austin*

## Neighbourhood Officers & RSPCA execute warrant

Following concerns raised about the welfare of animals at a property in St Osyth, officers from Essex Police acted promptly and worked in close partnership with the RSPCA to safeguard those at risk and ensure appropriate action was taken.

After initial information was received, joint planning between officers and RSPCA inspectors took place to assess the situation and determine the most appropriate course of action to protect the animals. This collaborative approach enabled a coordinated

response, ensuring that both legal powers and specialist animal welfare expertise could be utilised effectively.

As a result, a warrant was executed at the address on Thursday 30 April. During the visit, officers and RSPCA staff identified a number of animals at the property, including parrots, dogs and cats. Due to significant concerns about their welfare and the conditions they were being kept in, more than 20 animals were seized and removed from the address. They have since been taken into the care of the RSPCA, where they can receive appropriate veterinary treatment, thorough assessment and ongoing care to safeguard their wellbeing.

This outcome highlights the importance of early reporting and effective partnership working. By sharing information and acting swiftly, officers and the RSPCA were able to intervene at an early stage, preventing further harm and ensuring that a substantial number of animals were placed into a safe and supportive environment.

Essex Police remains committed to supporting animal welfare and will continue to work alongside trusted partners such as the RSPCA to respond to concerns, investigate offences, and ensure that animals across the district are protected and receive the care they deserve.

Police Sergeant Nathan Pearson said:

"Working with the RSPCA meant we could act quickly and protect these animals. Seizing over 20 animals was necessary to ensure they received the care they needed."



*Police Sergeant Nathan Pearson*

## Targeting Plant Machinery Theft at Harwich Port

Our Rural Engagement Team has been working proactively at Harwich Port this week as part of our ongoing efforts to tackle plant machinery theft and protect legitimate businesses.

During the operation, officers stopped and checked more than 200 vehicles entering and leaving the port. In addition, around 50 items of plant machinery were examined by our specialist officers, who are trained to identify stolen or unlawfully handled equipment.

We are pleased to report that no stolen machinery was identified during these checks.

While this is a positive result, these targeted and unpredictable operations play a crucial role in deterring criminality. By maintaining a visible and proactive presence at key transport hubs such as Harwich Port, we are able to disrupt criminal activity, prevent the movement of stolen goods, and gather valuable intelligence to support wider investigations.

Plant machinery theft can have a significant financial and operational impact on businesses, particularly within rural and construction sectors. Our work aims to protect hard-working individuals and companies who rely on this equipment to operate.

We will continue to carry out similar enforcement activity across the district, working with partners and industry specialists to ensure Essex remains a hostile environment for those involved in plant and machinery theft.



## Stolen Motorbikes recovered thanks for member of the public

Two stolen motorbikes have been recovered in Tendring thanks to the quick thinking and vigilance of a member of the public. The bikes were spotted in a farmer's field, where they appeared out of place and raised suspicions. Trusting their instincts, the individual contacted police to report their concerns.

Officers attended the location and quickly confirmed that both motorbikes had in fact been reported stolen. The vehicles were recovered and arrangements were made to return them to their rightful owners. This positive outcome highlights the important role that the public plays in helping to prevent and detect crime. Without this call to police, the bikes may not have been located so promptly.

Neighbourhood officers have praised the individual who made the report, emphasising how valuable community intelligence is in tackling theft and supporting victims.



Sergeant Scott Lewis from Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team said:

“We’re very grateful to the member of the public who took the time to report something that didn’t sit right with them. Their actions have directly led to the recovery of two stolen motorbikes and will make a real difference to the victims involved

“This is a great example of how working together with our communities helps us achieve positive results. If something feels suspicious or out of place, please trust your instincts and report it to us.”

## Neighbourhood Officers execute Drugs Warrant

Officers from the Town Centre Team, supported by colleagues from the Operational Support Group, gathered quietly in Clacton. The briefing had been clear, the plan set — now it was time to act.

Moving with purpose, officers approached the address and executed the warrant. Inside, the reality of what they were about to uncover quickly became clear. As rooms were searched methodically, officers discovered a large-scale cannabis cultivation — row upon row of plants, carefully maintained. By the time the search had been completed, approximately 700 cannabis plants had been located.

In the midst of the operation, a 22-year-old man was detained at the scene. He was subsequently arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and taken into police custody.

Operations like this do not happen by chance. They are the result of intelligence, teamwork, and a sustained effort to disrupt organised criminal activity. Behind what might appear to be a single morning’s work lies a wider commitment — one focused on protecting the community and reducing the harm that illegal drug production brings.

Cannabis farms are not just about the drugs themselves. They are often linked to broader criminal networks and can present significant risks — from fire hazards caused by unsafe electrical setups to the anti-social behaviour and crime that can surround them. These impacts are felt by residents, neighbours, and the wider community.

These actions send a clear message: activity like this will not be tolerated. By taking decisive, positive action, officers continue to safeguard neighbourhoods, reduce harm, and support the wellbeing of those who

live and work in Clacton



## Clacton Police Station Open day 2026



The Clacton Police Station Open Day will take place on Saturday 30 May 2026, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Preparations are well underway for the fourth year of this event, reflecting our continued commitment to engaging with the local community.

- Meet our specialist police teams and chat with officers about their roles and experiences
- Meet our recruitment team and police cadet unit to learn about opportunities and pathways into policing
  - Engaging, police-themed activities for children and families
  - Get up close to our police vehicles and see them first hand
- Explore some of the equipment we use and learn how it supports everyday policing

We are delighted to be joined by a wide range of partner organisations, including the NHS, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, RSPCA, RNLI, HM Coastguard, St John Ambulance, Community Voluntary Services Tendring, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, Tendring District Council Community Safety Partnership, Colchester Utd, UTurn4Support, Safer Essex Roads

Partnership and Essex Search and Rescue.

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## 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!**



### Unexpected Mobile Phone Delivery Scam

Residents are being warned about a scam targeting individuals across Kent, where criminals are fraudulently ordering high-value mobile phones in victims' names.

#### How the Scam Works

Fraudsters obtain stolen personal details to set up a mobile phone contract in someone else's name. A new handset is then delivered to the victim's home address, despite them not placing an order. Shortly after delivery, an individual will attend the property claiming to be a courier. They state the phone was delivered in error and needs to be returned.

Once the phone is handed over, the suspect disappears. The victim is then left responsible for the contract, associated bills, and potential damage to their credit rating.

#### Warning Signs to Look Out For

- Receiving a mobile phone or parcel you did not order
- An unexpected caller asking to collect the item
- Pressure to act quickly, often citing admin or delivery errors
- Refusal to allow you to verify the request with the retailer

## How to Protect Yourself

- Do not hand over parcels to anyone who arrives unannounced
- Legitimate couriers or retailers will not request returns at your doorstep
- Contact the retailer or mobile provider directly using official contact details
- Retain the parcel until safe and verified return arrangements are confirmed
- Regularly check your credit report for any unfamiliar accounts



## Community Lets Talk Events

The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during June 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](#)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

The Brooklands Community Shop, 12 Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10:30-12:30**

Coffee morning, St Andrews Church, St Andrews Close, Alresford

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-12:00**

The Village Hall, Clacton Road, St Osyth, Clacton on Sea

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Kingscliff Shelter, opposite the Kingscliff Hotel, Kings Parade, Holland on Sea

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-11:00**

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea.

## 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 said you were concerned about theft from motor vehicles

**We Did:** We completed targeted patrols of areas to combat a series of thefts from motor vehicles; this resulted in several arrests and charged individuals.

## Our monthly infographic offers a glimpse into our Special Constabulary

### 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:

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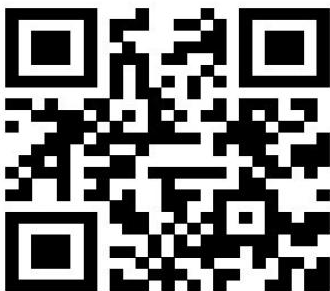
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## Help Us – Help You!

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 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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