



## [Showing strength and resilience during a difficult year](#)

### PFCC Roger Hirst publishes his annual report

Years of growth and extra investment has meant Essex Police were able to tackle the challenges of policing during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21, while continuing to get crime down.



Speaking following publication of the [2020-2021 Annual Report](#) for Essex Police and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, PFCC Roger Hirst, said: "The last year has been a difficult and challenging time, but it has also shown the strength of policing in Essex and how our longer-term strategy of growth, investment and partnership has started to get crime down and is delivering real results for residents."

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### Eight new recruits join Fire and Rescue Service

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service has welcomed eight wholetime firefighters during a dedicated ceremony.

The Service's new recruits were welcomed into the Service by Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rick Hylton and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Roger Hirst. Their Station Managers and proud families and friends watched their loved ones carry out a road traffic

collision and a ladder drill to show their new skills. Each firefighter was then presented with a congratulatory certificate. The ceremony was also live streamed to family, friends and colleagues across the Fire Service.

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## PFCC supports #SeeYouSafer campaign

PFCC Roger Hirst is supporting a major multi-partnership campaign to help people feel safer when enjoying a night out in Colchester this winter.

The **#SeeYouSafer** campaign has been launched by the **One Colchester** partnership, a multi-agency group including Colchester Borough Council, and representatives from Fire, Police, Probation, Health, Education, Business, Voluntary Services and the cultural sector.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, said: "Colchester is a vibrant and exciting town with lots for visitors and locals to enjoy.

"We all have a part to play in keeping our communities safe and this project is a great example of businesses, charities, the Council and our emergency services coming together with the community to ensure that everybody can have a safe, enjoyable and fun night out.

"Keeping people safe and preventing crime is a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan and investing in community projects such as this is an important part of delivering the safe and secure communities that we all want to live in."

[#SeeYouSafer](#)

## Urgent call for Essex volunteers for Vaccination and Booster programme

Essex residents are being asked to volunteer as England's Covid-19 vaccination and booster programme is stepped up.

Community and health services are urgently looking for more volunteers in Essex to help with the Covid-19 vaccination and booster programme.

Residents are being asked to spare a few hours a week to join in on the huge national effort to protect more people against Covid-19.

In England, the Government has set a new target to give boosters to those who are eligible by the end of the month.

Volunteers will be asked to help in a range of tasks – like being a steward or providing administrative support - with shifts starting from four hours.

To become a volunteer click [here](#).

## [Online Public Meetings](#)

Do you want to know how police and fire services are keeping people safe in your area? We hold public meetings around the county where residents can pose their questions live to Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex online via Facebook live sessions. Dates and details are listed below. More dates and venues will be announced soon or you can head to the events section on our website for more information.

### **Colchester Public Meeting**

7th February 2022 venue details TBC

### **Maldon Public Meeting**

10th March 2022 - Online

## **Join our team**

### **Volunteering Opportunities**

We have opportunities for both Restorative and Mediation Service volunteers and independent custody visitors. Find out more by clicking the link below.

[Volunteer with us](#)



Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex

Victims of crime can access support [here](#)  
Book your free Home Fire Safety Visit [here](#)

