

August 2022

AUGUST ENGAGEMENT

August has been a busy month for the team with us attending 12 community events. Highlights included the Toot Hill Show in Ongar, Navestock Village show in Brentwood, Dengie Emergency Services Day in Maldon and Papermill Lock Action Day in Chelmsford.



The team have been taking the opportunity to give out crime prevention advice and discuss rural community concerns.

Sgt Felton said “We were determined to attend as many community events as possible over the summer. Between June–September we have attended 37 events. This is a huge increase for us and something we are keen to continue.”


September Events -

3rd —Family Fun Day Maldon Rugby Club

10th—Bell Meadow Fete Woodham Walter

If you want us to attend your event email -

Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk



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**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

COUNTYWIDE SPEED CHECKS

The Rural Engagement Team leads the force on rural road safety. Officers are trained to use mobile speed camera's and can deploy anywhere across the county.

During August speed checks have been carried out across Essex.

Over the month 32 tickets were issued for

The worst speeding offender was caught in Braintree district travelling at 57 mph in a 30 zone.

The team have been working with local communities to tackle the issue.

Joint speed checks were carried out with Dedham Community Speed Watch.

The team are always keen to support local people making their area safer.

We were made aware of group of 7–10 year old girls in Hope End, Uttlesford who were campaigning to lower the speed limit in their road.

The girls were invited to HQ to meet the team and tell us about their campaign. They were given a tour of HQ & the Control Room and presented certificates to say well done.



speeding, using mobile phones at the wheel and other offences. 4 vehicles were seized.



STOLEN PLANT RECOVERED

Theft of plant such as mini diggers, generators and other equipment has a huge financial impact on rural businesses.

The RET are at the forefront of combating this issue.

The team followed a tracker signal to recover a number of items stolen overnight in Tendring.



RET review crimes involving rural thefts of plant and look for patterns, repeat suspect vehicles or trends.

VEHICLE CRIME TRAINING DAY

To stay one step ahead of the criminals we are always looking to improve our knowledge.

PC Barber attended a multi-force training day dedicated to identifying stolen vehicles and plant, and the best ways to prevent its theft.

Officers were shown where unique identification numbers are hidden and practiced identifying stolen items.



FLY TIPPING OPERATION

Fly tipping blights the countryside and can cost significant sums to clear up.

During August, RET run Op Fume, a dedicated anti-fly tipping operation.

Working with local councils, RET officers stop any vehicle that can carry waste. 10 vehicles were stopped with one driver prosecuted for not having a waste carriers licence.



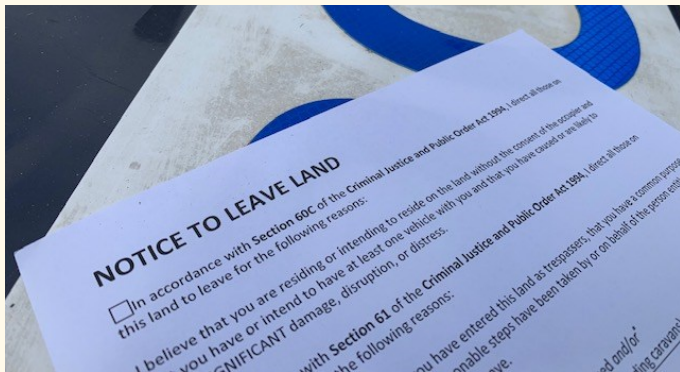
FIRST USE OF NEW POWERS

At the end of July the government gave police new powers to deal with unauthorised encampments.

Under certain circumstances the new legislation gives police the power to require the most disruptive encampments to leave rather than needing to wait for the landowner and creates a new offence if the encampment refuses to leave.

RET used the new law for the first time in Essex this month.

The team attend all encampments and take a balanced approach to all parties needs and



TEAM NEWS

We are delighted to welcome PC Joe McCarthy to the team.

Joe joins us from Grays Community Policing Team. He has a wealth of previous policing experience from the Metropolitan Police and



British Transport Police.

Joe says “I am very pleased to be joining the team. I have a passion of rural policing and am really looking forward to getting to grips with the role and getting out in community.”

Another new PC is due to join in September.

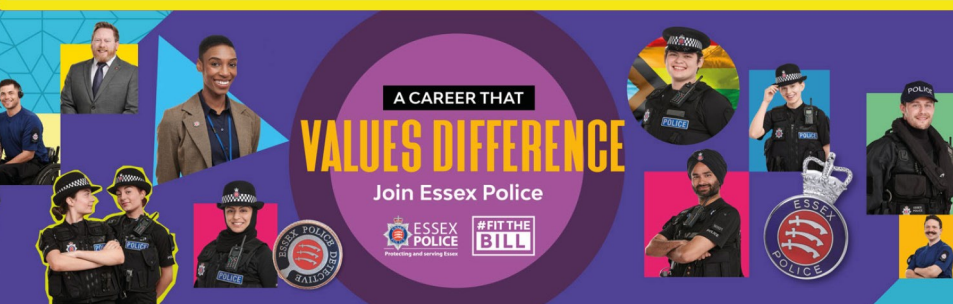


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