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## HARECOURSING FOCUS

Operation Galileo is a police operation targeting illegal hare coursing. Working with seven regional forces, the team aim to disrupt and catch hare coursers in Essex.



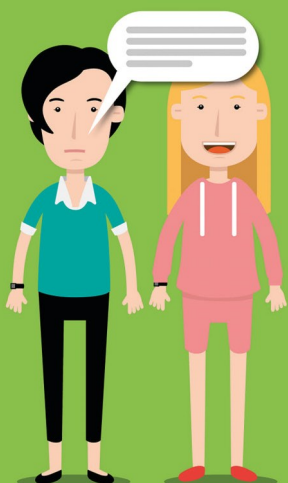
Hare coursers trespass on farm land and release dogs to chase hares. Bets are placed on how the dog performs. The practice is banned in the UK under the Hunting Act. Not only is it cruel to the hares but coursers cause damage to fields and are often aggressive to

landowners. In the last week of September two hare coursing vehicles have been seized by



the team. RET are working with the police helicopter to conduct patrols in hotspot area's.

If you see suspected hare coursing ring us on 999.



**Domestic abuse is all about control. If you notice that someone seems to be controlled in all areas of their life, it could be a sign they are being abused.**

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Now there's a quick online alternative to calling 101 or visiting a police station:  
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Do it online at:  
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**IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999**



## CRACKDOWN ON THEFT



In September RET cracked down on vehicle, caravan and machinery theft.

Over the month, seven caravans, two vans and a dumper truck were recovered by the team across Essex.

Over £120,000 of stolen items were recovered by just one officer, PC Harkness. Proactive checks on caravans lead to the recovery of one valued at £35,000 and another at £25,000.



Officers also followed a Tracker activation to locate and recover a stolen dumper truck hidden in bushes.



Several vans were recovered which had been stolen from local businesses.



Sgt Felton said, “Theft of high value items such as caravans, or commercial vehicles have a huge impact on victims. RET work hard to recover these items and disrupt criminals.”



## DOG THEFT

The theft of a dog is every owners worst nightmare. Fortunately, theft of dogs is low in Essex.

The team have put together a new leaflet to help owners keep their dogs safe. We are also holding street meetings where owners can speak



to our officers.. Dates will be advertised shortly. If you would like a copy of the leaflet emails us at [Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk](mailto:Rural.Engagement.Team@essex.police.uk)

## SUMMER ENDS WITH BANG

Summer drew to a close with some fantastic community engagement events.

Officers from the team displayed at the Burnham on Crouch 999 show as well some smaller local events.



RET are already planning ahead for next year and looking to attend as many events as possible.

If you would like the team to visit your local event, please email us at -

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## CYCLE TRAINING SUCCESS

To help us better engage with the public the whole team has completed police cycle training.



Cycle patrols have been mounted by Sgt Felton for some weeks, but with the whole team now trained they will step up a gear.

Bikes were used successfully recently in Bradwell on Sea to patrol the sea wall and combat nuisance off road bikes.

The team are now awaiting the imminent arrival of more new police bikes .

## FARM VISITS

Joint farm visits were carried out with the Rural Crime Forum. The RCF work with Essex



Police to hold us to account and improve rural policing. Sgts Paul Brady and Ben Felton accompanied Mr Tony Rae visiting farms and businesses in the Braintree area.



## WHAT WE DO IN A DAY

What does RET do on a normal day? If you follow our Twitter account you will have seen our posts.

On the 22nd September we -

Conducted visible patrols across Essex, a 5 mile cycle patrol in a country park, attended a migrant in a lorry, helped colleagues at a large scale disturbance, investigated 3 wildlife crimes, seized an uninsured car and captured 3 escaped dogs on a major road.



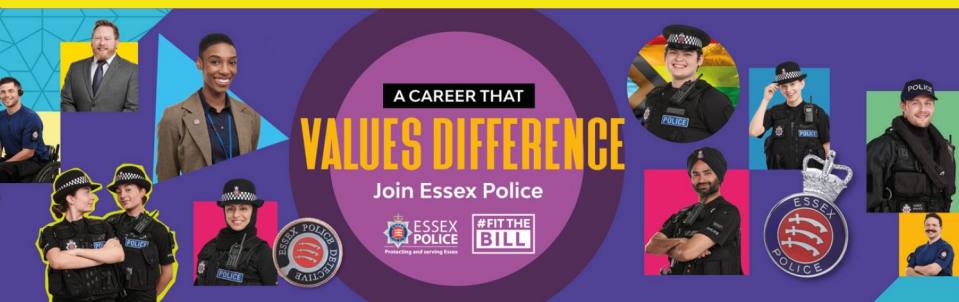
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## Digital 101

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**Digital 101** is available on the Essex Police website: [essex.police.uk](http://essex.police.uk)



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in protecting and serving Essex, you can follow us on social media, or search **#FitTheBill**