

April 2023

## ROAD SAFETY FOCUS

RET have been out across the county conducting rural speeding checks.

In April the team conducted multiple checks at locations across Thurrock, South Ockendon, Epping Forest, Tendring and Colchester.

One day in Tendring and Colchester saw 32



drivers prosecuted for offences ranging from speeding to using mobile phones whilst

driving.

RET regularly speak to local Community Policing Teams and parish councils to identify problem roads and take action.

Four car's were seized for having no insurance in April.

The four most common causes of road deaths in Essex are speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, using a phone and drink or drug driving.



**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:  
**DIGITAL 101**



Do it online at:  
[essex.police.uk](https://essex.police.uk)

**IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999**



## STOLEN VEHICLES

RET have been active tracing stolen vehicles, trailers and plant throughout April.

A Land Rover Discovery stolen from Hutton was found by the team hidden in a carpark in Chelmsford.



A chipper stolen in Essex was recovered during a joint operation with Cambridgeshire Rural Crime Action Team.



The teams joined together to tackle cross boarder criminals and disrupt their activities.

The team recovered a stolen dumper truck that had been crashed into a hedge and abandoned.



And a quad bike taken in Ramsden Heath was found after a search by the team.



Community Policing Teams across the county make the team aware of stolen vehicles from rural locations and the team actively search for them.

During April the team recovered 9 stolen vehicles .



## WILDLIFE TRAINING DAY

PC Raven, our resident Wildlife Crime Officer arranged a multiagency wildlife training day for partner agencies and other police forces.

The day at Hanningfield Reservoir aimed to upskill police and partners around wildlife crime and issues.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC), the Environment Agency and Essex Police ran stalls focusing on key areas such as firearms licencing, traps, deer poaching, fishing and responsible shooting.

The day was well attended with staff from the



Metropolitan and Suffolk Police and a huge range of agencies present.

## HUNTING CAUTION

A male legally hunting in Essex has been given a conditional caution following an investigation by RET.

The team found he had shot two ducks and a partridge. These birds cannot be hunted at this time of year due to it being 'closed season'.

The shooter was not aware of the law in



relation to what quarry can be shot at different times of the year, and was not able to identify different bird species.

## ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITIES

April saw the team attend the Writtle Parish Council AGM where we presented on RET's role.



We also carried out a combined dog and heritage event at Gosbecks Archaeological Park in Colchester.





## NATIONAL INTEREST

RET welcomed Sgt McKirdy from Cumbria Police for a two day visit.

Cumbria Police are interested in setting



up their own rural policing team and came to see how we run our team and what issues we tackle.

April also saw the Home Office visit Essex Police and ask to speak to RET. The team gave a presentation on our work.



## SWANS REMEMBERED

Following the killing of a number of swans in Coggeshall earlier this year, RET were pleased to see the community come together to unveil a memorial bench. Members of the team met with the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP and members of



the local community.

The bench was made by a local carpenter and donated to the village.

In an emergency, wildlife crime should be reported on 999. Non urgent incidents can be reported on 101 or via the website.

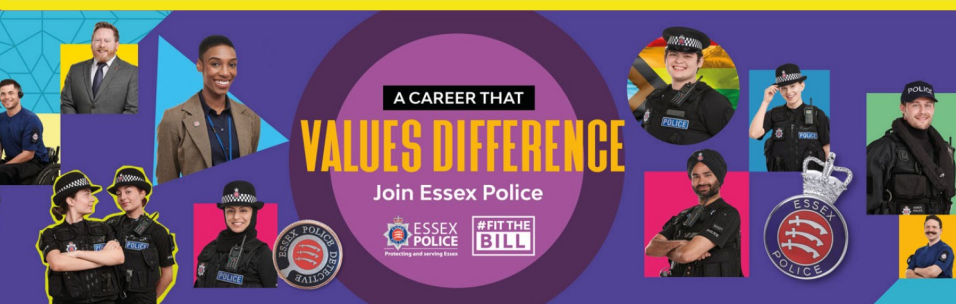


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You can report non-emergency crime by calling **101** or by using **Digital 101**, our quick and easy to use online service that's available at any time.



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



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