



NATIONAL RURAL CRIME WEEK 6th October – 13th October 2019



National Rural Crime Week is led by the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) and supported by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN).



Activity is locally supported within Essex being led by the Local Policing Support Unit and supported by the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's office.

MEET THE TEAM

The Rural Engagement Team (RET) has recently expanded as part of Essex Police's dedication to visible policing.

Under the leadership of Chief Inspector Terry Balding, the team work with partner agencies and residents to tackle such issues as unauthorized traveller encampments, hare coursing, night-hawking and flytipping.

RET welcomed four new police constables and a sergeant this autumn, and will be joined by additional officers in early 2020.

RET is a dedicated team of officers whose sole focus is on rural crime, which means Essex Police assure it remains a priority.

The growth of Essex Police as a force follows increased investment from the precept supported by the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst.

When asked about his plans for the team Chief Insp Balding said: "The rural community in Essex is a large part of our county and it has its own challenges. I am determined to protect and serve everyone within it.

"One of our aims is to help those living in more isolated areas feel safe. To do this we will be working with our partners and the local rural and farming communities."




Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: "Over the past three and a half years we have worked hard with our rural communities to tackle criminal activity.

"We have provided advice to prevent crime from happening and support to those who have unfortunately been victims which has been welcomed by those living and working in the rural communities of Essex.

"Since Essex Police launched its dedicated team to fight rural crime in 2017, we have been really impressed with its success and the positive feedback the team has had from our partners. On the back of this, and as a priority in our Police and Crime Plan, we secured funding in 2019-20 to enable this dedicated Rural Engagement Team to expand. The additional growth in the Team announced today will help us work even more closely with our rural communities to help keep them safe."

The national week of action is for rural crime, RET will be carrying out a number of activities throughout the week focusing on issues that affect local business, wildlife and rural communities.

To find out more about the team and what they are doing  @EP_GTRET and click here [CLA East](#) Essex Police

Residents of Essex are invited to join Essex Police and partners at the following events, which are dotted throughout the county and will include crime prevention advice.

All events are free unless stated.

ESSEX EVENTS

LOCATION	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Freeport, Braintree nr Clarks Shoe Shop CM77 8YH	Wednesday 09/10/19	Stand – providing Crime Prevention Advice manned by PCSO's & EWLO Terry Fowles	10.00 – 15.00
Perrywood Garden Centre Tiptree CO5 9SX	Thursday 10/10/19	Stand – providing Crime Prevention Advice	10.00 – 15.00
Elsenham – location tbc Please refer to: Essex Police website @EssexPoliceUK Facebook	Friday 11/10/19	Community Safety Partnership – a Rural Information Day. PC, PCSO and EWLO Paul Harris.	11.00 – 16.00
RCCE Village Halls Annual Conference	Saturday 12/10/19	Chief Inspector Terry Balding will introduce the Rural Engagement Team and Stephen Armson-Smith will speak about 'Designing out crime'. Booking essential please contact: sara.ward@essexrcc.org.uk Fee for non-members of RCCE	9:30am -3pm Booking essential
Fyfield Village Hall Houchin Drive Fyfield CM5 0RG			

CAN YOU AFFORD TO THROW £150 AWAY?



We all Love Essex and want to keep our county looking its best. But, keeping Essex clean and tidy is costing the tax payer over £17 million a year!

That's why local authorities across Essex are working in partnership with KFC and McDonalds restaurants to continue the battle against litter. Anyone caught throwing litter out of their vehicle will now face increased Fixed Penalty Notices from £75 up to £150, or upon

conviction in a court, a maximum fine of £2,500 plus all costs awarded.

See it, report it: If you see someone littering you may be able to report it to your local authority.

To do this you will need to provide:

Date and time of offence

Location

Descriptions of individual (or individuals) who committed the Littering offence

Vehicle details; make, model, colour, registration

Type of litter

To learn more about the LOVE ESSEX campaign please [click here](#)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Love Essex is excited to announce the Love Essex Fund, offering microgrants of up to £500, to help organisations and individuals to support residents to reduce their household waste.

The Love Essex Fund will support local organisations and individuals who are inspiring residents and providing innovative ideas that promote repair, reuse and recycling, ultimately preventing waste being thrown away in the home.

Funding will be provided to local, innovative projects which:

- Reduce the amount of household waste being thrown away
- Prevent specific types of waste from being thrown away
- Make use of recycled, reused or reclaimed materials from the household
- Inspire people and communities to be creative and sustainable with their waste
- Provide skills and opportunities to build an environmentally sustainable community

To find out more and get involved please contact Love Essex directly [website](#)

STALKING CAMPAIGN AIMS TO HELP YOU SEE THE SIGNS



Waking to find someone in your bedroom, never sleeping, being afraid to look at your phone, always looking over your shoulder – these are some of the nightmare realities often faced by victims of stalking.

But now the launch of a new campaign aims to give victims the support they need to get help to end their ordeal and bring perpetrators to justice.

The campaign, which is led by the tagline ‘Stalking is a crime: if you see the signs, we’ll see the bigger picture’, is being spearheaded by Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB).

The campaign aims to raise awareness to help people recognise the signs of stalking both if they believe they are a victim or suspect someone else may be.

One woman from Maldon who became a victim of stalking at the hands of a former partner after a three-month relationship ended, has welcomed the campaign. Speaking about her ordeal she said: “Even now with him in prison I’m finding it hard to feel safe.

“In the beginning he was charming and caring, but gradually he became more controlling and suffocating in our relationship.

“When I tried to break free things went really wrong – he broke into my house and walked into my bedroom as I slept.

“He even installed a letter box on my home while I was working abroad to intercept my post and was constantly messaging and calling day and night.

“Even when we broke up I couldn’t get away. Over time I found the strength to tell the police and now he has been jailed, but the mental and emotional abuse I endured will never leave me.

“If you think you are being stalked there is help out there – please don’t suffer in silence.”

The campaign is run by SETDAB, an organisation made up of representatives from agencies and organisations working to join up and better facilitate Southend, Essex and Thurrock’s vision where everyone lives a life free from domestic abuse. It has been launched in response to a large rise in stalking offences in the county. In 2018 there were 656 stalking offences recorded in Essex compared to 207 in 2017. In 2018 there were also 635 separate victims identified and 508 named suspects. Of the 635 victims 78 per cent were women and 77 per cent of the suspects were men.

To read the full article please [click here](#)

If you think you’re being stalked and need help, visit www.setdab.org or call Changing Pathways on 01268 729707.

In an emergency always call 999.



FCN IS HERE TO HELP

The Farming Community Network (FCN) is a charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

In order to do this FCN have a helpline: 03000 111 999 via which you can speak to a sympathetic individual any time from 7am to 11pm. You can also email: help@fcn.org.uk

Many issues are dealt with over the phone but for those that are more complex or need the personal touch, FCN have over 400 volunteers nationally who are able to come out and visit you and be by your side until the problem or issue has been solved. Most people turn to FCN because of financial troubles, in particular, issues surrounding the Basic Payment Scheme and low market values, but increasingly FCN is helping people deal with a variety of issues, such as poor mental health, animal welfare, tenancy issues, relationship breakdowns and bereavements. FCN offers a discrete third party who farmers and their families can confide in and trust.

Farming in Essex is a tight knit community and so confidentiality is of paramount importance. Around 6,000 people a year benefit from FCN’s service and our volunteers take on approximately 2,500 cases per year.

FCN rely on fundraising to cover the costs of the helpline and the mileage undertaken by their volunteers as they go about their work. FCN are a Christian charity, underpinned by Christian values, however they are non-evangelising and support is provided to anyone for as long as it is needed. Essex is fortunate in having an active and enthusiastic group of volunteers who spend their time promoting FCN by attending events and shows, fundraising and doing the casework to help people locally. FCN are very fortunate to have Revd.

Janet Nicholls as their FCN Chaplain for the group and if anybody is interested in getting involved with FCN, please contact: Janet Nicholls - janetnicholls64@hotmail.co.uk or Philip Wilson - philip.wilson.fcnc@gmail.com
Please spread the word that FCN is there to help.

VILLAGE HALLS CONFERENCE – 12TH OCTOBER 2019



RCCE'S annual village halls conference will take place this year on Saturday 12th October 2019 from 10am – 3pm at Fyfield Village Hall.

To reserve your place, please contact: sara.ward@essexrcc.org.uk

NALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 – Date 28/29 October 2019



NALC'S Annual Conference and Exhibition 2019 is an essential event for anyone interested in the role of local (parish and town) councils in strengthening their communities. So join them and other parts of the public, private and voluntary

sectors to discuss some of the key policy issues of the moment affecting the country and communities.

The event will reinforce NALC'S vision for local councils to be the natural focus for a range of public activity and service delivery; giving a democratic voice to those communities working in partnership with other agencies.

This vision puts local councils at the heart of building stronger communities in a post-Brexit world.

This will be a unique opportunity for councilors, clerks, county association officers, exhibitors and sponsors to network and share good practice, and to gain solutions to local issues which can help build stronger communities.

Now established as the biggest event in the local government calendar for local council

To find out more please [click here](#)

FULL ERP MEETING DATES For 2019

Date: Tuesday 15th October

Time: 10:30am start - Finish 2pm (Lunch included)

Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse



IS HARE COURSING HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

HARE COURSING IS ILLEGAL

Please call 999 if you are witnessing criminal activity right now

If you have any information about hare coursing in your area, please let us know by:

- Reporting online (www.essex.police.uk/doltonline)
- Calling 101
- To remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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