More people in Essex tell us about crime

Crimestoppers in Essex received another record number of crime reports during the 12 months to March this year – up 11 per cent on the previous record year. Between April last year and March this year, nearly 6,500 reports about crimes or criminals were given to Crimestoppers. That’s an average 125 reports every week.

Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up about crime – 100 per cent anonymously.

The latest figures for the county include big increases in reports about possession of weapons, domestic abuse, drink driving, drugs and immigration offences.

- Possession of weapons
- Domestic abuse
- Drink driving
- Drug trafficking
- Immigration offences

A growing network of community partners and Ambassadors have made a significant contribution to performance by sharing Crimestoppers information with vulnerable people and residents in wider communities.

The increase in reporting crime has been supported by targeted campaigns including:

- Smuggling around airfields and marinas
- Countryside crime
- Drugs gangs using mobile phones
- Gangs taking over homes
- Theft of family gold

Almost half of those who contact the charity, by phone and online, are under the age of 35, which highlights that younger people trust Crimestoppers’ anonymous service. In addition, one in five people who contact Crimestoppers are from black or minority groups. This is key for engaging with communities that don’t feel comfortable talking to police.

As a direct result of Crimestoppers information passed to the police during 2017/18, more than 500 people were arrested and charged in Essex.

Speak up about crime. Stay safe.

0800 555 111

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Clear message on CSE

During the past year, Crimestoppers nationally received over 2,000 reports on CSE crime. The intelligence ranged from examples of paedophiles who are acting collectively on social media to adults encouraging young girls to become hooked on drugs before abusing them. A common feature of CSE is that the child or young person does not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and does not see themselves as a victim of exploitation. This means that they are unlikely to report the abuse so others around them must be alert to the signs of CSE and report concerns to the authorities.

Crimestoppers’ encourages parents, teachers and young people to visit the Fearless website fearless.org and download the educational resources and accompanying PowerPoint on CSE. CEOP’s ‘Thinkuknow’ educational programme resource is excellent for educating young people on recognising the signs of this issue and how to report it.

If you believe that someone you know is abusing a child then call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or use the anonymous online form.

New pocket card and leaflet

A new style A7 size pocket card and an A6 leaflet is now available for distribution. The card and leaflet explain about Crimestoppers and the services it offer and are ideal for giving to clients or customers or leaving on counters.

The more information given about crime, the safer communities will be.

Keep alert

New one page email notices to help keep communities safer. These can be emailed or printed for distribution.

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