

June 2024

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

The Rural Engagement Team were delighted to be invited to the Essex Schools Food and Farming day at Anglia Ruskin University Writtle.

3000 primary school children attended the show to learn about food, farming and rural issues.



RET were part of the emergency services area with colleagues from Fire, Ambulance and Lowland Search and Rescue.


The team took along an interactive display of wildlife items, including elephant tusks, rhino horns and animal

skins to teach children about endangered species and the international trade in ivory and other items.

We also had our popular 'try on' police uniforms and the chance to sit in one of our 4x4 marked vehicles.

The day was a huge success with hundreds of children visiting our stand.

We are looking forward to returning next year.



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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DIGITAL 101



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essex.police.uk

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

SUMMER IN FULL SWING

As summer warms up the team have been out and about around the county attending community events.

We displayed at the Colchester Police Station open day at the start of June. This very popular event saw police join forces with the Army's Royal Military Police and Bomb Disposal team to provide really interesting displays about our work.

We also visited the Great Tey Village Show and met some of the latest additions to the community...baby goats.



Meanwhile, two visits were carried out in Burnham on Crouch. First we visited St Marys primary school for a talk about the role of a police officer, staying safe and road safety.



Then we displayed at the Burnham on Crouch Summer Fete, handing out crime prevention advice on a range of matters.



Lastly, we enjoyed our day at the Tiptree Jam Village Fete. Always a great event and well attended. The team did well not to eat too many cream teas!

Summer is always a busy time of year for the team, fitting in as many engagement events as possible.

Looking forward, we will be at the Tendring Show and Dengie Emergency Services Days in July, and the Countess of Warwick Show in August.



TEAM TRAINING

RET continue to innovate and stay ahead of criminals.

Identifying stolen recovered stolen property can be challenging, especially with construction and agricultural machinery.



The team welcomed Data Tag to HQ for some training around the CESAR property marking system.

Unique to the vehicle, the CESAR system uses a hard to remove sticker and codes to help police identify the legitimate owner of stolen items.



RIFLE SEIZED

RET responded to reports of males armed with a rifle shooting at wildlife in Colne Point nature reserve.

Officers searched the area and found the males, along with an air rifle and ammunition.

Fortunately, enquiries showed no birds were harmed so the rifle will be destroyed by Police.

Possession of a loaded air rifle in a public place is an offence. You must always have permission to shoot on the land you are using.

ENCAMPMENTS

The team have been out across Essex managing any reports of unauthorised encampments.

Traditionally, summer is travelling season for the Gypsy, Romany, Traveller community. RET manage all reports of unauthorised encampments to ensure the law, which can be complex, is applied correctly and consistently and the rights of both the travelling community and local residents are safeguarded.



So far this year we have had 33 encampments. We have used our police powers to require encampments to move 5 times.

RET work with encampments and local communities to minimise disruption.



D DAY 80 PARADE

RET provided support to the D Day 80 celebrations this month.

Officers attended the Colchester City war memorial to provide additional security to the large military parade.

RET often help local Community Policing Teams with events and operations, providing staff and specialist skills.



KEEPING YOU SAFE

The team have been keeping people safe in many ways during June.

We deployed our new TruCam speed camera to the A130 where we caught several speeders, including one driving at 103 mph. His penalty ticket is in the post and he will be facing a driving ban at court.



In Colchester, a three year old child was reported missing in Highwoods Country Park.

RET were on scene within three minutes from the call being taken and found the child safe and well. They were swiftly reunited with carers.



Digital 101

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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