

**Tendring Police**

**August 2025**



## Monthly message

Hi everyone,

Hope you're enjoying the sunshine and making the most of summer in Tendring! I'm Stuart Austin, your District Commander, and I just wanted to share a quick update on what's been going on.

Summers in full swing, and with more visitors heading our way—especially for big events like the Clacton Airshow (which, depending on when you're reading this, is either just around the corner or has just wowed the crowds)—we've got a solid policing plan in place to keep things running smoothly. You'll see plenty of officers out and about, some in uniform, some working behind the scenes. I'll be there too, so if you spot me, come and say hello! We'll also be using our Live Facial Recognition vans to help identify people wanted for serious crimes. It's clever tech, and if you're curious about how it works, our officers are more than happy to chat and answer any questions.

Now, there's loads going on across the district right now, and you'll read about plenty of great work in this month's edition. But just to give you a flavour, here are a few highlights from our teams:

In Harwich, we've charged one individual with 11 shop thefts and secured a Criminal Behaviour Order to keep him out of a particular store.

In Clacton, another male has been charged with multiple thefts and breaching his Public Spaces Protection Order. We're standing firm behind our local businesses, they're the heartbeat of our community, and we're not letting crime get in the way.

We've also wrapped up a case from earlier this year where a man broke into several Harwich businesses. He's now been sentenced to two years and eleven months in prison—a great result for the community.

We're currently investigating a series of vehicle break-ins, so just a friendly reminder: keep your cars locked and valuables out of sight, especially in this warm weather when windows might be left open.

And yes, we're still tackling street drinking in Clacton and other town centres. Our Town Centre team is on it, making sure public spaces stay safe and welcoming for everyone.

Lastly, policing has once again been in the spotlight this summer, and it's natural for people to have opinions. But behind the headlines, our officers are out there every day making tough calls—often in seconds—all with the aim of keeping people safe. We don't always get it perfect, but we're here to serve, protect, and support our community. That's our promise.

Thanks again for your continued support. We'll keep showing up, making arrests when needed, and doing everything we can to keep Tendring safe.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin

District Commander Tendring





## Tendring Officers Join Summer Celebrations Across the District

It was a busy and rewarding weekend for the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team, who took part in two vibrant community events: the Brightlingsea Music Festival and the Dovercourt Fire Station Open Day.

Alongside their regular duties, officers were on hand to engage with residents and visitors, offering crime prevention advice, answering questions, and simply enjoying the chance to connect with the community in a relaxed setting.

The Brightlingsea Music Festival brought together families, local performers, and businesses for a lively celebration of music and culture, while the Dovercourt Fire Station Open Day offered interactive demonstrations and a behind-the-scenes look at emergency services in action.

These events provided fantastic opportunities for officers to strengthen relationships with the public, promote safety messages, and show their support for local initiatives.

A big thank you to the organisers for inviting us and making us part of your community celebrations!





## Tendring officers deliver results in weekend crime crackdown

It's been a high-impact weekend for the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team, with a series of proactive operations leading to notable arrests and recoveries across the district.

During one operation, a suspect fled from officers during a stop but was swiftly tracked down and arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs. He was also recalled to prison, reinforcing the team's commitment to tackling drug-related crime.

In Mistley, two Section 8 warrants were obtained and executed, resulting in the arrest of an individual for possession with intent to supply after both Class A and B drugs were discovered on the premises.

Meanwhile, in Clacton, officers recovered two stolen vehicles in separate incidents. A black Ford was confirmed as stolen and successfully retrieved, while a grey Range Rover also reported stolen, was located following minor collision damage.

These results reflect the dedication and effectiveness of the Tendring team in disrupting criminal activity and safeguarding local communities. Through targeted enforcement and swift action, officers continue to make a visible difference across the district.





## Clacton officers crack down on road offences during patrols

The Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team has been busy conducting proactive patrols across the town, leading to multiple vehicle seizures and enforcement actions.

On Tuesday 5 August, officers stopped a vehicle on Old Road due to a defective nearside brake light. Further checks revealed the driver was not insured to drive the vehicle, relying instead on his brother's insurance policy, which did not provide valid cover. The vehicle was seized, and the driver was reported at the scene.



Just days later, on Sunday 10 August, officers spotted a blue Mercedes in the town centre. A quick check revealed the driver did not hold a valid driving licence. Once again, the vehicle was seized and the driver dealt with accordingly.

These incidents highlight the team's ongoing commitment to road safety and their visible presence in the community. Through regular patrols and swift enforcement, officers are helping to keep Clacton's roads safer for everyone.



## Persistent offender charged following multiple breaches and assault

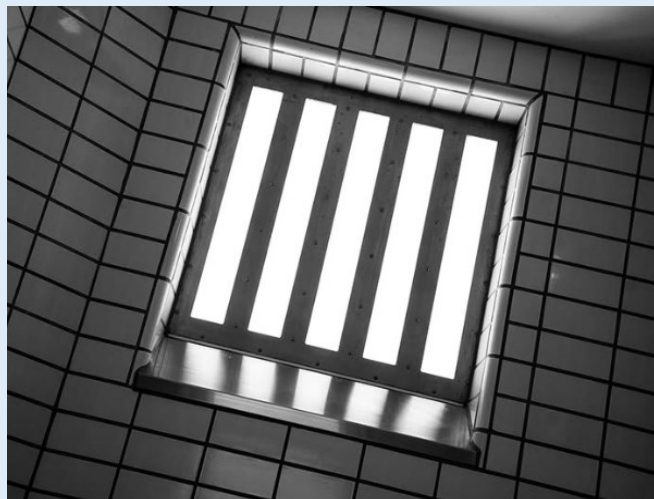
A prolific shoplifter in Tendring has been charged following a series of offences that included breaches of a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), shoplifting, and assault.

The 45-year-old man was issued a CBO by Chelmsford Crown Court on 15 July 2024, prohibiting him from entering Farmfoods, Marks & Spencer, Boots, and Co-op stores across Tendring. The order remains in effect until July 2029.

Despite the restrictions, on 6 July 2025, he entered two Co-op stores in Clacton, on Coopers Lane and Old Road, violating the terms of the order. The following day, he entered One Stop on St. John's Road, Clacton, where he assaulted the store manager during a confrontation.

In total, the man has been charged with three counts of shoplifting, two breaches of the CBO, and one count of common assault. His arrest came after a vigilant PCSO spotted him in Clacton town centre and promptly detained him, recognising he was wanted.

He is currently remanded in custody, with his next court appearance scheduled for 2 September 2025.



## Enforcement team welcomed during countywide road safety patrols

Essex Police's enforcement team carried out proactive patrols across the county, including key locations in Tendring. Officers were met with a warm reception from the public, with residents and road users expressing support for the visible police presence.

In North Essex alone, 70 offences were recorded, with patrols covering areas such as Maldon Road in Sandon, Station Road in Manningtree/Mistley, and Tye Hill in Lawford. Across Essex, a total of 504 offences were identified over the week.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of officers, staff, and partners from the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP), the team was able to extend its reach into rural communities that may not regularly see enforcement activity.





## Building connections in Clacton, joint patrols with UTurn Charity

On Friday 8 August, PCSOs from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team joined forces with the UTurn Charity for joint patrols in Clacton Town Centre, strengthening ties with the community and supporting young people.

UTurn works with local youth aged 9–18, offering practical guidance and support around issues such as violent crime, exploitation, and challenging life experiences. The joint patrols gave officers and charity workers a chance to engage directly with young people and residents, offering reassurance and advice in a relaxed, approachable setting.

During the patrols, the team also visited Clacton Pier, where carnival week was in full swing. The lively atmosphere provided a perfect backdrop for positive engagement, with officers and UTurn staff connecting with families and visitors enjoying the festivities.

Collaborations like this highlight the value of partnership working in community policing, bringing together local organisations to make a real difference on the ground.





## Tendring officers secure shop theft charges against Harwich man

Tendring's Neighbourhood Policing Team has charged a 34-year-old man from Harwich with 11 counts of shop theft following a series of incidents in Clacton town centre.

Between 1 June and 22 July, officers investigated multiple thefts, primarily involving food items from stores on Main Road and the High Street. The incidents were believed to be linked, and the suspect was arrested on 7 August.

He was also charged with two breaches of a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), issued by Chelmsford Crown Court in July 2024, which prohibits him from entering several stores in Tendring until July 2029. Additionally, he faces one count of common assault following a confrontation at a local shop.

The man appeared at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court the following day and is currently remanded in custody.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin, District Commander for Tendring, said: "I know that thefts from shops have a significant impact on businesses, and I am committed to tackling the issue."



## Clacton officers join carnival to celebrate community spirit

On Saturday 9 August, officers from the Clacton Town Centre Neighbourhood Policing Team took part in the Clacton Carnival procession, engaging with residents and visitors during one of the town's most popular annual events.

Their involvement offered a chance to connect with the public in a relaxed setting, reinforcing the team's commitment to community engagement.

Thanks to the organisers for bringing people together and making the event a success.





## A special visit to Clacton Police Station

On Wednesday 13 August, Clacton Police Station was honoured to welcome a very special guest, Oscar Gillmore who was presented with a Chief Constable's Commendation in recognition of his outstanding commitment. Last year, Oscar raised an incredible £3,255 in support of the Tendring Police Christmas Appeal.

Oscar, aged 10, attended the presentation with his mum, dad, nan, and younger brother Harry. The Chief Constable of Essex Police, BJ Harrington, marked the occasion by presenting Oscar with his certificate and a gift bag, and instead of a traditional handshake, they shared a celebratory fist pump!

Tendring's District Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Austin, was also in attendance to celebrate Oscar's achievement and welcome him to the station.

Missing Person Liaison Officer Jamie Skipper, who runs the Tendring Police Christmas Appeal, was present to personally thank Oscar for his incredible contribution and support.

To make the day even more memorable, retired police dog Baloo and her handler Mandy joined the celebration. Oscar and his family were gifted hand-knitted Baloo keepsakes as a special memento.

It was a proud and heart-warming moment for everyone involved. Thank you, Oscar, for your inspiring efforts and dedication.





## Vigilant PCSOs on it again!

On Thursday 14 August, while out and about in Clacton, a report came in of a female stealing meat from a butcher in the town centre. The informant kept eyes on the suspect and remained in contact with police, providing updates throughout.

PCSOs Paul and Dan responded quickly and located the female, along with a male, near the adventure golf on the seafront.

- The female was detained and later arrested by attending officers.
- Checks on the male revealed he had initially provided false details. Once identified, he was found to be wanted for a recall to prison and a fail to appear warrant. He was arrested too!

*Great teamwork from the informant, B Shift NPT officers, and PCSOs!*



## Unlicensed driver stopped during Jaywick patrol

On Thursday 14 August, officers from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team stopped a silver Vauxhall during proactive patrols in Jaywick.

Checks revealed the driver did not hold a valid licence or insurance. The insured party listed on the policy only had a provisional licence, meaning the vehicle was not legally covered.

As a result, the car was seized, and the driver was reported for multiple offences.





## **Tendring officers join VJ Day Commemoration in Manningtree**

On Friday 15 August, officers from the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Manningtree to mark Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day).

This year's event commemorated 80 years since the end of World War Two, offering a moment of reflection and remembrance shared with the local community.

The team was proud to stand alongside residents in honouring those who served and sacrificed.



## **PCSOs support Summer Safety tour in Clacton**

On Friday 15 August, PCSOs from the Town Centre Neighbourhood Policing Team took part in the Tendring District Council Summer Safety Tour in Clacton.

Joined by partner agencies, they engaged with the community, answered questions, and shared practical tips to help residents and visitors stay safe throughout the summer season.





## Tendring DAIT update August 2025

Hello once again from all of us here at the Colchester DAIT Hub. We are a team that facilitates the response to domestic abuse incidents across the districts that require specialist investigation and progression.

Clacton on Sea is a town that forms part of our geographical policing area – in the summer months Clacton sees a great increase in footfall owing to the characteristic seaside attractions, sandy beach and Pier which has been a staple attraction of the Essex coastline since 1871. As a department dealing with domestic incidents, we too see increased demand as more people come into our geographical area on their holidays. Sadly, holidays are not always the fun and exciting time that they are supposed to be. For those who are living in a relationship that involved domestic violence or control, such changes in routine can sometimes mean an increased risk to those in that dynamic.



My message to the wider public this month, is if you are coming to Clacton on Sea as a visitor for the holiday period, we take just the same approach to you as any resident of the area. We will not stand for violence against women and girls and we will use all of the tools available to us to ensure that those who think they can cause harm are brought to justice. Whether visiting for the airshow, a holiday park break – or enjoyment of the wider locale of the Tendring district – we pride ourselves that our local policing area is a safe and supportive place. If you are at risk – or you know someone who is, please call Essex Police using the details below – or reach out to our Next Chapter partners.

This month has seen yet more good news stories for our department, with multiple sentences of violent and dangerous offenders at court – resulting in incarceration of those who are doing harm within our communities, specifically within the realm of violence against women and girls.

Many victims aren't aware of the help available. Police officers play a vital role by sharing information about legal rights, support services, and safety options. Empowering survivors with knowledge helps them make informed choices about their future.

As always – we will continue to do our best to safeguard/support the vulnerable and bring the perpetrators of domestic violence to justice. The people of Clacton, Colchester and Braintree can be reassured that we are here, and we are active in our communities.

Molestation orders are protective and preventative measures designed to safeguard individuals from domestic abuse. They also give police the power to act if the conditions of the order are breached.

These orders are often issued in partnership with The Next Chapter, a charity supporting people affected by domestic abuse across Tendring, Colchester, Maldon, Chelmsford, Braintree, and Uttlesford. Their services are free and confidential. Need support? Visit [thenextchapter.org.uk](https://thenextchapter.org.uk) You can also reach Essex Police online: [www.essex.police.uk](https://www.essex.police.uk) Call 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency)

If you believe you're a victim of domestic abuse and want to speak with our team confidentially, call 101 or complete the online form at Report Domestic Abuse, [www.essex.police.uk](https://www.essex.police.uk) The form takes 5–10 minutes, so please ensure you're in a safe place before starting.

Until next month, stay safe & make good choices! – and enjoy this beautiful weather while it lasts, wherever you are.

**PC ELSEY – COLCHESTER DAIT HUB**





## Road safety enforcement in Clacton yields 72 offences

As part of our commitment to road safety, Roads Policing Unit officers joined your Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team and carried out joint Vision Zero activities on Monday 18 August.

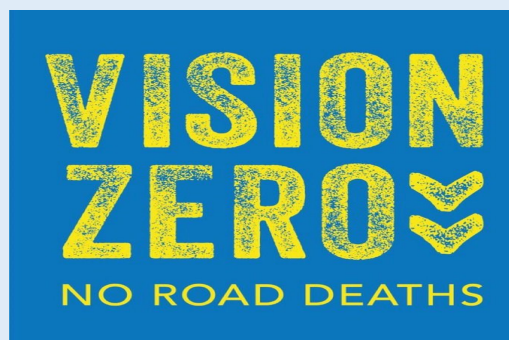
The operation highlighted the ongoing need to address dangerous driving behaviours and reinforce the message that road safety is everyone's responsibility.

It focused on tackling Fatal Four offences which contribute to serious and fatal collisions, while promoting road safety. Speeds were monitored across the district and at a static site, where speed enforcement was carried out throughout the day.

The team's efforts resulted in a highly productive outcome, with a total of 72 offences dealt with by way of traffic offence reports (TORs) for offences that included:

- 12 mobile phone offences
- 4 uninsured vehicles were seized and drivers reported
- 42 seatbelt offences
- 1 offence relating to illegal window tints
- 1 insecure load
- 2 unroadworthy cars reported for MOT defects
- 1 unroadworthy car issued with a prohibition notice, preventing it from being driven any further until rectified

The high number of people not wearing seatbelts was particularly concerning: it's the law and could save your life and that's why road safety is a force priority.





## Marine Unit strengthens community ties at Brightlingsea Regatta

During the last weekend of July, Essex Police's Marine Unit attended the Brightlingsea Regatta, engaging with the local marine community and partner agencies. Officers set up their water search equipment on the hard, offering visitors a closer look at the tools used in coastal operations and explaining the unit's role along the Essex shoreline.

On the Saturday, they provided a valuable opportunity to dispel common myths about the Marine Unit's responsibilities and the areas it covers. Officers spoke with members of the public about water safety, enforcement, and how the unit supports wider policing efforts across the county's waterways.

On Sunday, the team returned aboard RHIB Sentinel, this time connecting directly with river users on the River Colne and Brightlingsea Creek. Officers offered practical water safety advice, shared information about local byelaws, and worked alongside the Brightlingsea Harbour Master to support safe and responsible use of the water.

The Marine Unit's presence at the regatta highlighted its commitment to community engagement and proactive policing, ensuring Essex's coastal areas remain safe, welcoming, and well-informed.





## Marine patrols tackle antisocial behaviour on Essex waters

Over the weekend, 9th/10th August, the Essex Police's Marine Unit was out on patrol along the coast, beginning in Harwich aboard the Police Launch Toby Speller. After engaging with the marine community at Ha'penny Pier, the team travelled down the River Colne as part of Operation Wave-Breaker, a targeted initiative to address antisocial behaviour on the water.

Reports of personal watercraft being ridden at high speeds near swimmers and dinghy sailors in Brightlingsea prompted officers to intervene. Several riders were stopped and issued warnings, and one 36-year-old man from Romford was reported for breaching local byelaws. His details will be passed to the local council for prosecution.

The patrol continued through Brightlingsea, West Mersea, and Steeple Bay near Maldon, where further warnings were issued to individuals putting others at risk.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Marine Unit, Essex Police is helping to ensure that the county's waterways remain safe, secure, and accessible for all users.





Tammy is our Fraud Prevention Coordinator for the Tendring District and regularly visits community and support groups in the Tendring area, talking about fraud and scam prevention. If you know a group that you feel would benefit from a visit, please email Tammy at:

[42079913@essex.police.uk](mailto:42079913@essex.police.uk)

## ***Tammy's top scam alert this month!***

### **Employment Scams Linked to TikTok**

We've seen a rise in employment scams connected to TikTok and other social media platforms. These scams often target young job seekers, particularly those aged 18 to 34, and are disguised as remote work or content creation roles.

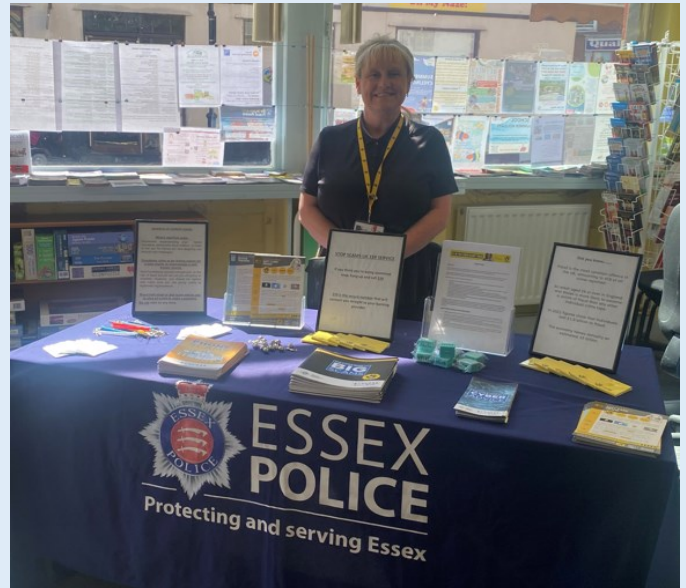
Victims are enticed with offers of easy online task, such as liking TikTok videos or reviewing hotels—with promises of high commissions and flexible work-from-home arrangements. However, scammers typically demand upfront payments, known as "advance fees," for things like application processing, training, background checks, or visa sponsorship.

Once the payment is made, communication usually stops, and victims are blocked.

Some scams involve cryptocurrency wallets or platforms for task completion. In more serious cases, victims are manipulated into forwarding money or acting as intermediaries—unwittingly becoming money mules. This can lead to serious consequences, including a criminal record.

#### **Tips to avoid job scams:**

1. Be cautious of unsolicited job adverts or offers that promise easy money, especially those found on social media. If you come across one, report it to Action Fraud.
2. Legitimate employers will never ask for payment during the application process or request you to use your own bank account to transfer money. Do not agree to this under any circumstances.
3. Always verify recruiters and companies independently. Conduct your own research and do not rely solely on links



# Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

Our Fraud Prevention Co-ordinator for North Essex, Tammy, recently delivered a talk to a newly launched community group at St Osyth Village Hall.

The group gave a warm welcome and were very appreciative of the fraud prevention advice and resource packs provided. It's great to see new community initiatives engaging with important topics like fraud awareness.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Tammy for continuing to support and protect our communities!



On Saturday 16 August, Tammy and Frinton & Walton PCSO Michele attended the Mind, Body & Spirit Event at the Columbine Centre in Walton.

Several stallholders shared experiences of having been victims of fraud. It was a well-attended and engaging day with a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Events like these are a fantastic opportunity to connect with residents, raise awareness, and build trust within our communities.

## **Tammy's events arranged in Tendring**

**Thursday 28 August** – 10am to 1pm - Tendring Summer Safety Tour, Harwich Lower Marine Carpark, 2 Wick Ln, Harwich CO12 3TA.

**Tuesday 2 September** – 2pm – Harwich Carers Support Group, Community Centre, 55 Long Meadows, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4US.

**Thursday 11 September** – 2pm - Walton Carers Support Group, Community Centre, Standley Road, CO14 8PT.

**Wednesday 17 September** – 10.30am - Harwich Guild at The United Services Club, Barrack Lane, Harwich CO12 3NS.

**Thursday 18 September** – 10am to 1pm – St Helena Coffee Morning, Walton Community Forum, CO14 8BD

**Wednesday 1 October** – 10am – 1.30pm - Tendring International Day of the Older Person, Princes Theatre, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE.

*If you know a group that would benefit from a visit, please get in touch with Tammy at: [42079913@essex.police.uk](mailto:42079913@essex.police.uk)*





*The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during August /September 2025*

*Please come along if you have a questions about crime in the area or wish to make us aware of issues affecting the community. All Welcome, no appointment needed!*

*Please also see the dates & locations advertised on the Essex Police website under 'Your Area' <https://www.essex.police.uk/area/your-area>*

**In Your Area**



**Wednesday 27 August** - 10.30 to 12.00 - Start up cafe St Andrews Church, St Andrews Close, Alresford, CO7 8BL.

**Wednesday 27 August** – 10.30 to 11.30 - Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD.

**Thursday 28 August** – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Thursday 28 August** – 10.00 to 11.00 - Emmanuel Church, New Pier St, Walton on the Naze CO14 8EB.

**Friday 29 August** – 10.00 to 12.00 - Walton Food bank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

**Friday 29 August** – 10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Monday 1 September** - 10.00 to 11.00— Walton Forum Re-opening, Walton High Street, Walton, CO14 8AG.

**Tuesday 2 September** – 10.00 to 11.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE.

**Wednesday 3 September** – 17.00 to 19.00 – The Afro Caribbean drop in, Pier Avenue Baptist Church, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1NZ.

**Friday 5 September** - 10.30 to 12.00 – Great Bentley Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, Forge Lane, CO7 8PQ.

**Saturday 6 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Sunday 7 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Monday 8 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

**Monday 8 September** – 10.00 to 11.00 - The Council Offices, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, CO7 0BP.

**Tuesday 9 September** – 10.00 to 12.00 - Oasis Café, Frinton Free Church, Connaught Avenue, Frinton on Sea, CO13 9PW.

**Tuesday 9 September** – 15.00 to 16.00 - Costa Coffee, Clacton Common Factory Shopping Village, Stephenson Road W, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4TL.

**Friday 12 September** – 15.00 to 16.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Saturday 13 September** – 15.00 to 16.00 - Costa Coffee, Waterglade Retail Park, Next, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.



**Monday 15 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Tuesday 16 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Wednesday 17 September** – 10.30 to 11.30 – Walk & Talk, Dovercourt High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3AJ.

**Wednesday 17 September** – 14.00 to 15.00 - Costa Coffee, T Grove Brook Park West, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Thursday 18 September** – 10.00 to 12.00 - Walton Forum, St Helena 'More Cake the Merrier' event, Walton High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8AG.

**Saturday 20 September** – 10.00 to 12.00 – Tendring Council Skate Park Jam event, Hall Lane, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8QA.

**Monday 22 September** – 15.00 to 16.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE

**Wednesday 24 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Wednesday 24 September** – 10.00 to 11.00 – The Village Hall, Clacton Road, St Osyth, Clacton on Sea, CO16 8PE.

**Thursday 25 September** – 10.00 to 11.00 – The Brooklands Community Shop, 12 Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, CO15 2JP.

**Thursday 25 September** – 11.30 to 12.30 - - Kennedy Way Community Garden, Kennedy Way, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AB.

**Thursday 25 September**— 10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Thursday 25 September**—10.00 to 11.00 - Emmanuel Church, New Pier St, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8EB.

**Friday 26 September**—10.00 to 12.00 - Walton Foodbank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

**Friday 26 September**—10.30 to 11.30— Walk & Talk at Dovercourt Market, High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3AJ.

**Monday 29 September** – 10.00 to 11.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE.

**Monday 29 September** – 10.00 to 12.00 – Men's Walk and talk, leaving Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton on Sea CO13 0AU.



*We are always looking for new locations, please let us know if you have somewhere you would like us to visit with a 'Let's Talk' event in Tendring or a local Community group where you can also receive crime prevention advice and speak to an officer in person.*

*Any suggestions can be sent to our dedicated email [tendringNPT@essex.police.uk](mailto:tendringNPT@essex.police.uk)*







## You Said, We Did – July Update

We've been listening to your concerns and taking action across the district. Here's a summary of the key issues raised and how your Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Teams responded:

### ◆ **Antisocial behaviour in Clacton Town Centre and Pier**

Reports of young people engaging in antisocial behaviour affecting residents and local businesses led to the issue of nine Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) and six formal warning letters to parents, reinforcing accountability and promoting safer public spaces.

### ◆ **Wanted individuals detained during patrols in Clacton**

During routine patrols, vigilant Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) successfully identified and detained seven individuals wanted in connection with various offences, demonstrating proactive policing and a strong commitment to community safety.

### ◆ **Street drinkers in Walton High Street**

In response to ongoing concerns regarding street drinkers in Walton, officers have increased patrols and are proactively engaging with individuals to address behaviours and support community wellbeing.

### ◆ **Fires in the woodland area behind Windsor Avenue, Clacton**

Following several reports of fires in the area, officers have worked in partnership with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to attend incidents and conduct reassurance visits, helping to reduce risk and support affected residents.

### ◆ **Off-Road bikes in Dovercourt**

Reports of antisocial behaviour involving off-road motorcycles in Low Road and Dovercourt playing fields have led to increased patrols by Harwich officers. Efforts are ongoing to identify those responsible and prevent further disruption.

### ◆ **Street drinkers in Clacton Town Centre**

Targeted enforcement activity has resulted in three positive outcomes, including the issue of two Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and a successful court outcome for one individual who breached the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

*We're committed to acting on your concerns and working together to keep our communities safe. Your feedback helps shape our priorities, thank you for continuing to share it with us.*



Tendring's Special Constables dedicated an outstanding number of hours throughout July 2025.

This infographic highlights their commitment and impact—true community champions making a real difference!



## My other life

Special Constables, are volunteer police officers. They have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular police officers. But Special Constables volunteer their time to help people and communities across Essex.

Want to know more? Visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/ca/careers/special-constabulary/>





## **CVST Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration**

Monday 25 Aug | 1pm until 4pm, CVST Imperial House, Clacton

Join us for music, crafts, performances & a taste of Ukraine!

All Ukrainian guests, hosts & supporters welcome

Scan the QR code on the poster to book your free tickets via Eventbrite!

Or email: [lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk) | 01255 425692



The poster features a blue background with yellow and white wavy lines on the left and right sides. A large sunflower is in the top right corner, and wheat stalks are in the bottom left corner. The text is centered and reads:

# **UKRAINE**

## **Independence Day Celebration**

Come join us on  
**Monday 25th August**  
**1pm - 4pm**

**CVST Imperial House**  
**Rosemary Road**  
**Clacton**

All Ukrainian guests, hosts/sponsors and supporters welcome!

- Music
- Taste of Ukraine
- Kids Craft Activities
- Performances

**And more!**

**Contact to book or scan QR code:**  
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At the bottom, there are three logos: Essex County Council (three red curved lines), Essex Community Foundation (a stylized 'f' logo), and CVST (a circular logo with three people icons) with the tagline 'BRINGING UNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY'.



# Appeal—Can you help?

Officers investigating a collision in Great Bentley are appealing for witnesses and dash cam footage.

A Nissan Cabstar goods vehicle travelling towards Frating left the road and collided with a tree.

It happened at around 7.10pm on Sunday 3 August at Colchester Road (A133) near the junction with a car auction premises.

All three occupants were taken to hospital after sustaining life changing injuries.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving offences and remains in hospital.

If you have any information, CCTV, dash cam or other footage in relation to this incident, then please get in contact with us.

**Please quote incident 1027 of 3 August** when providing any information to make sure it gets to the right person as quickly as possible.

You can let us know by submitting a report on our website or by using our online Live Chat service which is available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week.

Visit our website [www.essex.police.uk/digital101](http://www.essex.police.uk/digital101) to find out more about our online reporting services.

Alternatively you can call 101. In an emergency always call 999.

If you would like to make an anonymous report you can contact independent charity [@Crimestoppers](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org), by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.



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# Appeal—Can you help?

Detectives investigating an incident in which a man was injured by the driver of a car are appealing for witnesses and dash cam footage.

It was reported that shortly before 5.45pm on Sunday 10 August the driver of a blue Ford Focus was involved in a verbal altercation with a pedestrian as it drove off the forecourt of Parkeston Road Stores, Parkeston Road, Dovercourt.

The driver is described as hitting the victim with the vehicle and dragging the man for up to 20 feet.

The victim, a man in his 20s, sustained a broken ankle.

We are treating this incident as wounding with intent to do GBH.

If you have any information, CCTV, dash cam or other footage in relation to this incident, then please get in contact with us.

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## Thinking of booking a holiday or a quick getaway?

If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Stay scam-savvy by checking online reviews from trusted sources before making any bookings.

- Verify the accommodation exists—use web searches and online maps.
- Make sure your travel company is part of a trade body like ATOL.
- Don't rush—take your time and double-check everything.

For more tips on staying safe while booking, visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/fraud>



## Stay Alert to Email Scams

Before clicking on any email link, especially those related to finance take a moment to verify the sender. Scammers often mimic trusted organisations, using convincing logos and layouts to appear legitimate.

- ◇ Always confirm with your bank directly if you're asked to update or verify any personal details.
- ◇ Avoid clicking on links in emails that seem suspicious or unexpected.
- ◇ Regularly check your bank statements for any unusual activity.

*If something doesn't look right, report it to your bank immediately.*





## Keyless Convenience or Criminal Opportunity?

Keyless entry systems offer modern convenience, just walk up to your car with the fob in your pocket, and voilà, the doors unlock and the engine starts. But this tech-savvy feature is also attracting tech-savvy thieves.

Criminals are now using signal amplifiers to intercept the wireless communication between your car and its fob, tricking your vehicle into unlocking without ever touching it.

### So, how can you protect yourself?

Store smart: Keep your key fob in a Faraday pouch when not in use. These specially lined cases block the signal, making it much harder for thieves to hijack it.

Switch it off: Some vehicles allow you to disable the keyless signal when the car is parked. It's not always obvious how—check your manual or contact your manufacturer for guidance.

Add a layer: Consider using a physical security device like a steering wheel lock. It may seem old-school, but it's a strong visual deterrent and adds an extra barrier.

Keyless entry is here to stay, but with a few simple precautions, you can enjoy the convenience without compromising your car's security.



## Register your CCTV or doorbell camera and help keep your neighbourhood safe.

It's free, secure, and quick to register

Your camera footage could be used to support investigations, bringing criminals to justice, and making your area a safer place to live.

We would only be able to view the location of registered cameras. The camera owner will always be contacted to request any footage.

To learn more, visit our website and search Essex CCTV Registry or visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/cctv-registry/>



## Courier Fraud Alert – Protect yourself & your loved ones

Criminals are using courier fraud to trick people into handing over cash, bank cards, or valuables, often by pretending to be police officers or bank staff.

They'll claim your account is compromised or that you're helping with an investigation. Don't fall for it.

### Spot the Signs:

You're told to withdraw cash or hand over your bank card.

You're asked to keep the call secret.

A fake "courier" is sent to your home to collect items.

The caller claims to be from the police or your bank.

### REMEMBER:

Police or banks will never ask you to hand over money or valuables.

They will never send someone to your home to collect items.

If in doubt, hang up and call 101 or your bank using a trusted number, but make sure the line is fully disconnected first.

*Stay alert. Share this message. Let's stop fraud in its tracks.*



## Falling fast for someone online or know someone who is?

If they're declaring love before you've even met, it could be more scam than soulmate.

Stay alert when a stranger flirts!

Fraudsters use dating sites to build trust, then break it, by asking for money once your guard is down.

Want to know how to stay safe while dating online?

Visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/online-fraud>





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Every day we answer thousands of phone calls from members of the public asking for our help. And we are dedicated to helping people, especially in an emergency.

But we are continuing to see an increase in people ringing 999 for something that isn't an emergency. Just 20% of the calls we are receiving to 999 actually need an emergency response.

So, we are asking people to think about whether they need to call 999. Or if another way of getting in contact us would be better.

By doing this, it will help make sure we are free to answer those phone calls from people who need our help the most.

Calling 999 must be a last resort. You should only use this service if you are reporting an emergency.

## What is an emergency?

Listed below are a few examples of emergencies when it would be necessary to call 999. This is not however an exhaustive list and common sense must prevail.

**General circumstances of an incident reported to the police, when there is or likely to be:**

### Danger to life

use, or immediate threat of use, of violence serious injury to a person and/or serious damage to property.

### Criminal conduct

The crime is, or likely to be serious and in progress.

An offender has just been disturbed at the scene.

An offender has been detained and poses, or is likely to pose a risk to other people.

