

Tendring Police

July 2025



Monthly message

I hope this message finds you well. Policing in Tendring has been particularly busy over the past month, with the hot summer weather drawing thousands of visitors to our district each day. Alongside our operational work, I've been out on my Chief Inspector Tour, visiting local areas and meeting with councillors to hear directly about the issues that matter most to our communities.

It's been incredibly encouraging to see the excellent work being done to tackle local concerns, but we know there's always more to do. My message is simple: we're committed to working hard to reduce crime and bring more offenders to justice. Some may say, "Isn't that what you're supposed to do?"—and my answer is absolutely yes. That's our mission, and it's one I'm proud to lead.

This month, our roads policing officers have been actively enforcing speed limits across the district. While this often sparks debate on social media, it remains one of the most consistent concerns raised by residents during my visits. We're listening, and we're acting.

Our neighbourhood team has also been busy, seizing nuisance e-scooters and e-bikes, and continuing our partnership work with local shops to arrest and charge shoplifters. Our marine unit has been patrolling the coast, making arrests and engaging with communities at fetes, schools, and local events. We believe policing should be visible and part of the community, and we'll continue to attend these events wherever possible.

As the warm weather continues, please remember to secure your vehicles and property, don't leave windows or doors open unattended. Looking ahead, we're preparing for the Clacton Airshow towards the end of August. There will be a significant policing presence to ensure the event remains the fantastic day it always is for our district. I'll be there, and I hope to see many of you too.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin

District Commander Tendring



On Thursday 19 June officers from the Harwich Neighbourhood Policing Team were on patrol when they observed an e-scooter being ridden at speed into Gateway Retail Park, Parkeston. The vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, which permits police to confiscate uninsured vehicles used on public roads.

Later that day, the same team seized a second e-scooter in Weeley, also under the same legislation. One of the scooters was carrying two people, which is both unsafe and illegal!

A reminder to parents and guardians: Privately owned e-scooters are not legal for use on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. They are classed as motor vehicles and must meet strict legal requirements, which most do not.

Please ensure young people are not using e-scooters as a form of transport.

Misuse can lead to:

A £300 fine

6 penalty points on a driving licence

The e-scooter being seized

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under UK law, meaning they must:

Be insured

Be registered with the DVLA

Have MOT and road tax

Meet strict construction and lighting standards

Most private e-scooters do not meet these legal requirements.

There is currently no e-scooter trial in the Tendring district. Only rental e-scooters in approved trial areas are legal, and even then, riders must meet age and licence requirements.



On Friday 20 June 2025, officers from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team stopped a vehicle in Kirby Cross following a proactive stop triggered by an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) alert.

The vehicle had previously been reported as stolen due to non-payment of a finance agreement, and a court order for its recovery was issued in October 2024.

The vehicle was subsequently seized.



Illegally Converted E-Bike Seized in Jaywick

While searching for a high-risk missing person in Jaywick, one of our PCSOs came across something else that required immediate attention, an illegally converted electric push bike.

The rider, however, wasn't keen to stick around and quickly fled the scene, leaving the bike behind. The vehicle has since been seized and will be dealt with appropriately.

Illegally modified e-bikes and scooters pose a serious risk to both riders and the public. If they don't meet legal requirements, they cannot be used on public roads or pavements. Riders could face fines, penalty points on their licence, or even prosecution.

We remain committed to keeping our communities safe and will continue to take action where necessary.

If you have concerns about illegal vehicles in your area, please report them via our website or by calling 101.



Speeding jet ski prompts police response at Point Clear

On Saturday 21 June, an off-duty marine unit officer spotted a jet ski speeding through Brightlingsea Creek near Point Clear, where a 4-knot (4.6mph) speed limit is in place. With the warm weather, the area was busy with swimmers, paddleboarders, and yachts navigating in and out of the harbour.

Concerned for public safety, the officer contacted local officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Clacton, requesting they attend the area. Upon arrival the officers stopped a black Ford Transit towing the jet ski. Checks revealed the vehicle had no insurance.

The driver, a 35-year-old man from Epping, was reported for driving without insurance and issued a warning regarding his conduct on the water.

You can find more information about the Personal Watercraft Code of Conduct by visiting: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/marine-unit/pwc-code-of-conduct/>



Inspiring the next generation at Kirby Primary School

PC Perry and PCSO Diss had a fantastic time taking part in Kirby Primary School's Careers Day last week.

They spoke with students across the school about their roles in policing, answered a wide range of thoughtful questions, and shared insights into what it's like to serve the community. It was a brilliant opportunity to inspire young minds and build positive relationships with the next generation.

A big thank you to Kirby Primary for the warm welcome and for hosting such a valuable and engaging event!



Operation Targets Street Drinking and Anti-Social Behaviour in Clacton

A recently launched operation aimed at tackling street drinking and antisocial behaviour in Clacton town centre has already led to four arrests.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to enforce a long-standing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), designed to curb disruptive behaviour in public areas. As part of this effort, officers have also issued five Community Protection Notices to individuals, helping deter repeat offences and enabling swift action against further incidents.

In one recent example, officers on patrol responded to reports of drunk and disorderly behaviour near Christmas Tree Island. A man was directed to leave the area. Later that same day, the same individual was seen consuming alcohol on Jackson Road and was again asked to leave. After refusing to comply, he was arrested.

A 39-year-old man has since been charged with failing to comply with a PSPO and is due to appear at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on 23 July.

Inspector Aaron Homatopoulos said:

"We receive numerous complaints relating to disorder arising out of street drinking. This kind of antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated, and we're keenly aware that it can often fuel wider crime.

Clacton town centre should be a safe place for residents and tourists to visit without witnessing or experiencing this type of behaviour.

My team is all about visible, proactive policing. Alongside other issues like burglary, car theft, and drug dealing, we're out and about tackling these offences.

Please keep telling us about the issues you see in Tendring – your reports are valuable and help us with this work."



Weekend of Community Engagement

In June, officers from Tendring's B Shift Neighbourhood Policing Team had the pleasure of attending community events at Cann Hall Primary School and Holland Park Primary School.

Both events were well attended and provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with local families and school communities in a fun and relaxed setting.

A highlight of the weekend was seeing our PCSOs bravely take their turn in the stocks, much to the delight of students, who had great fun cooling them down with water-soaked sponges, especially welcome in the warm weather!

A big thank you to both schools for the warm welcome and for hosting such enjoyable and engaging events. We look forward to more opportunities to connect with our community.



Neighbourhood Policing Team joins the fun at Holland Haven School Fete

Officers from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team were delighted to attend the Holland Haven Primary School Fete in Holland-on-Sea.

It was a fantastic day filled with sunshine, smiles, and plenty of family fun. From chatting with parents and visitors to engaging with young people about the role of the police in our community, the event provided a brilliant opportunity to connect with residents.

Events like this are a vital part of our community engagement work. They help us build trust, listen to your concerns, and show the human side of policing. We're always proud to support local schools and community initiatives that bring people together.

A big thank you to the organisers, staff, and everyone who came along and made the day so special. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!



Marine Unit patrols Essex waters and responds to safety incidents

Essex Police's Marine Unit was out on patrol aboard Police Boat Sentinel, covering the River Blackwater and River Colne as part of their ongoing Operation Wave-Breaker.

On Saturday 5 July, the crew visited Brightlingsea following reports of antisocial behaviour involving personal watercraft (PWC) riders. While there, officers engaged with two PWC users, taking the opportunity to explain local byelaws, including where speed limits begin and end. Afterward, the team moored at the town jetty, where they spoke with families interested in learning more about the police boat and its role in keeping the waterways safe.

On Sunday 6 July, the Sentinel was back out, this time patrolling the waters near Harwich. The Marine Unit joined forces with officers from the Local Policing Team to check in on the area following further reports of antisocial behaviour. They also spent time engaging with members of the marine community, including visitors who had arrived via the Harwich foot-ferry.

The day took a more urgent turn when the team was tasked by HM Coastguard to investigate reports of a small children's inflatable drifting offshore near Frinton-on-Sea. The crew launched a search from the last known location and eventually located the inflatable more than a mile out to sea. With support from local Coastguard Rescue Teams, they confirmed that no one was missing from the beach and safely recovered the inflatable.

PC Craig Stoker commented:

"The distance and speed that this inflatable travelled from shore highlights just how dangerous they can be at the seaside. We strongly recommend avoiding the use of inflatables along the coastline, they're designed for swimming pools, not the open sea."

For more advice on how to stay safe at the beach this summer, visit the RNLI's website: <https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>





Meet PCSO Stevie Martin

Hello, my name is Stevie Martin, and I'm proud to serve as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) with Essex Police.

I began my journey with Essex Police in 2019, and I can honestly say it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. My first posting was in Frinton & Walton, where I spent six months patrolling the area and getting to know the local community. It was a great introduction to the role and gave me a solid foundation in neighbourhood policing.

In 2020, I transferred to #Clacton, where I began covering the wider area. In 2023, I became part of the Clacton Town Centre Team, where I continue to serve today.

Now in my sixth year as a PCSO, I still find the role incredibly rewarding. No two days are the same, and I enjoy the variety and the chance to make a difference every day.

I'm especially passionate about community engagement, meeting residents, listening to their concerns, and helping to find solutions. I also enjoy attending local community groups and events, such as school summer fetes and charity days, which are great opportunities to connect with people in a relaxed setting.

If you see me out and about or at a community event, feel free to say hello!



E-bike seized – Dangerous riding

On Thursday 10 July, officers from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team were out on patrol when they seized a Sur-Ron e-bike. The bike was seen being ridden dangerously and performing wheelies along Rush Green Road, Clacton.

We understand the growing concern in the community around the misuse of e-bikes. This action reflects our continued commitment to tackling antisocial and unsafe riding in our district.



Improving road safety across Tendring: speed enforcement activity

As part of a coordinated effort to improve road safety, the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) conducted three days of enforcement activity across Basildon, Thurrock, Braintree, Southend and Clacton.

Tendring District Activity

Point Clear Road, Clacton - A total of 27 drivers were reported for exceeding the 30mph speed limit, with the highest recorded speed being 42mph.

Mill Street, Clacton Road, and Colchester Road, St Osyth - 18 drivers were reported for speeding offences.

Dave from SERP Road Safety commented on the positive community response during enforcement in both Point Clear and St Osyth, noting that one resident expressed appreciation for their presence, while others welcomed the activity and one even kindly offering a cup of tea!

Enforcement Totals for the Tendring District: 45 offences recorded.

Across all districts: 259 offences recorded.



Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team joins Engaines Primary School Summer Fete

On Friday 11 July, officers from the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team were warmly welcomed at Engaines Primary School's Summer Fete.

The event brought together pupils, parents, and members of the local community and was an opportunity for officers to engage with families.

Officers chatted with children and parents, answered questions about policing, and even joined in some of the fun and games.

Community engagement events like this are a key part of neighbourhood policing, helping to build trust and positive relationships between the police and the communities they serve.

The team would like to thank Engaines Primary School for the invitation and everyone who stopped by to say hello!

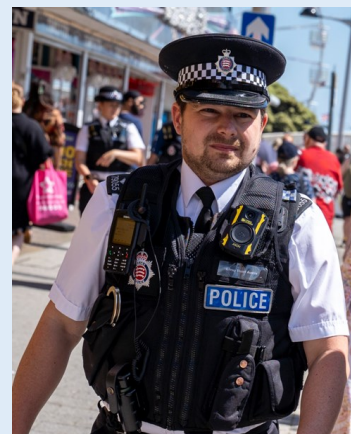


District Commander tours the Tendring District in July

Day One – Wednesday 16 July

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin, District Commander for Tendring, began his district-wide tour in Walton, continuing to Frinton in the afternoon. Accompanied by officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Tendring District Council's Community Safety Partnership Team, he met with councillors from Walton, Frinton, Kirby, and Thorpe-le-Soken.

The meetings, hosted at Emmanuel Church in Walton and Frinton Fire Station, focused on ward-specific concerns and broader community safety priorities. Special thanks go to Margaret and the fire station team for their warm hospitality. The day highlighted the value of continued collaboration between Essex Police and local representatives.



District Commander to Tour, Day Two – Thursday 17 July

The second day of the tour centred on Clacton, where Chief Inspector Austin and his team engaged with local councillors to discuss the town's unique challenges and opportunities at Clacton Town Hall.

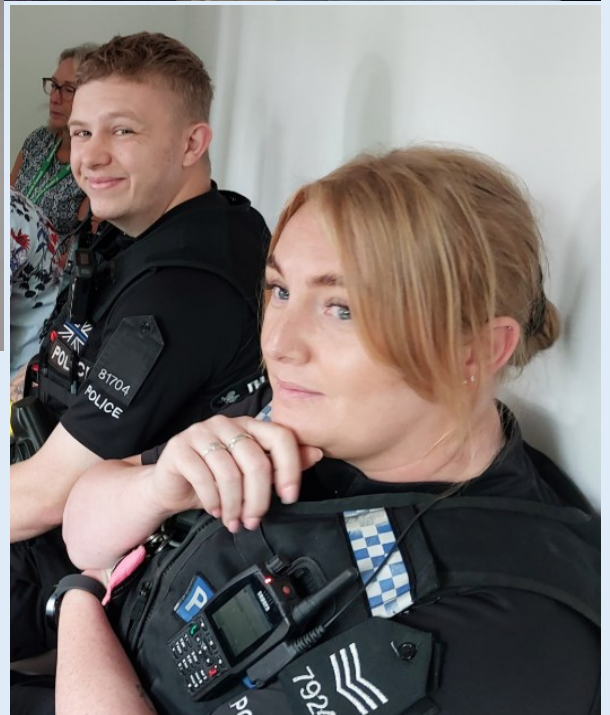
These conversations provided valuable insights that will help shape future policing initiatives and ensure strategies remain responsive to the needs of Clacton's residents. The visit reinforced the importance of maintaining strong links between the police and the communities they serve.



District Commander to Tour, Day Three – Monday 21 July

Chief Inspector Austin's third day on tour took him to Great Bentley, where he met with councillors from the village and surrounding areas, including Alresford, St Osyth, Frating, Ardleigh, Little Bentley, Weeley, and Elmstead Market.

Discussions focused on the specific issues facing each community, with councillors offering valuable perspectives on local priorities. These conversations are key to ensuring that policing remains community-focused and that resources are allocated where they are most needed.



District Commander to Tour, Day Four – Tuesday 22 July

The fourth day of the tour began in Harwich, where Chief Inspector Austin and his team met with local councillors to discuss community priorities and concerns. In the afternoon, the team continued to Manningtree for further conversations with councillors representing the town and surrounding areas.

These meetings provided valuable insight into local issues and highlighted the importance of strong, collaborative partnerships.

Chief Inspector Austin said:

"These meetings have been incredibly valuable. Hearing directly from councillors and community leaders helps us better understand the unique challenges in each area and strengthens our ability to work together effectively. I'm grateful to everyone who took the time to meet with us."

The tour continues with further visits planned across the district. Residents are encouraged to stop and speak with officers during local walkabouts to share their thoughts and concerns.



Fresh law banning 'ninja-style' swords welcomed ahead of amnesty

We will once again play a leading role in supporting a surrender scheme ahead of a change in the law to ban the ownership and sale of 'ninja-style' swords.

Police forces across England and Wales are participating in the Home Office-led amnesty, which runs from 1 July until 31 July.

The change to the legislation will assist us in removing these weapons from our streets and prosecuting those who would use them to cause harm.

The surrender scheme grants a chance for the current owners of such items to hand them in ahead of this change in the law.

It will follow a similar track to a zombie knife and machete surrender scheme held in summer 2024.

During last year's amnesty, members of the public, together with businesses and sellers, handed in more than 200 knives at police station front counters across Essex.

Hundreds more were deposited in our many knife bins, located outside police stations across the county.

Temporary Superintendent Ian Hughes, of our Serious Violence Unit, said: "I do see this as an opportunity. I welcome any moves from the government which will help us in our work tackling knife crime.

"Every dangerous weapon taken out of circulation is potentially a life saved."

Read more about this amnesty, the criteria and the background to the change in the legislation by visiting: <https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2025/june/fresh-law-banning-ninja-style-swords>



Tendring DAIT July Update

Hello from us here at the Colchester DAIT hub once again. We have had a particularly busy June/July, with lots of commitments for our team, including dealing with suspects in custody, appointments with victims, arrest attempts for outstanding suspects, manhunts for those attempting to evade us and cross force border working to stop perpetrators of domestic violence in their tracks.

We are always thinking about what we do well and what we can learn from in our profession – such is the way that we reflect on our actions and seek to educate and develop ourselves to become better police officers who are equipped to face the perpetrators of domestic violence head on and contribute to the movement towards eradication of violence towards women and girls in our society. It is fair to say that the issue of violence against women and girls is a hot topic in the media presently, and I would say rightly so. In 2023, the National Police Chiefs Council released statistics that just under 20% of crime recorded in England and Wales is classed as violence against women and girls. Admittedly, not all of this would fall into the remit of the Domestic Abuse Investigation Team – but our work is aligned to this statistic in every sense. In the same data release, it was said that a woman is killed by a man every three days. That is a shocking statistic that 121 women on average are killed per year, at the hands of male violence. I think all will agree that there is no place in our society for any violence, let alone that which results in tragic loss of life.

So, what does that look like for DAIT in practice? DAIT is made up of officers who are specialists in their field, with extra training offered and officers who are on Detective Career Pathways – or nationally accredited DCs on the department, the standard of investigation is high. This is fuelled by an unwavering passion and determination to play our part in reducing domestic homicides, supporting vulnerable victims and bringing the perpetrators to justice. Our daily duties span from interviewing suspects to casefile building, assessment of evidence and presentation of casefile to the Crown Prosecution Service. We have a proactive arm to our department that seek to identify those most at risk of domestic homicide and put interventions in place to safeguard and apprehend perpetrators at the earliest possible opportunity.

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 You can also reach Essex Police online: 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 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!

PC ELSEY – COLCHESTER DAIT HUB



Safeguarding Tendring's Historic Sites: Raising Awareness of Heritage Crime

Rural Engagement Officers regularly patrol historical sites across Essex to raise awareness of antisocial behaviour and heritage crime, what it is, why it matters, and how to report it.

In Tendring, officers have been focusing on protecting local heritage as part of a national initiative led by Historic England. The campaign aims to prevent damage such as graffiti and vandalism at sites of historical significance.

As part of this work, the team carried out foot patrols along Clacton seafront, visiting the historic Martello towers. These towers are designated as Scheduled Monuments due to their national importance. Officers also visited the Naze Tower near Walton, a Grade II listed building that continues to be a landmark of cultural and architectural value.

Did you know?

Martello Towers were built in the early 19th century as coastal defence structures, each equipped with a large cannon. Of the 11 originally constructed in Essex, six still stand today. Some, like the one in Jaywick, have been transformed into vibrant arts and heritage venues for the community.

By engaging with the public and maintaining a visible presence at these sites, officers are helping to protect our shared history and encourage responsible behaviour.

To learn more about our work to raise awareness of heritage crime, visit:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2025/july/safeguarding-our-heritage>



Marine Unit Highlights Threats to Coastal Birds During Operation Wave-Breaker

“Human activity can pose a significant threat to wading birds, sea birds, and their nests,” says Sergeant Alex Southgate of our Marine Unit.

Marine officers are currently in the midst of their annual Operation Wave-Breaker campaign, which focuses on tackling antisocial behaviour and promoting water safety along the Essex coast. The campaign encourages all water users to be mindful of one another and to adhere to speed limits.

As part of this initiative, the Marine Unit has partnered with Bird Aware Essex Coast and the Essex Wildlife Trust to raise awareness about the dangers beach-nesting birds face due to human activity—both on land and in the water. Many of these birds are protected by law due to their vulnerability.

Sergeant Southgate explains:

“We want to raise awareness of how sensitive some of these sites are. We ask people to avoid landing on beaches where signs request them not to, and to consider the disturbance they may cause from the water, whether they’re using a personal watercraft or kitesurfing.”

Recently, Sergeant Southgate joined Adam Nixon, Coastal Recovery Officer at Essex Wildlife Trust, and Leanne Brisland from Bird Aware Essex Coast, on a patrol along the River Colne to Point Clear and the nearby Colne Point Nature Reserve.

Adam Nixon added: “In addition to natural pressures like tides and predators, we’ve seen a significant rise in human disturbance. Dogs off leads, low-flying aircraft, recreational boating, and water sports too close to shore can all cause birds to flee their nests.”



Marine Unit patrols Tendring coastline and promotes water safety

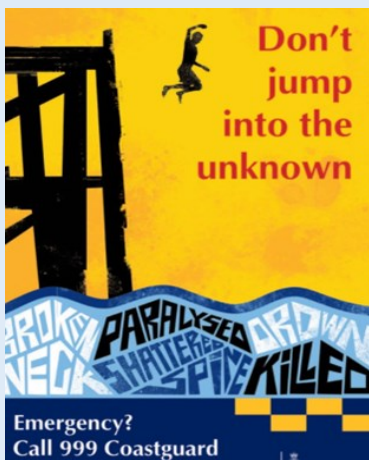
On Wednesday 25 June, officers from the Essex Police Marine Unit carried out high-visibility patrols along the Tendring coastline, covering the area from Jaywick Sands to Harwich as part of their ongoing efforts to promote safety and tackle antisocial behaviour under Operation Wave- Breaker.

While in Harwich, the team moored alongside Ha'penny Pier, where members of the marine community were invited aboard the police boat. This provided a valuable opportunity to learn more about the unit's work in keeping Essex's waterways safe and to raise any concerns.

During the visit, officers were informed about groups of young people jumping from the quay into the water. They engaged with some of those involved and issued safety warnings, highlighting the dangers of jumping from height, especially when water depth or underwater hazards are unknown.

The Marine Unit encourages everyone to watch the video below, created by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), which highlights the serious risks associated with what is commonly referred to as 'Tombstoning' -Visit: <https://rnli.org/video-download>

On their return journey to Burnham Marina, officers encountered both of Clacton's Lifeboats, which were conducting a training exercise off Clacton Pier.



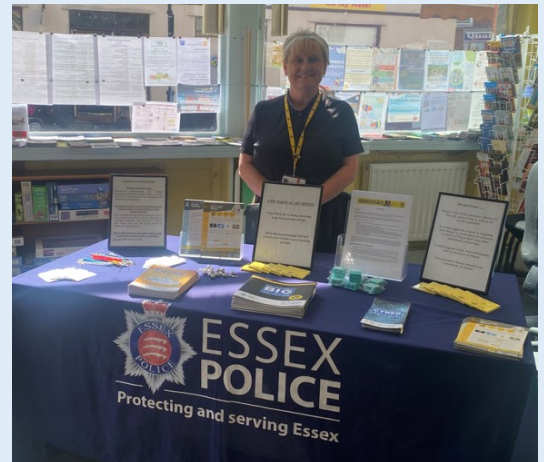
Tammy's top scam alert this month!

Impersonation Scams

Major high street retailers have recently experienced cyber-attacks. Be extra cautious with emails or messages claiming to be from these stores. Fraudsters often use current news stories to lure you in, impersonating trusted brands to conduct phishing scams aimed at stealing your personal information. If you receive an email that you are not sure about, take these steps:

- Look at the sender's email address – scam emails are typically sent from random addresses comprised of a mix of numbers and letters. Brands might have their official email addresses listed on their websites, so make sure to check these out. You can find the sender's email address by hovering your cursor over or right-clicking on the sender's name.
- See if the greeting is impersonal, as most brands will address you by name.
- Look out for blurry, pixelated and out-of-date branding. Beware of pressure tactics, such as a short deadline, to claim an offer.
- Check the links in the email by hovering over where you would expect to see one, such as where it says, 'click here,' to see where the message leads.
- Be suspicious of emails asking for your personal or financial details.
- Watch out for poor spelling and grammar.
- Always be wary of messages asking you to click on a link, as these will take you to a website that maybe under the control of criminals.

If you receive an email from a brand, you have an account with and you are not sure whether it's genuine, you should log in to your account using a website you've used before and know can be trusted or, you can use a website that you are independently searched for on a search engine. Once you have logged in, you should verify the information in the email before following any links from the email. You could also call the customer service number using details from its official website or a recent letter.



Tammy's events arranged in Tendring

Wednesday 30 July 10am to 1pm - Safety Tour, Walton High Street Car park, CO148PL.

Friday 15 August 10.30am - Friendship Café, 22 Rosemary Road, Clacton FP Talk.

Saturday 16 August 11am to 2pm - The Columbine Centre, Walton on the Naze.

Thursday 28 August 10am to 1pm - Summer Safety Tour, Lower Marine Carpark, Harwich.

Thursday 14 August 7.30pm - Tendring Neighbourhood Watch FP Talk, CVST, Imperial House, Rosemary Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1NZ.

If you know a group that you feel would benefit from a visit, please email Tammy at: 42079913@essex.police.uk



Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

Supporting communities, fraud prevention talks across Tendring

Throughout June and July, Tendring's Fraud Prevention Officer, Tammy, has been actively engaging with local groups to raise awareness about scams and share practical advice on how to stay safe.

One of the first sessions took place at the Harwich Hub, where Tammy delivered a Fraud Prevention Talk to the Harwich Friendship & Bereavement Group, hosted by Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST). The event was very well attended, with 54 participants. The group asked insightful questions and shared personal experiences, many expressing surprise at the scale and sophistication of modern scams. Everyone left with a Fraud Prevention Pack, including a card defender and purse bells—small tools that can make a big difference in staying safe.

Tammy also visited Gunfleet WI at Emmanuel Church in Walton, where attendees received the same helpful resources. PCSO Diss joined the session, introduced herself to the group, and encouraged members to sign up for the Tendring Dispatch newsletter for local policing updates.

Another well-received talk was delivered to St Osyth WI, where 62 members took part. The group was highly engaged, asking plenty of questions and showing strong interest in the advice shared.

These sessions are part of our ongoing commitment to supporting residents in protecting themselves from fraud and scams. By working closely with community groups, we aim to build awareness and resilience across Tendring.

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



*The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during July/
August 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](https://www.essex.police.uk/area/your-area)*

In Your Area



Friday 25 July – 10.00 to 12.00 - Walton Food bank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

Friday 25 July – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Sunday 27 July – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton, CO15 1HX.

Tuesday 29 July – 16.00 to 17.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

Friday 1 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Friday 1 August – 12.00 to 13.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Iconfield Park, Garland Road, Harwich, CO12 4EN.

Saturday 2 August – 10.00 to 12.00 - Walton Food bank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

Saturday 2 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

Tuesday 5 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE.

Friday 8 August – 15.00 to 16.00 - Morrisons
Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

Sunday 10 August – 10.30 to 11.30 - Morrisons
Supermarket, Iconfield Park, Garland Road, Harwich,
CO12 4EN.

Monday 11 August - 16.00 to 17.00 - Swimming pool,
Low Road, Harwich CO12 3TA.

Wednesday 11 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds,
Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

Tuesday 12 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons
Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Thursday 14 August – 10.00 to 11.00 – Clacton Town
Square, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1TA.



Saturday 16 August – 15.00 to 16.00 - Costa Coffee, Waterglade Retail Park, Next, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

Saturday 16 August – 10.00 to 13.00 - The Columbine Centre, Bath House Meadow, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PZ.

Tuesday 19 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Wednesday 20 August – 10.00 to 11.00 - Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

Tuesday 26 August – 15.00 to 16.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QE.

Wednesday 27 August - 10.30 to 12.00 - Alresford 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.



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



Our monthly infographic offers a glimpse into the activities of Tendring Officers over the past month.

June 2025 Highlights:

Located 86 missing persons and provided them with necessary support.

Investigated 127 reports of antisocial behaviour, addressing community concerns.

Responded to 56 road traffic collisions, ensuring safety and smooth traffic flow.

Handled 365 domestic violence-related crimes, addressing the criminal behaviour involved while providing victims with support and connecting them to specialist services.

Solved 140 crimes, holding offenders accountable.

Submitted 552 intelligence reports to target criminal activities.

Conducted 69 stop-and-search operations in the Tendring District to prevent harm.



Tendring's Special Constables dedicated an outstanding number of hours throughout June 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/>



Come along to Jaywick Sands Community Forum free Summer BBQ!

You're invited to a fun-filled afternoon at the Jaywick Enterprise Centre on Friday 1st August, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

Enjoy delicious BBQ food, refreshing drinks, ice creams, and bouncy castle fun for the kids—all completely free!

Just bring yourself, your friends, your family, and a chair if you'd like to sit and relax.

Location: Jaywick Enterprise Centre, CO15 2LU.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jaywick Sands Community Forum Presents

SUMMER

BBQ

Burgers
Hotdogs
Bouncy Castle
Ice Cream
Slushies

FREE!

1st Aug 2025

12 – 3pm

Jaywick Enterprise Centre, CO15 2LU

BOOKING IS NOT REQUIRED
Please bring a chair

JAYWICK SANDS COMMUNITY FORUM

COMMUNITY FUND

Are you aged 16 to 21 and looking for something to do this summer? Come and join our Summer Youth Volunteering project and build a living wall using recycled materials at our community garden in Clacton.

Held on Tuesdays this summer from 11am to 2pm, light refreshments will be on offer but please bring a packed lunch.

Email lynnreed-golden@cvstendring.org.uk or call 01255 254692.

Kennedy Way
Community Garden,
Clacton, CO15 4AB

Tuesdays
22nd July
29th July
5th August
12th August
19th August

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Design and build a living wall using recycled materials. Light refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

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SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

In Tendring



For lots of free activities happening in tendring for families over the summer holiday, please visit

www.cvstendring.org.uk/school-holiday-activities/



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Appeal—Can you help?

A man has been arrested as part of our response to a serious collision between a bus and a digger near Alresford.

Officers were called to the scene, in Wivenhoe Road, at around 10.35am on Friday 27 June.

One casualty, a teenage boy, was taken on to hospital with serious injuries.

He remains in a life-threatening condition.

A man aged in his 60s, from Clacton, has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and driving while unfit through drink or drugs.

He remains in custody for questioning as our investigation continues.

A road closure remained in place while our response to this incident continued, this has now been lifted.

We would thank the public for their patience and help whilst emergency services dealt with this matter.

Anyone with information or footage which could assist our investigation should get in touch.

Please cite incident 402 of 27 June.

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 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](#), by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.



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Appeal—Can you help?

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Clacton are appealing for anyone with information or footage to come forward.

We were called to a disturbance involving a group of people outside Tom Peppers bar, in Marine Parade West, Clacton, at around 11.45pm on Friday 27 June.

It was found a man had been assaulted, suffering serious injuries.

We understand a number of people were in the area at the time and likely witnessed this incident or perhaps have footage which may assist us.

If you've yet to come forward to assist us with our enquiries, please do so.

Please quote reference 42/89851/25.

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Appeal—Can you help?

We are investigating a series of burglaries in the Frinton and Walton areas where cars have been stolen.

The break-ins took place between 23 and 27 June.

In each incident car keys were taken from inside and vehicles parked outside stolen.

Detective Constable Hollie Hughes said: “We are carrying out enquiries into these incidents and are asking people to take steps to protect themselves.

“On a number of occasions people have been getting into properties through unlocked or insecure doors.

“Please make sure you are locking doors and windows, particularly at night, when you are out, or if you are sitting in the garden.

“And move your keys so they’re not in reach of doors or windows and they’re out of sight.”

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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Appeal—Can you help?

Officers investigating a serious assault in Jaywick are appealing for witnesses and footage.

A man in his 50s was awaiting outside The Eldorado bar on the corner of Broadway and Rosemary Way when four people got out of two cars and assaulted the man at around 10.30pm on Saturday 12 July.

He was taken to hospital after he sustained a serious head injury.

All four fled the scene, some in the cars, a Ford Kuga and a white Audi.

They were last seen in Broadway, Jaywick.

If you have any information, dash cam or footage of the incident, please get in contact with us.

Please quote crime reference 42/98425/25 when providing any information to make sure it gets to the right person as quickly as possible.

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Don't give burglars an open invitation

We all love to let the fresh air in during hot weather, but open windows and unlocked sheds can be an easy opportunity for thieves.

Here's how to stay safe while keeping cool:

- Lock windows when you leave the room
- Hide valuables from view
- Lock sheds and gates so they can't access the tools that might help to break into your home

Stay safe and stay cool!



Beware of Ghost Brokers!

Criminals who pose as insurance middlemen, claiming they can get you super-cheap car insurance.

Be cautious of ads on:

- Local community social media groups
- Newsagents & garages
- Dealerships & repair shops

Always check if a broker is legit via the Financial Conduct Authority or British Insurance Brokers' Association websites.

#Staysafe don't get ghosted!





Nitrous Oxide: What You Need to Know

Recreational use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is now illegal.

While nitrous oxide is safely used in medical and industrial settings, using it to get high is dangerous and can be fatal.

Since 8 November 2023, nitrous oxide has been classified as a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

This means it is a criminal offence to possess it without a legitimate reason, particularly if it is, or is likely to be, wrongfully inhaled.

This change in the law is part of the Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan, aimed at reducing drug-related harm and nuisance in communities. Misuse of nitrous oxide is often linked to antisocial behaviour, including littering, drug driving, and public disorder.

We're committed to listening to your concerns and taking action where needed.

If you're experiencing antisocial behaviour in your area, you can report it via our digital 101 service or visit:

www.essex.police.uk

For more information about the risks and legal status of nitrous oxide, visit the GOV.UK guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nitrous-oxide-ban>



Watch Out for Distraction Burglars!

Distraction burglars are criminals who trick their way into your home by pretending to be someone they're not. Their goal? To catch you off guard and steal from you.

Common tricks include:

- Claiming to be from a utility company (gas, water, electric)
- Asking for help to leave a note for a neighbour
- Pretending to feel unwell and requesting a glass of water

Stay safe with this simple rule:

- "If in doubt, keep them out."
- Always ask for ID
- Call the company they claim to be from—don't use the number they give you, look it up yourself
- Never feel pressured to let anyone in

For more tips on how to protect yourself and your home, visit:

Essex Police Crime Prevention, visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



With the warmer weather we have seen a rise in reports of doorstep scams, especially those linked to home improvements services

Don't feel pressured into something, a genuine trader won't rush you. They'll be happy to come back later so you can check out their credentials and compare prices.

Not sure what to do?

Talk it through with someone you trust. And if something feels off, report it using our online service.

Visit the link below for our Fraud Toolkit, packed with tips to help you spot the signs and feel more confident.

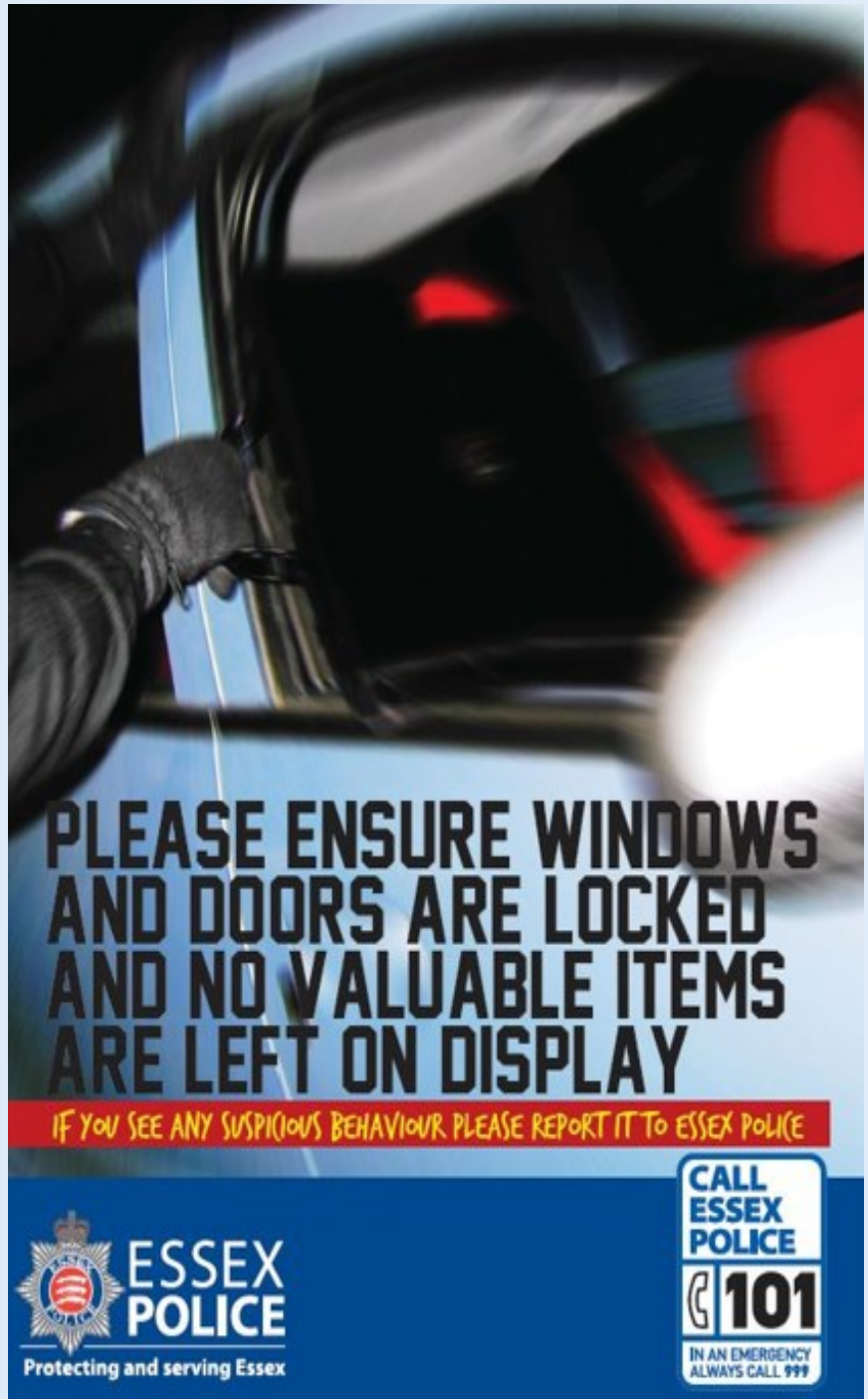
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Keep Your Vehicle Safe – Tendring District

With a recent rise in both theft of and theft from vehicles in the Tendring District, it's more important than ever to take simple steps to protect your car and belongings.

- ⇒ Always lock your vehicle, even if you're stepping away for just a moment. Unlocked cars are easy targets.
- ⇒ Close all windows and sunroofs to prevent thieves from reaching in or unlocking doors.
- ⇒ Secure your number plates with tamper-proof screws and use locking wheel nuts to protect your alloys.
- ⇒ Don't leave valuables on show—phones, wallets, sunglasses, and even loose change can tempt thieves.
- ⇒ Hide tech and remove clues like cables or suction marks that suggest devices may be hidden inside.
- ⇒ Protect tools in vans by marking them, locking them in secure cabinets, and considering onboard cameras.
- ⇒ Park in well-lit, busy areas to reduce the risk of being targeted.
- ⇒ Take your documents with you—logbooks and insurance papers can help thieves sell your vehicle.
- ⇒ Choose safer car parks with the Park Mark award when possible.



For more advice, visit Secured by Design at: <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>



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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.

