

# YOUR LOCAL UPDATE TENDRING DISTRICT

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## Monthly Message from the Tendring District Commander, Stuart Austin

Hello and thank you for reading this month's *Your Local Update* newsletter! You might notice a fresh look—we've updated the tools we use to create and share the newsletter.

This month began with Remembrance Day, where I had the privilege of laying a wreath in Clacton on behalf of Essex Police. I know many of you attended events across the district. It's always a special time to pause, reflect, and honour those who gave their lives for others, while coming together as communities.

In recent editions, I've shared some thoughts from my tour around the district. One topic that came up time and again was road safety and driver behaviour. I'm pleased to say we've seen positive results from our efforts—and we'll keep pushing forward to make our roads safer for everyone.

As we head into the festive season and the colder months, let's look out for each other. Please avoid drink-driving, keep your belongings secure, and make sure those new gifts aren't easy targets for theft or burglary. A little care goes a long way.

Now, a quick reflection on crime levels. You often hear the narrative that crime is spiralling out of control—but here in Tendring, crime has actually fallen over the past 12 months. That's something we should all be proud of. In Clacton Town Centre alone, crime is down 20.5% over the last 3 months compared to this time last year. This is thanks to the investment in neighbourhood policing and town centre teams, and similar improvements are happening across the district.

Of course, safety isn't just about numbers—it's about how people feel. That's why we're working closely with Tendring District Council and other partners to make our communities and town centres welcoming and vibrant. It takes a team effort, and we're committed to it.

There's still plenty to do, but good news deserves to be shared. Tendring is a fantastic place to live—I choose to live here with my family, just like many of you. Yes, there will always be challenges, but there are incredible people working hard every day to make this district safer and stronger.

Thank you for reading, and I hope you enjoy this month's update.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin  
District Commander Tendring





## Essex Police Award Winner: PCSO of the Year – Colin Moss

We are delighted to announce that PCSO Colin Moss, based in Tendring, has been awarded the prestigious title of PCSO of the Year by Essex Police.

Colin was recognised for his exceptional commitment to community engagement, his creativity in building relationships, and his unwavering compassion. Whether he's running marathons in full uniform, knitting with elderly residents, or salsa dancing to lift community spirits, Colin consistently finds unique and meaningful ways to connect with people.



His popular “Coffee with Cops” initiative has helped foster trust and open dialogue between the police and the public. He is also a familiar and welcome face at local schools and community open days, where his approachable nature and enthusiasm make a lasting impression.

From saving lives to supporting vulnerable individuals, Colin’s dedication to public service is evident in everything he does.

The award was presented by Chief Constable BJ Harrington, who praised Colin as a true community champion and an outstanding example of what community policing is all about.

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*Congratulations, Colin, and thank you for your continued service to the people of Tendring!*

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## Oscar smashes his 200km challenge!

Do you remember Oscar Gillmore, the inspiring 10-year-old who ran 100km last year and raised over £3,000 for the Tendring Police Christmas Appeal?

Well, he’s done it again, this time doubling the distance! Throughout October, Oscar completed an incredible 200km, combining running and cycling to support this year’s Christmas Appeal. He even kept going during his half-term holiday abroad!



A huge well done to Oscar for his outstanding commitment and determination. You’re making a real difference in our community.



To date, Oscar has raised £2,797 – and counting!

*Further details on the Tendring Community Christmas Tree Appeal can be found later in this local update!*



## Tendring roads made safer – Results from vehicle crime operation

On Friday 24 October, officers from the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team were deployed to Frinton & Walton for a vehicle crime operation, focusing on road safety and driver behaviour.

In just five hours, the team issued a total of 52 tickets, made 2 arrests, and seized 3 vehicles. Below is a breakdown of the results:

- Mobile phone offences: 7 tickets
- Seatbelt offences: 15 tickets
- No insurance: 3 vehicles
- Due care and attention: 1 ticket
- Drug driving arrests: 2
- Cannabis possession, community resolutions issued: 2
- Positive stop and searches: 3
- Words of advice for driving offences: 16
- Speeding in a 30mph zone: 26 tickets issued, with the highest speed recorded at 41mph.

This proactive operation reflects our ongoing commitment to keeping Tendring's roads safe and holding those who break the law accountable.





## Clacton NPT Joins AFIUK to celebrate community heroes and raise cancer awareness

On Wednesday 29th October, the Clacton Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) attended the Lawrence Walker Awards & Cancer Awareness Event, hosted by African Families in the UK (AFIUK) at Pier Avenue Baptist Church in Clacton. This inspiring event celebrated the outstanding contributions of individuals and

organisations within our communities, while also raising vital awareness around cancer prevention and support. It was a day filled with learning, connection, and heartfelt recognition.

A special highlight was Tendring's Missing Person Liaison Officer, Jamie Skipper, receiving a prestigious 'Legend' award for her incredible dedication in running the annual Christmas Tree Appeal, where she has consistently supported AFIUK and brought joy to families during the festive season.

NPT were pleased to host a stand at the event, engaging with attendees, sharing information about local safety initiatives, and listening to the voices of the community. Thank you to AFIUK for the invitation and for organising such a meaningful and impactful day. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to build a safer, more inclusive Tendring.





## Responding to community concerns in Kirby-le-Soken

Following requests from local residents, PCSOs recently carried out speed checks in Kirby-le-Soken. During this operation, four drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit. These checks form part of our ongoing commitment to community safety and addressing concerns raised by residents.



## Standing together in remembrance

On Sunday 9 November, Tendring officers joined communities across the district to mark Remembrance Day.

From village services to town centre gatherings, officers stood alongside residents to honour those who gave their lives in service to our country. These events were a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many, and the importance of coming together to reflect and remember. We will remember them.

The Harwich Police Cadet Unit also played a key role, supporting this year's Poppy Appeal and taking part in the Remembrance Parade, which saw a fantastic turnout from the local community. The cadets looked smart and represented the unit with professionalism and respect. Thank you to the cadets for their dedication and support – you've made us proud!





## Connecting on the water with Harwich Haven Authority

On Thursday 30 October, officers from Essex Police's Marine Unit were proud to attend the annual Harwich Haven Authority leisure vessel users meeting.

Held aboard the historic Thames sailing barge Victor, the event brought together key members of the marine community. Officers were invited as guest speakers and delivered a presentation on the vital role the Marine Unit plays in keeping Essex's waterways safe. A big thank you to Harwich Haven Authority for the invite and a great day on the water with everyone involved.



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## RET removes uninsured drivers from Harwich roads

On Saturday 1 November, the Rural Engagement Team (RET) were on patrol in Harwich when they stopped a vehicle suspected of having no insurance.

Checks revealed the driver only held a provisional licence and was driving uninsured. The vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act, and the driver was reported.



Shortly after, officers witnessed another driver using a mobile phone. When they stopped the vehicle, they found it was also uninsured. That driver was reported for no insurance and using a mobile phone while driving.

Thank you to the RET for getting uninsured drivers off our Tendring roads and helping keep our community safe!

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## RET inspires pupils at St Andrew's Emergency Services Day

On Thursday 6 November, officers from the Rural Engagement Team (RET) visited St Andrew's Primary School in Weeley for their Emergency Services Day.

Pupils learned about the role of the police, including how we help keep communities safe and respond to emergencies. They also practised calling 999 and learned what key information to provide to the call handler. The children had the chance to try on police uniform and explore a patrol vehicle, a highlight of the day for many!



## Fraud awareness in Tendring: supporting our communities

Our Fraud & Scam Prevention Officer, Tammy, has been busy engaging with local groups to raise awareness and provide practical advice on staying safe from scams and fraud.

On Tuesday 21 October, Tammy visited the Lawford Parish Community



Hub, where she spoke with residents about current fraud trends and shared valuable tips to help protect themselves. Attendees received information packs designed to support safer communities, and we're grateful to everyone who came along and contributed to the conversation. Future events will be advertised here, so please keep an eye out for updates!

On Tuesday 4 November, Tammy joined the Dementia Carers Group at Long Meadows Community Centre in Harwich, delivering an informative and engaging session on fraud awareness and scam prevention. These sessions are vital in helping residents feel confident and informed when it comes to spotting and avoiding scams.

A big thank you to Tammy for her continued dedication to supporting #Tendring residents and helping keep our communities safe.

If you run or are part of a community group in Tendring and would like a session on the most common scams and how to stay safe from fraud, please email [79913@essex.police.uk](mailto:79913@essex.police.uk) to arrange a visit.





## Quick response leads to arrest after theft in Clacton

On Wednesday 12 November, at around 17:45 hrs, Clacton officers received a report of a theft at One Below where approximately £50 worth of laundry products had been stolen.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) were nearby and responded immediately. Thanks to the staff's real-time updates to control regarding the suspect's direction of travel, officers quickly located and detained a female on West Avenue with the stolen goods in her possession. She was subsequently arrested by the Local Policing Team (LPT).

This incident demonstrates excellent teamwork between One Below staff and officers, ensuring a swift and successful outcome.



## Another uninsured driver off our roads!

On Tuesday 18 November, officers from the Harwich Neighbourhood Policing Team were on patrol in Harwich when they stopped a vehicle suspected of having no insurance.

The vehicle was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act.



## Tendring DAIT update November from T/DC ELSEY

Hello again from all of us at the Colchester DAIT Hub.

This month, domestic abuse has been front and centre in the media—and that's a good thing. Actress Jaye Griffiths recently spoke on Loose Women about surviving five years of abuse. Her courage is inspiring, and it sends a clear message: these conversations belong in the open. Specifically, one line of her TV appearance resonated with me and I want to share it with you: *"When I finally went to the police they said on average a woman is hit 37 times before she tells anyone. All I did was*

*lie – 'No, I'm fine thanks, I'm fine', and that's exhausting."* Our commitment to you – the people that we serve, is that we will listen, we will help and we will work with you and our partner agencies to keep you safe.



Domestic abuse isn't just a private issue; it's a societal one. When survivors share their experiences, it helps others recognise unhealthy dynamics and seek help sooner. It also builds confidence in the systems designed to protect them—police, courts, and support services.

We know trust is earned. That's why Essex Police prioritises victim safety and dignity at every stage. From the first call to the final court hearing, our goal is to make the process as supportive and straightforward as possible. Protective orders, strong evidence, and partnerships with charities like The Next Chapter all play a role in keeping victims safe and holding offenders accountable.

Media coverage is vital, but awareness must lead to action. That means victims feeling confident to report abuse and trust the system to protect them. We are committed to making that happen. Our officers work with local charities, secure protective orders, and build strong cases so perpetrators face justice. Every conviction, every safeguarding measure, is a step toward safety and healing.

Many domestic violence survivors are unaware of the available support services and legal protections. Police officers can bridge this information gap by equipping victims with knowledge about their rights, available resources, and the steps they can take to protect themselves. Providing victims with information regarding support groups, counselling services, and local helplines empowers them to make informed decisions about their future.

In addition, Essex Police can support victims of domestic abuse in obtaining a **non-molestation order**, this is carried out in conjunction with **The Next Chapter** who are a charity working across **Tendring, Colchester, Maldon, Chelmsford, Braintree & Uttlesford**, they provide free and confidential services to support people who are currently experiencing or have previously experienced domestic abuse. These orders are both of preventative and protective, and are designed to offer long-term safeguarding, they also provide a mechanism for the police to deal with offenders who choose to disregard the conditions imposed on them.

If you're looking for support from **The Next Chapter**, you can access this via their website at [Next Chapter \(thenextchapter.org.uk\)](https://thenextchapter.org.uk). In addition, you can access the support that **Essex Police** can offer online at [Home | Essex Police](#), via 111 (in a non-emergency situation), or via 999 (in an emergency). If you feel you are a victim of domestic abuse and would like a confidential chat with our team, then please contact 101 or fill out the online form on our website [Report domestic abuse | Essex Police](#). The form will take about 5 to 10 minutes to complete, so please make sure you're safe to take that time to complete it.

Until next month, stay safe & make good choices, wherever you are.

**T/DC ELSEY – COLCHESTER DAIT HUB**



## Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

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!**

#### **WhatsApp Gold Scam Alert**

There have been new reports that criminals are circulating fake messages about a premium version of WhatsApp called "WhatsApp Gold", claiming it offers exclusive features like video calling, new emojis, enhanced security and rewards. These messages often include a link to download WhatsApp Gold, however this is a scam! There is NO official WhatsApp Gold. Clicking the link may install malware on your device, steal your personal data, or compromise your accounts.



There has also been reports of WhatsApp users receiving a fake text messages warning about a dangerous video link called "Martinelli." The message claims that if you open this video, it will hack your phone and steal your information. The message also falsely claims that "WhatsApp Gold" — a supposed premium version of WhatsApp — will protect you from this threat. There is no verified evidence that a "Martinelli" video exists or poses any threat to WhatsApp users. WhatsApp Gold is a scam — it is not an official product and may lead to malware or phishing sites. These messages are part of a scam designed to spread fear and convince users into clicking malicious links or downloading harmful apps!

#### How to Protect Yourself:

- Ignore and delete any message promoting WhatsApp Gold or warning you of the video "Martinelli"
- Never click on suspicious links, even if they come from friends — their accounts may be compromised.
  - Update WhatsApp through official app stores (Google Play or Apple App Store) ONLY.
  - Enable two-step verification in WhatsApp settings for added security.
  - Educate others — share this alert with friends and family.

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### Tammy's events arranged in Tendring

**Thursday 4 December—10am to 12.30pm**

Community Day at the Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Monday 8 December—12.30pm**

Fraud Prevention Talk at the Sight Friendship Group, CVST, Imperial House, Rosemary Road, Clacton, CO15 1NZ.

## Community Lets Talk Events

The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during November/ December 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'

[Your area](#) | [Essex Police](#)



**Friday 21 November** 10.30am to 11.30am

Morrisons, Water Glade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Monday 24 November** 10am to 11am

CVST, Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3PD.

**Thursday 27 November** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Friday 28 November** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Friday 28 November** 2pm to 3pm

Costa Coffee, T Grove Brook Park West, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Sunday 30 November** 11am to 4pm

Walton Christmas Shopping, The Millenium Square, High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8AE.

**Thursday 4 December** 10am to 12pm

Partner agency event at the Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Friday 5 December** 10am to 11am

Walton Food Bank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

**Friday 5 December** 10am to 11am

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Friday 5 December** 10am to 11am

The Council Offices, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, CO7 0BP.

**Saturday 6 December** 10am to 11am

Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4AU.

**Sunday 7 December** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Monday 8 December** 10am to 11am

Men's Walk and talk, leaving Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0AU.

**Monday 8 December** 11am to 12pm

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.



## Community Lets Talk Events

**Monday 8 December** 3pm to 4pm

The Village Hall, Clacton Road, St Osyth, Clacton on Sea, CO16 8PE.

**Monday 8 December** 3pm to 4pm

Morrisons, Water Glade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Friday 12 December** 10am to 11am

Harwich Market, High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3AJ.

**Sunday 14 December** 10am to 11am

Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

**Sunday 14 December** 2pm to 3pm

Sainsbury's Supermarket, Samson's Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0RN.

**Monday 15 December** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

**Monday 15 December** 10am to 12pm

Walton Community Forum, 61 High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8BD.

**Tuesday 16 December** 10am to 11am

Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

**Thursday 18 December** 3pm to 4pm

Poundland, 43-45 Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

**Friday 19 December** 10am to 12pm

CVST Winter Warmer, YMCA, 55 High Street, Brightlingsea, CO7 0AQ.

**Saturday 20 December** 10am to 11am

Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree, CO11 1DJ.

**Sunday 21 December** 4pm to 5pm

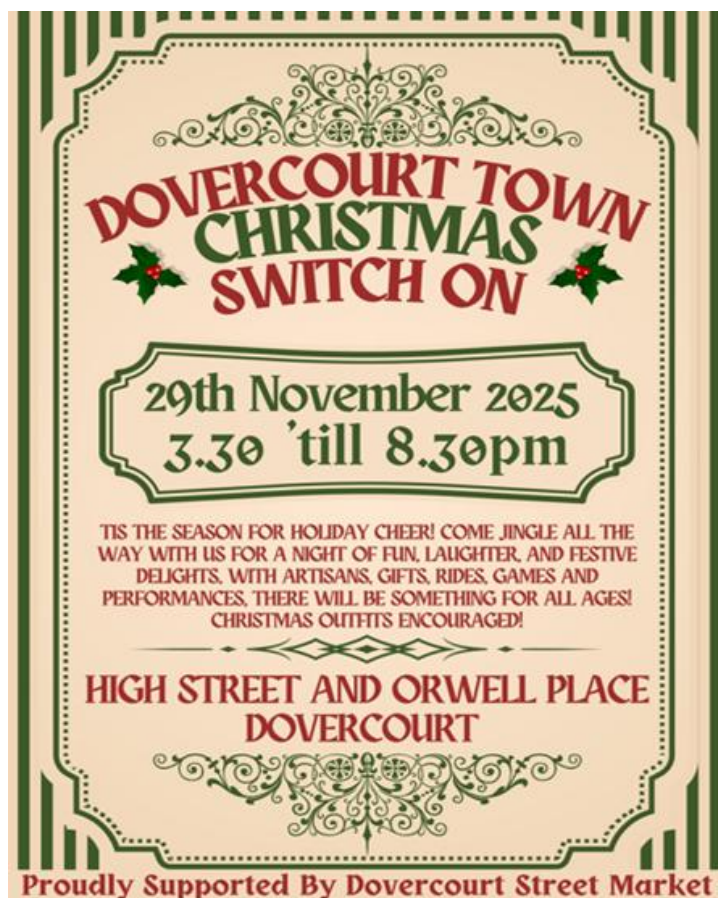
Costa Coffee, Water Glade Retail Park, NEXT, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

**Sunday 28 December** 10am to 11am

McDonalds, Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QN.

**Monday 29 December** 10am to 11am

CVST, Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3PD.



## You Said, We Did – Tendring District Update

We're committed to listening to your concerns and taking action to make our communities safer and stronger. Here's how we've responded to the issues raised across our towns and rural villages.

We're here to listen, act, and support. If you have concerns or ideas, please reach out to your local neighbourhood policing team or attend one of our upcoming community events advertised in this publication and on our social media channel [#EPTendring](#).



### Action taken on reports of antisocial behaviour in Frinton

Reports of low-level antisocial behaviour outside Tesco and Iceland at the Triangle Shopping Centre in Frinton on Sea.

- Officers attended the location, spoke with staff and the young people involved, continued patrols, and secured apologies from the youths to the stores. They can return if they behave; otherwise, they'll be banned.

### Targeted vehicle crime operation delivers results in Frinton & Walton

Concerns about vehicle crime and road safety in Frinton & Walton.

- Deployed officers for a targeted operation. In 5 hours: 52 tickets issued, 2 arrests, 3 vehicles seized.

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

### October 2025 Highlights:

- ♦ Located 76 missing persons and provided them with necessary support.
- ♦ Investigated 94 reports of antisocial behaviour, addressing community concerns.
- ♦ Responded to 52 road traffic collisions, ensuring safety and smooth traffic flow.
- ♦ Handled 327 domestic violence-related crimes, addressing the criminal behaviour involved while providing victims with support and connecting them to specialist services.
- ♦ Solved 134 crimes, holding offenders accountable.
- ♦ Submitted 542 intelligence reports to target criminal activities.
- ♦ Conducted 52 stop-and-search operations in the Tendring District to prevent harm.





## Tendring Police Independent Advisory Group (IAG)

A message from the Tendring's IAG Chair..... I hope you are all well, my name is (Onche) Godwin Daudu, I am a programme Lead for African Families in the UK (AFiUK) CIC. I have been involved with the Independent Advisory Group IAG for over 3 years now and I am extremely proud to be the chair of the Tendring branch.

I hope this message finds you and your families in good health, and that you are all looking forward to the upcoming Christmas festivities. Hopefully, none of us are on the bearded man's naughty list!

The past two months have been very busy with several important activities. Most notable was the collaboration between Essex Police and the African Families in the UK charity in October 2015, held in celebration of Black History Month. The event, titled **"Pride in Our Roots, Power in Our Future,"** was a remarkable occasion and a strong example of the sustainable and positive relationship between our Police Force and the communities across our district. Many other events also took place to mark the month, reflecting its importance and significance.

Last week, we came together once again to honour and remember the brave soldiers who fought gallantly—many giving their lives—so that we may enjoy the freedoms we sometimes take for granted today. They answered the call to stand against hate and prejudice based on race, ethnicity, and religion. We remembered them with gratitude, with Chief Constable BJ Harrington in Colchester and District Commander Stuart Austin in Clacton representing Essex Police at local commemorations.

Despite this spirit of unity, we continue to experience concerns regarding hate crimes. I encourage everyone in our community to remain vigilant and to support the police in tackling all forms of hate crime in Tendring.

Our young people also face risks, particularly from knife violence. This is why initiatives such as the **Young Persons' Crucial Crew** remain vital. Their recent event in Clacton provided valuable interactive sessions focused on crime prevention and personal safety.

If you do not already follow it, I urge you to visit and engage with our Essex Police Tendring District Facebook page. It is encouraging to note that crime in Clacton Town Centre has decreased by 20.5% over the past three months—a reflection of the hard work of our District Commander and his dedicated team. We are grateful for their efforts and will continue to support them in every way we can.

Thank you for remaining law-abiding, community-minded, and committed to keeping our district safe.

Stay well, and take care.

**Godwin Daudu**

*For Information about the IAG and to apply, visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/iag>*



## Essex Police Marine Unit

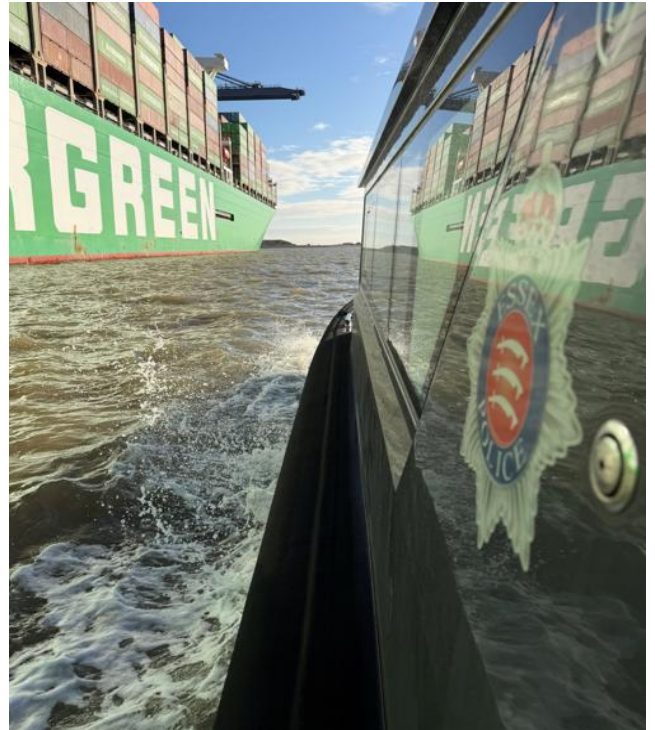
During the week of 17 October, the Essex Police Marine Unit is supporting the European Aquapol Operation.

This intensified week of action focuses on commercial shipping, with Marine Units across the UK increasing their presence at ports and harbours.

Officers will also be boarding vessels at sea to provide a highly visible deterrent to those attempting to exploit the maritime domain for criminal gain, while strengthening maritime security efforts across Europe.

On Monday and Tuesday, our team was on patrol in Harwich, a key area for commercial shipping, with busy ports at Parkeston, Felixstowe, and Ipswich seeing significant traffic in and out of the region.

Keeping our waters safe is a priority, and this operation demonstrates our commitment to tackling crime wherever it occurs.





## Road Crime and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership

October on Essex roads – here's what our teams have tackled.

Officers from Road Crime and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership worked tirelessly throughout the month to keep you safe and make our roads safer for everyone.

Sadly, five lives were lost in traffic collisions and 76 people suffered serious injuries. These figures are a stark reminder of why road safety matters and why enforcement is so important.

Our officers took decisive action against dangerous and illegal driving. In October alone, they seized 486 uninsured vehicles, made 94 drink-drive arrests and 179 drug-drive arrests, and dealt with 148 mobile phone offences and 176 seatbelt offences. They also prosecuted 379 careless driving offences and made 200 arrests through Roads Policing operations.

Education is just as vital as enforcement. That's why 12,172 road safety courses were delivered, alongside 1,219 Community Speed Watch warning letters and 427 Extra Eyes submissions from vigilant members of the public.

Every stop, every course, and every warning helps make Essex roads safer. Thank you to everyone who plays their part in reducing harm and saving lives.

For more information on the Safer Essex Roads Partnership, visit

<https://www.saferessexroads.org>



## Tendring Frontline

Need help finding local health and wellbeing services?

Frontline is a community project designed to help both frontline workers and the public quickly access details about support services in their area.

From mental health to housing, you can search, refer, or request a call back, all in one place.

[Essex Frontline](#)



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## Tendring Special Constabulary

Volunteer Police Officers Making a Real Difference 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. They don't get paid for their police work but they are reimbursed for expenses. This includes costs like travel. Special Constables are given training and support to prepare them to become a volunteer police officer. They develop new skills, make friends and protect those who live in, work in, study in and visit Essex.

A Special Constable is an extraordinary person. A special kind of person. For more information visit:

[Special Constabulary](#) | [Essex Police](#)

Tendring Special Constables have put in an incredible number of hours throughout October 2025.

This infographic really tells a story, true community hero's!



## 🌲 The Tendring Community Christmas Tree Appeal is now in its 7th year! 🌲

After the last 6 years and the generosity of YOU, we've managed to help more than 1,000 young people within the Tendring District each year.

📦 Want to donate a new, unopened gift?  
(Age range: newborn to 17 years)

📍 Drop-off locations:

- 🛒 Morrisons, Waterglade Retail Park, Clacton, CO15 1HX
- 🛒 Morrisons, Centenary Way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB
- 🛒 Tesco, Brook Retail Park, Clacton, CO15 3TP
- 🏠 The Works, 15 Station Road, Clacton, CO15 1TD
- 🏠 The Bottle Kiln, 60 Kingsway, Harwich, CO12 3JR
- 🏠 Home Bargains, Unit G, Parkeston, Harwich, CO12 4EN
- 🎨 TDH Academy Studios, Unit 5, Newman's Industrial Estate, Ford Road, Clacton, CO15 3DS
- 🛒 Asda, Bull Hill Rd, Clacton, CO15 4AU

📦 Prefer to post or order online?

You can order via our Amazon Wish List or post directly to:

Community Christmas Tree Appeal  
Clacton Police Station  
8 Beatrice Road, Clacton, Essex, CO15 1ET

🗨️ If you'd like to drop presents off in person, please note that Clacton Police Station's front desk is closed.

Email [tendringNPT@essex.police.uk](mailto:tendringNPT@essex.police.uk) to arrange this with Jamie, who manages the appeal and can assist with any queries.

📅 Donations close Monday 15 December 2025

🚫 Please note we cannot accept second-hand presents, and all donations must be unwrapped.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support!

🛒 Amazon Wish List: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18CFL4562E0D6>

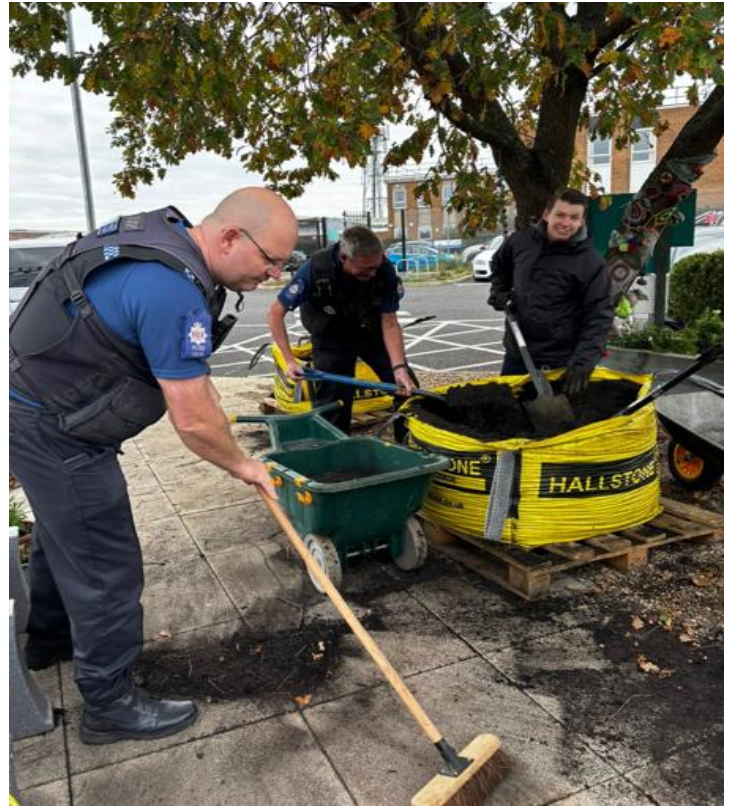




## Community Voluntary Services Tendring

On Wednesday 18 November, PCSOs Colin and Paul visited the Community Voluntary Services Community Garden in Kennedy Way, Clacton to see the fantastic work being carried out by volunteers.

While there, they rolled up their sleeves and gave the gardeners a helping hand, spreading compost to feed the beds over the winter.



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Join us for

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE WALK



Wednesday 24 December, 9.30am  
Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton

Walk and chat, wear a Christmas Hat! There will be a prize for the wackiest Christmas hat.

Please contact Fran on 07707 282909 or email [fran.warren@cvstendring.co.uk](mailto:fran.warren@cvstendring.co.uk) to register and for further details.





## Discover Share Shacks in Jaywick and Harwich!

Need a tool, toy, or household item but don't want to buy it? Share Shacks are your local "library of things," offering free borrowing for up to two weeks. From sports gear and gardening tools to everyday essentials, these community hubs help you save money, reduce waste, and connect with others.

### Where to Find Them:

**Jaywick:** Jaywick Enterprise Centre, Lotus Way, CO15 2LU (open Thursdays, 10am – 12pm)

**Harwich:** Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre, Main Road, Dovercourt, CO12 4AJ (open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am–12pm)

Drop by, borrow what you need, donate items you no longer use. Scan the QR codes below at each location to find out more!



**Jaywick Share Shack**

Open on Thursdays 10-12

Garage next to Unit 8,  
The Enterprise Centre,  
Lotus Way, CO15 2LU.



You can also reserve your items online with collection from The Sunspot Bistro on Saturdays from 10.00 - you must make reservation at least 24 hours before collection

Our Share Shack is a 'library of things' where you can borrow items for up to two weeks - free of charge! Sign up today - You will need ID!



For more information, get in touch:  
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## Share Shack

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We have a library of items that can be borrowed,  
for up to 2 weeks,  
completely FREE OF CHARGE.

We have toys and games  
including outdoor game activities  
Gardening Equipment

DIY Tools

[email karen.stimpson@theaws.org](mailto:karen.stimpson@theaws.org) for more info

we are growing our stock daily -  
come, look, borrow !

Based at Essex Pedal Power Office,  
Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre,  
Main Road, Dovercourt. CO12 4AJ

scan to view our items





## Crime Prevention

We're asking the public to remain vigilant to help us combat the theft of vehicles in the Tendring district.

To help protect your vehicle, whether it's the family car, your motorbike or a business van, please consider the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle is always locked and secure, even when unattended briefly.
- Remove valuables from view and avoid leaving keys near doors or windows at home.
- Use additional security devices such as steering wheel locks or tracking systems.
- Park in well-lit areas or secure garages wherever possible.
- Report any suspicious behaviour or activity immediately.

If you suspect someone is involved in car theft, know where a stolen car may be or notice anything unusual in your area, please contact Essex Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

For further advice on vehicle security, visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



## Stay scam smart – Winter fuel payment alert

Essex Police are warning residents about a rise in scams targeting pensioners ahead of Winter Fuel Payments. Fraudsters are sending fake text messages claiming to be from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), asking for personal and bank details.

### Important reminders:

The government will never ask for bank details via text.  
Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically if you are eligible.  
Do not click on links or share personal information.

If you receive a suspicious message:

Forward it to 7726 (Action Fraud).

Delete the message immediately.

Check official information at: <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>

If you need help or wish to report fraud, contact Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

Please share this advice with friends and family to help keep our community safe.

### Stay Scam Smart

#### Winter Fuel Payment Scam Alert!

Pensioners are being targeted by scammers ahead of Winter Fuel Payments. Stay alert and protect yourself!

#### What's Happening:

Scammers are sending fake text messages claiming to be from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), asking for personal and bank details. These messages are on the rise – activity has surged by over 150% recently.

#### Remember:

- ✗ The government will never ask for bank details via text.
- ✓ Eligible payments are made automatically.
- ✗ Do not click on links or share personal information.

#### If you receive a suspicious message:

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**citizens advice** Tendring

**Need help?**  
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## Black Friday: Sort Your Settings and Stay Safe Online

As Black Friday approaches, thousands of Essex residents will be hunting for the best deals online. But while you're looking for bargains, cybercriminals are looking for opportunities. Essex Police is urging everyone to take a few simple steps to protect themselves during this busy shopping season.

### Why It Matters

Black Friday is one of the biggest online shopping events of the year, and with that comes a surge in scams, phishing emails, and fake websites. Criminals exploit the rush and excitement, hoping you'll click before you think.

### Our Campaign: Sort Your Settings

The "Sort Your Settings" campaign is all about empowering you to shop safely. By checking and adjusting your device and account settings, you can reduce the risk of fraud and identity theft. Here's how:

- **Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Add an extra layer of security to your accounts. Even if someone gets your password, they won't get in without the second step.
- **Update Your Software:** Outdated apps and operating systems are easy targets for hackers. Install updates regularly.
- **Use Strong, Unique Passwords:** Avoid reusing passwords across sites. Consider a password manager for convenience and security.
- **Check Privacy Settings:** Review what information you share on social media and shopping platforms. Oversharing can make you a target.
- **Beware of Phishing:** If an email or text looks suspicious, don't click. Go directly to the retailer's official site.

### Stay Alert, Stay Secure

Remember: if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Take a moment to verify before you buy. For more advice, visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/cybercrime> or follow us on social media for daily tips throughout the Black Friday period.

**Together, we can make Essex safer online. Sort your settings today and shop with confidence.**





## Do you have information? suspect sought after Cloes Lane incident

We're looking for a witness and information after a 12-year-old was accosted in Clacton.

It was reported the suspect approached the victim in Cloes Lane at about 4.45pm on Monday 10 November and grabbed their arm before the victim ran away.

We have been carrying out enquiries over the last week and are now asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect, as well as a potential witness.

The suspect was described as a white man, about 5ft 6in tall, with a black beard and blue eyes. He was wearing a black Nike tracksuit with a silver and dark blue Nike logo and was wearing the hood up at the time of the incident.

We believe the driver of a blue Volvo estate car in the area of Cloes Lane at the time may have witnessed this incident as well – if this is you or you know who this is, please get in touch with us.

If you have any information, please contact us quoting **incident number 816 of Monday 10 November**.

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 to find out more about our online reporting services.

Alternatively, you can call 101.

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.



# APPEAL CAN YOU HELP?

**ESSEX  
POLICE**  
Protecting and serving Essex

An advertisement for Crimestoppers. The top half shows the lower legs and feet of several people walking on a paved surface, with their shadows cast long. The bottom half is a solid purple triangle.

**Contact  
Crimestoppers**

No one will know you spoke up.  
You stay 100% anonymous. Always.

**CrimeStoppers.**  
**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.

[crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

An advertisement for Crimestoppers. It features a young man with glasses and a plaid shirt looking down at a smartphone. The background is a warm, indoor setting.

**"Is Crimestoppers really anonymous?"**

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Have you signed up to Dispatch? – Our free weekly e-newsletter!

We're offering more ways for our communities to stay up to date with our work across Essex.

Our e-newsletter, Dispatch, delivers news, information, and advice from Essex Police. Dispatch is a 'one stop shop' for local police news – direct from the source.

Sign up is completely free and you can unsubscribe at any time. Every Monday subscribers receive an email which details work carried out across the force.

It includes news articles from our website, posts from our social media pages, crime prevention advice and more. And if you're looking for something that's more focused on where you live or work - we offer 14 district editions of Dispatch too, which are sent out every Wednesday.

Sign up today! We'd recommend the Essex edition plus the local district edition for your area – **Tendring!**

Visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/dispatch> Or scan the QR Code!



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## Help Us – Help You!

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 with 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.



Violent criminals don't care who gets caught in the crossfire.

If you know someone who carries a weapon, contact Crimestoppers. You stay 100% anonymous. Always.

No one will know you spoke up, but your information could make a big difference: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/.../crimestoppers-launches>

# Criminals who carry knives don't care who is in the way

Criminals who carry knives don't care who is in the way, anyone can become a victim. Your information could protect an innocent life.

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**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555111**

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