

Tendring Police

October 2025



Monthly message

Thanks for taking a moment to read this month's Your Local Update. As the nights draw in and the weather turns colder, it's a good time to remind ourselves of the basics—please make sure your homes and vehicles are locked and secure. It's simple, but it really does make a difference.

With Halloween and Bonfire Night just around the corner, we often see a rise in antisocial behaviour, especially involving young people. We'll have extra officers out and about during those evenings, but I'd also ask parents and carers to check in with their children and make sure they're staying safe and respectful.

There's been some brilliant work happening across the District recently, and it's starting to show in our crime figures. I know stats aren't everyone's cup of tea, but they do matter—every reduction means fewer victims and less harm in our communities. In the last three months, overall crime in

Tendring is down by 5.6% compared to the same period last year. That's 203 fewer offences—a real achievement.

In this edition, you'll also see how we're continuing to crack down on drug supply and organised crime—issues that we know cause real damage locally.

On a lighter note, I had the pleasure of joining 10-year-old Oscar Gillmore for part of his incredible fundraising challenge. Last year, Oscar raised over £3,000 for the Tendring Police Christmas Appeal by running 100km in a month. This year, he's doubling the distance—running and cycling 200km!

I joined him for a 4km run at Engaines Primary School in Little Clacton, where we were cheered on by his Year 6 classmates. I'll be honest—Oscar made it look easy, and I was definitely put through my paces! But it was a fantastic moment and a great reminder of the positive spirit in our community.

Thanks again for reading, and as always, stay safe and look out for one another.

Chief Inspector Stuart Austin
District Commander Tendring



Chief Inspector concludes Tendring tour with Brightlingsea visit

On Tuesday 16 September, Chief Inspector Stuart Austin concluded this year's tour of the Tendring district with a visit to Brightlingsea.

He and his team met with local councillors, Tendring District Council ASB officers, and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service to discuss key community priorities and concerns.

These meetings offered valuable insight into the issues affecting residents and reinforced the importance of strong, collaborative partnerships between Essex Police and local stakeholders.

Chief Inspector Austin said:

"Hearing directly from councillors and partner agencies 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."

Chief Inspector Austin will continue his district tour next year and plans to revisit the areas already covered to follow up on the matters discussed.



While on patrol in the Tendring district on Tuesday 23 September, officers from our Rural Engagement Team seized a van after stopping and speaking with its occupants.

Checks revealed the vehicle was being driven without valid insurance. Further enquiries established that the individuals were collecting scrap metal but did not hold the required waste carrier licence.



Their details have since been passed to colleagues at Tendring District Council for further investigation.

Four men charged following major drugs investigation in Tendring

As part of a significant investigation into the supply of illicit drugs in the Tendring district, four men have now been charged.

In the early hours of Wednesday 24 September, officers executed warrants at multiple business and residential addresses in Clacton. Four men were arrested at the scene.

All four have since been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A and Class B drugs. They appeared in court on Thursday 25 September, where they were denied bail and remanded into custody.

They are next due to appear in court on 23 October.



Van seized following cannabis discovery in Clacton

On Tuesday 26 September, officers from our Neighbourhood Policing Team entered an address in Clacton after receiving information about a suspected cannabis grow.

Following a search of the property, officers discovered approximately ten plants believed to be cannabis.

Cannabis cultivation is not a victimless crime. It is illegal and often linked to wider criminal activity. Organised crime groups frequently use cannabis farms to generate income, exploiting vulnerable individuals, including victims of modern slavery, in the process. These setups also pose serious risks to communities, including fire hazards, violence, and property damage.

This is not just about drugs, it's about protecting our neighbourhoods from harm.

If you see or hear something that doesn't feel right, please report it. Your information could help protect others or prevent a crime.

If you're unsure whether something should be reported as a crime, our online reporting tool can guide you, visit www.essex.police.uk

If a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.



Community spirit shines at Lawford parish council's open day

On Saturday 27 September, Lawford Parish Council hosted a vibrant Community Open Day, bringing together local residents, Essex Police officers, and partner agencies for a fun and informative event.

The day was packed with engaging activities and valuable conversations around crime prevention and road safety. Officers were on hand to share advice, answer questions, and showcase the work being done to keep Essex's roads and neighbourhoods safe.

Younger visitors were especially delighted, climbing into the police car, trying on a variety of police hats, and chatting with officers about their roles. The event offered a fantastic opportunity to build trust, spark curiosity, and strengthen the bond between the community and its local services.

With smiles all around and plenty of positive engagement, the day was a great success!



On Friday 3 October, specialist officers joined forces with our Neighbourhood Policing Team to carry out a series of warrants in Harwich. These warrants were issued in connection with suspected drug supply and money laundering offences.

A warrant is a legal document issued by a court that gives officers permission to take specific actions, including:

Arresting individuals

Searching properties

Seizing items as evidence



Two females and three males from Harwich were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs and conspiracy to acquire criminal property. All five individuals have since been released on bail while investigations continue.

We remain committed to tackling serious crime and protecting our communities. If you see something suspicious or have information about drug activity?

You can report it online at www.essex.police.uk/digital101 or use our Live Chat, available 24/7.

Prefer to speak to someone? Call 101.

In an emergency, always dial 999.

To report anonymously, contact Crimestoppers at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 11



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On Monday 6 October, officers from the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team were out on patrol in Frinton, making the most of the autumn sunshine to connect with the local community.

It was a great opportunity to engage with residents, listen to concerns, and offer reassurance. Officers also spoke with an individual regarding cycling on the pavement, a reminder that safety and consideration go hand-in-hand.

Thank you to everyone who stopped to chat with us!



Proactive policing: 310 vehicles stopped in road safety operation

As part of our ongoing commitment to tackling road-related offences and keeping Tendring's roads safe, officers recently carried out a proactive operation that saw 310 vehicles stopped and checked over the course of just four hours. During the operation, local officers:

Seized six vehicles and issued fixed penalty notices for driving without insurance.

Issued two fixed penalty notices to drivers not wearing seatbelts.

Stopped and searched two vehicles.

Arrested a 46-year-old man on suspicion of drug driving.

This operation highlights the continued efforts of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to reduce harm on our roads and protect all road users. By taking swift action against uninsured drivers, seatbelt offences, and suspected drug driving, we're helping to make our communities safer and more secure.



Teamwork and Tenacity: PCSOs help track down stolen bikes in Clacton

On Wednesday 8 October, PCSOs Dan and Paul demonstrated outstanding initiative and teamwork during a fast-moving incident in Clacton.

The evening began with a report of an abandoned yellow motorbike at Amble Side Court. Although the bike had been removed before officers arrived, the team remained alert. Later, while patrolling near Pallister Road, they spotted a moped carrying two

individuals, one of whom was not wearing a helmet. The pillion passenger was identified, but the pair made off before officers could intervene.

Undeterred, the PCSOs carried out an area search and discovered an underground car park off Pallister Road. Inside, they found the same yellow motorbike reported earlier, now confirmed to be stolen due to visible ignition damage.

At the same time, Local Policing Team (LPT) officers reported that the same moped had just made off from them. Suspecting the suspects might return to the scene, the PCSOs took a tactical position and waited. Their instincts proved correct, and the moped returned, Dan quickly detained the driver. As Paul moved to apprehend the passenger, two LPT officers arrived and secured the second suspect.

Both bikes were confirmed stolen, and two individuals were arrested. One was found to be carrying an offensive weapon.

Residents in the nearby flats praised the officers' actions, with one commenting that it was "like watching a real cop show." The response was met with appreciation from the local community, who felt reassured by the visible and effective policing.

This incident is a prime example of how PCSOs play a vital role in frontline policing, using local knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork to keep our communities safe.



Frinton resident's thoughtful donation

Frinton & Walton PCSO Michele had the pleasure of collecting a heart warming donation of hand-knitted and crocheted teddies from Yvonne, a kind local resident of Frinton-on-Sea.

These lovingly crafted comfort teddies will be passed on to our Road Policing and Domestic Violence Units, where they'll be given to children who have witnessed or been involved in traumatic incidents. A small gesture like this can make a big difference in helping a child feel safe and supported during difficult times.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to contribute to this meaningful initiative, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch by emailing michele.diss@essex.police.uk to find out how you can help.



Our Rural Engagement Team (RET) have been out on patrol across the Tendring district, focusing on areas including St Osyth and Lee-Over-Sands.

This follows reports from residents about off-road bikes being ridden in an antisocial manner. Officers are working to identify those responsible and ensure these areas remain safe and enjoyable for everyone.

We appreciate the community's continued support, please keep reporting concerns so we can take action where it's needed most.



Neighbourhood Policing

On Thursday 16 October, officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Walton Community Forum on the High Street to show their support.

They were joined by Tammy from Essex Police's Fraud and Scam Awareness team, along with representatives from partner agencies including Community Energy Pathways, Tendring Energy Champions, Community Voluntary Services Tendring, and the Essex Wellbeing Service.

A big thank you to Di at the Forum, our partner agencies, and everyone who stopped by, it was a great opportunity to engage with the community!

Following the event, officers carried out foot patrols in Walton and Frinton, speaking with local businesses and residents to hear about any issues or concerns they may have.



Neighbourhood Policing

On Thursday 16 October, officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Pamoja Project Health Event at Pier Avenue Baptist Church in Clacton.

The event brought together a range of local organisations offering advice, support, and guidance on health and wellbeing. Officers from the Clacton Town Centre Team were pleased to take part, engaging with attendees and strengthening connections with both the community and partner agencies.

Events like this are a valuable opportunity to listen, learn, and work together to support local residents.

Thank you to the Pamoja Project for hosting such a well-organised and meaningful event!



Police Community Support Officer Paul Brassey

Two decades of community commitment

For almost two decades, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Paul Brassey has been a familiar face across Tendring. From community patrols and street meets to being first on scene at incidents. Paul's commitment to keeping residents safe and reassured has made him a valued member of Essex Police.

A career built on community

Paul joined Essex Police as a PCSO in April 2006 after seeing an advert for the role. Before that, he worked in engineering with a local firm in Clacton-on-Sea.

That decision turned into a career approaching 20 years, one that has seen Paul at the heart of his community every day.

"I always wanted to join the police from the age of 18, but I didn't have the confidence at the time, When the PCSO role came up, I thought, why not?!"

Life as a PCSO

PCSOs also play a vital role in providing early reassurance, whether it's guarding a scene or being first to arrive at an incident. Being that calm presence during crisis.

Paul's role is as dynamic as the community he serves, and each day presents fresh challenges and chances to connect.

"Every day is different. I can plan a shift the day before, and it can all change in an instant.

"I start by checking emails, reviewing jobs I can attend, and looking at the lists of people who are wanted by the police. Then I go out on patrol, going to areas that need a police presence. I also attend community events and host 'Let's Talk' meetings, so people can come and chat to us and share any concerns."

The challenges and rewards

Covering such a large area brings its difficulties. Paul recognises that public expectations of the police can sometimes be at odds with what the role involves. But he says the positives far outweigh the challenges.

"The most rewarding aspect of the job is knowing you've made a real difference in someone's life - especially if they've been struggling for a long time. Helping them overcome those issues so they can enjoy life again makes it all worthwhile."

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Paul recalls one case that has stayed with him.

“When I was stationed in Walton-on-the-Naze, we had an elderly gentleman who was deaf, disabled, and living in difficult conditions. My colleague and I helped arrange for his flat to be cleared, worked with housing to get him moved into sheltered accommodation, and even used our days off to help him settle in.

“He was also an Ipswich Town fan, like me, so we used to take him to matches when we could. He absolutely loved it!”



As Paul shares his experience, it's clear that his actions come naturally - almost instinctively, as if he'd shrug it off as simply part of the job. But it's anything but ordinary. His story is a powerful reflection of what PCSOs truly represent: not just public service, but human connection. For many, officers like Paul are a lifeline - showing up with compassion, courage, and commitment when it matters most.

The Chief's Commendation

2025 saw Paul receive a Chief's Commendation. His courageous actions at Walton-on-the-Naze, saved a woman in distress in the sea. After calling out to her and competing with the wind and tumultuous waves for her attention, Paul swiftly removed his protective gear and boots and waded into the water up to his shoulders. There he was able to calm the woman down and coax her back to shore. When it was apparent that the woman wanted to put herself in danger once again, Paul carried her to an ambulance where she was able to receive the urgent care she needed.



His commitment to public safety extends far beyond this single incident. He has lost count of how many times he's had to perform CPR. His colleagues note that he is often first on the scene at critical incidents and calmly jumping straight into action.

A chance to make a real difference

As Paul approaches the later stages of his career, he remains focused on being a strong presence in the community.

His motivation comes from knowing that, each day, he has the chance to make a real difference.

“For anyone thinking about joining the police, my advice is simple: just go for it. It can be hard, but it's rewarding - you're giving something back to your community.

"You have to listen to people, understand their side, and know how to calm things down."

“I'm proud to represent Essex Police, proud to be a face in the community, and proud of the confidence this job has given me."



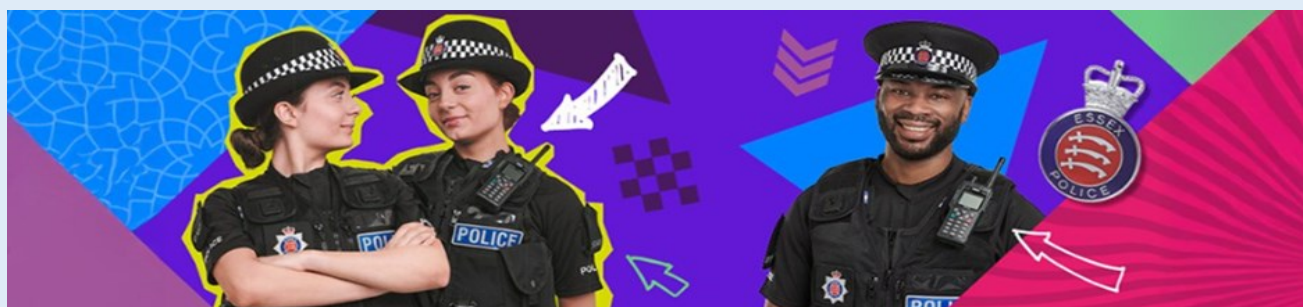
Swift arrest following burglary at Waterglade Retail Park

In the early hours of Friday 17 October, officers from the Clacton Local Policing Team (LPT) responded to reports of a burglary at Waterglade Retail Park.

Upon arrival, it was confirmed that two local businesses had been targeted, windows were smashed and items stolen. Thanks to prompt evidence gathering and strong local knowledge, officers quickly identified a suspect.

Within just a few hours, a 50-year-old man was arrested by the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and remains remanded in custody.

This incident highlights the value of proactive policing and effective teamwork in protecting our local business community.



Do you fit the bill?

At Essex Police, we value difference. We know we're strongest when we work together. And we want a workforce that represents our communities.

If you share our values and want to help people, keep people safe and catch criminals, then join us as a police officer, member of staff, special constable or volunteer.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/ca/careers/>



Neighbourhood Policing

Over the weekend and into Monday 20 October, officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team were out and about in Alresford, responding to community concerns around antisocial behaviour.

Our patrols weren't just about visibility, officers took time to speak with residents, cheer on the local football team, and chat about issues affecting the area. These conversations help us better understand what matters most to you.

For more information about reporting antisocial behaviour to the local council or police, please visit <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/report-anti-social-behaviour>



Tendring Police Christmas Appeal

Oscar's challenge returns: Doubling the distance for the Christmas appeal

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

Well, he's back! and this time, he's doubling the challenge.

Throughout October, Oscar is completing an incredible 200km, combining running and cycling, all in support of this year's Christmas appeal.

On Wednesday 22 October, to show support for Oscar's amazing efforts, Tendring District Commander, Chief Inspector Stuart Austin, joined him for a run at Engaines Primary School in Little Clacton. Together, they completed 4.4km, finishing their final lap around the school track to cheers from Oscar's Year 6 classmates!

Fantastic commitment from Oscar, with brilliant support from Chief Inspector Austin—well done both!



Tendring Police Christmas Appeal



See the next page for details of this years Tendring Police Christmas tree appeal....



Tendring Police Christmas Appeal

This year will be the 7th Year!!

We are delighted to announce that the Tendring Neighbourhood Policing Team will once again be running its Tendring Community Christmas Tree Appeal.

After the last 6 years and the generosity of YOU we have managed to help more than 1000 young people within the Tendring District each year. The presents YOU delivered to the nominated stores or had delivered to us were sent to disadvantaged children around the district, so they had something to open on Christmas Day!

If you would like to donate a new unopened gift, age range from newborn up to 17 years old you can either drop it off at:

- ♦ **Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Clacton, CO15 1HX.**
- ♦ **Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary Way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.**
- ♦ **Tesco Supermarket, 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.**

Alternatively, you can order via our Amazon Wish List on the below link or simply choose something and have it posted to us at:

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

We will be closing donations on Monday 15 December 2025.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept second-hand presents, and all donations must be unwrapped.

Thank you for your continued support!!

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18CFL4562E0D6...>



The poster features a festive design with a blue and white checkered border at the top. On the left, there is a stylized blue Christmas tree with white dots for lights and a small police badge at the top. To the right of the tree are several wrapped gifts in red and white patterns. The main text is in large, bold, black letters. The top right corner features the Essex Police logo and crest, with the text 'ESSEX POLICE' and 'Protecting and serving Essex' below it.

PRESENTS WANTED

Tendring Police Community Christmas Giving Tree

Donate a small toy or gift so we can deliver to a vulnerable child this Christmas

Donate before Monday 15 December 2025

Working with volunteers and partners to make Christmas in Tendring special for everyone!



Marine unit patrols Tendring coastline to support safety and engagement

On Wednesday 8 October, Essex Police's Marine Unit carried out a high-visibility patrol along the Tendring coastline, extending up to Harwich, as part of their ongoing commitment to coastal safety and community engagement.

Harwich, one of the busiest ports in the region, benefits from a visible policing presence to support the local marine community and strengthen partnerships with key agencies, including the Harwich Haven Authority and the RNLI.

During the patrol, the Police Launch Toby Speller was moored at Ha'penny Pier, where officers took the opportunity to engage with members of the public and local businesses. These conversations help build trust, raise awareness of marine safety, and ensure that community concerns are heard and addressed.

The team then navigated towards the Walton Backwaters, where they assisted the Harwich Inshore Lifeboat crew in responding to a concern raised in the area. This joint working highlights the strong operational collaboration between Essex Police and maritime partners.

Before returning to base, officers also visited the RRS Sir David Attenborough, the renowned polar research vessel currently docked at her home port. The visit was a valuable opportunity to connect with the crew and reinforce the importance of maritime security and cooperation.

These patrols are a vital part of Essex Police's work to ensure the safety of those living, working, and visiting our coastal communities.



Police forces unite with zero tolerance approach to hare coursing

Our Rural Engagement Team continue to tackle hare coursing and related criminal activity, assisted by neighbouring forces and the police helicopter.

Sergeant Paul Brady says: “Hare coursing is not only an animal welfare issue but also a source of fear and disruption for rural communities.

“By combining resources and expertise across force boundaries, we are better placed to prevent offences, support victims, and pursue those responsible through the courts.”

Our Rural Engagement officers have already stepped-up patrols in areas known to attract hare coursers as the good weather in June and July meant the season started early.

They are patrolling in marked and unmarked vehicles and using their drone to check out large areas of land difficult to access on foot or in a police vehicle.

And they can also call on the National Police Air Service helicopter for assistance. It’s vital to tackling hare coursing, again because it can monitor vast rural areas, track suspects and support officers on the ground in real time.

The RET also work with our Neighbourhood Policing teams, providing specialist advice on the policing powers available to disrupt hare coursers, such as seizing vehicles suspected to be linked to this illegal activity or seeking

court orders banning recipients from owning dogs or visiting certain parts of the county.

Paul adds: “We rely on reports from the public to help us target our operational activity. If you don’t tell us, we don’t know where it’s happening. If you see hare coursing taking place, ring 999 to report a crime in progress.



Tendring DAIT update October 2025

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

October has arrived with a steady mix of golden leaves, darker evenings, and a noticeable shift in pace – but for us, the work hasn't slowed down one bit. In fact, this month has been one of our busiest yet, with a strong focus on supporting victims and making sure their voices are not just heard, but truly listened to throughout the justice process. Unfortunately in our role, we deal with lots of victims of the most personal and distressing offences – however, we seek to see the individual beyond the statistics and take a holistic approach to support.

One of the things we've reflected on this month is how important it is to make decisions that are in the best interests of the victim – even when those decisions aren't easy. Sometimes, safeguarding means stepping in early and putting protective measures in place. We do it because we recognise vulnerability, and we want to mitigate risk before harm occurs. It's not about ticking boxes – it's about doing what's right.

This month has seen a contingent of our investigators leave our usual office and head off to the Essex Police Training College to complete their Initial Detective Courses – which will see them (after completing a portfolio to prove their operational competence) become qualified Detective Constables. A national accreditation which requires dedication and hard work to obtain. We wish our colleagues well in this endeavour and the people of Essex will reap the benefits in the long term when our department is better qualified than before!

Although the things we come across in our role are often sad and sometimes hard to process; doing what we do is a true honour. We take great pride in the fact that we drive down the rates of domestic homicide by taking early action and getting the results that are deserved.

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

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

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

These orders are often issued in partnership with The Next Chapter, a charity supporting people affected by domestic abuse across Tendring, Colchester, Maldon, Chelmsford, Braintree, and Uttlesford. Their services are free and confidential. Need support? Visit thenextchapter.org.uk 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!

T/DC ELSEY – COLCHESTER DAIT HUB



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

Tammy's top scam alert this month!

Cryptocurrency Investment Fraud

Cryptocurrency fraud is one of the most financially damaging scams affecting victims in Essex. As interest in digital currencies grows, so does the risk of falling victim to fake investment schemes.

What is Cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is a digital or virtual currency used as a medium of exchange. Its value can fluctuate rapidly, making it attractive to investors, and unfortunately, to criminals.

How do scammers operate?

- Fake investment platforms: Fraudsters create convincing websites and dashboards showing fake profits to lure victims.
- Celebrity endorsements: Scammers use doctored images and fake testimonials featuring public figures to make scams appear legitimate.

Social media & cold calls: Victims are often approached online or via messaging apps with promises of quick, easy money.

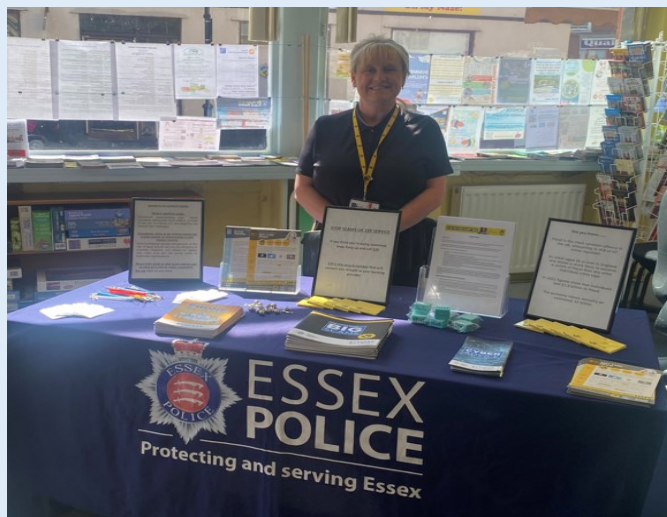
Protect yourself

- Don't be rushed into making an investment.
- Seek independent financial advice, such as from your bank.

Check if the company is registered with the **Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)**: www.fca.org.uk

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Always verify before you invest.

If you suspect a scam or have been affected, report it to **Action Fraud**: www.actionfraud.police.uk



Tendring's Fraud Prevention Coordinator

At the end of September, Tammy delivered an engaging and informative Fraud Prevention Talk to members of the Harwich Guild and the United Services Club.

With over 90 attendees, the event saw a fantastic turnout and strong community interest. Attendees received Fraud Prevention Packs, card defenders, and purse bells, practical tools to help protect against scams and theft.

The session included a lively Q&A, with plenty of questions from the audience, highlighting the importance of raising awareness and encouraging open discussion around fraud prevention.

Thank you to Tammy for her excellent delivery and to everyone who attended. Events like this play a vital role in helping residents feel informed, empowered, and protected.



Tammy's events arranged in Tendring

Tuesday 4 November—2pm

Fraud Prevention Talk at the Dementia Carers Group, Community Centre, Long Meadows, Harwich CO12 4US.

Tuesday 18 November—2.45pm

Fraud Prevention Talk at the Companions Cafe, Coastlands Community Centre, 13 Walton High Street, CO14 8BN.

Wednesday 19 November—2.30pm

Fraud Prevention Talk for the Weeley WI at the Weeley Village Hall, Old Clacton Road, Weeley CO16 9LW.

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.

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



Supporting older residents: Fraud prevention at the crucial crew event

Tammy, Fraud and Scam Prevention Officer for Essex Police in Tendring, recently joined partner agencies at the Older Persons Crucial Crew event, held at the Princes Theatre on Wednesday 1 October.

The free event welcomed a fantastic turnout of older residents from across the district. Local organisations came together to share essential advice on staying safe at home and in the community, with topics ranging from fire safety to fraud prevention.

Attendees left feeling informed, reassured, and supported, with many also receiving Winter Warmer packs from CVST to help them through the colder months.

A big thank you to the Tendring Community Safety Partnership and everyone involved in making the event such a success.



*The Tendring Community Let's Talk meets during
October/ November 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



Saturday 25 October – 10.00 to 11.00 - Poundland, 43-45 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

Monday 27 October – 15.00 to 16.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton, CO15 1HX.

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

Saturday 1 November – 11.30 to 12.30 – Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

Sunday 2 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Waterglade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton, CO15 1HX.

Wednesday 5 November – 15.00 to 16.00 – Poundland, 43-45 Pier Avenue, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QE.

Friday 7 November – 10.00 to 11.00 – Harwich Market, High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3AJ.

Friday 7 November - 10.00 to 11.30—Walton Food Bank, Standley Road, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8PT.

Saturday 8 November - 10.00 to 11.00 - Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton, CO15 4AU.

Saturday 8 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Jaywick Library, Golf Green Road, Jaywick, Essex, CO15 2RH.

Sunday 9 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Monday 10 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

Monday 10 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Walton
Community Forum, High Street, Walton on the
Naze, CO14 8LE.

Monday 10 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - The
Council Offices, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea,
CO7 0BP.

Tuesday 11 November - 10.00 to 11.30 – Oasis
Café, Frinton Free Church, Connaught Avenue,
Frinton on Sea, CO13 9PW.

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Saturday 15 November – 10.00 to 11.00 – Manningtree Market, Marketplace, Manningtree, CO11 1DJ.

Saturday 15 November – 15.00 to 16.00 – Costa Coffee, Waterglade Retail Park, NEXT, Unit 3, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

Monday 17 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Lidl Supermarket, A133, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FY.

Tuesday 18 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Tuesday 18 November – 14.00 to 15.00 - Sainsbury's Supermarket, Samson's Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0RN.

Wednesday 19 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree CO11 1AD.

Wednesday 19 November - 10.00 to 11.00 - Asda Supermarket, Bull Hill Road, Clacton, CO15 4AU.

Wednesday 19 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Walton Community Forum, High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8LE.

Friday 21 November – 10.30 to 11.30 – Morrisons, Water Glade Retail Park, Old Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1HX.

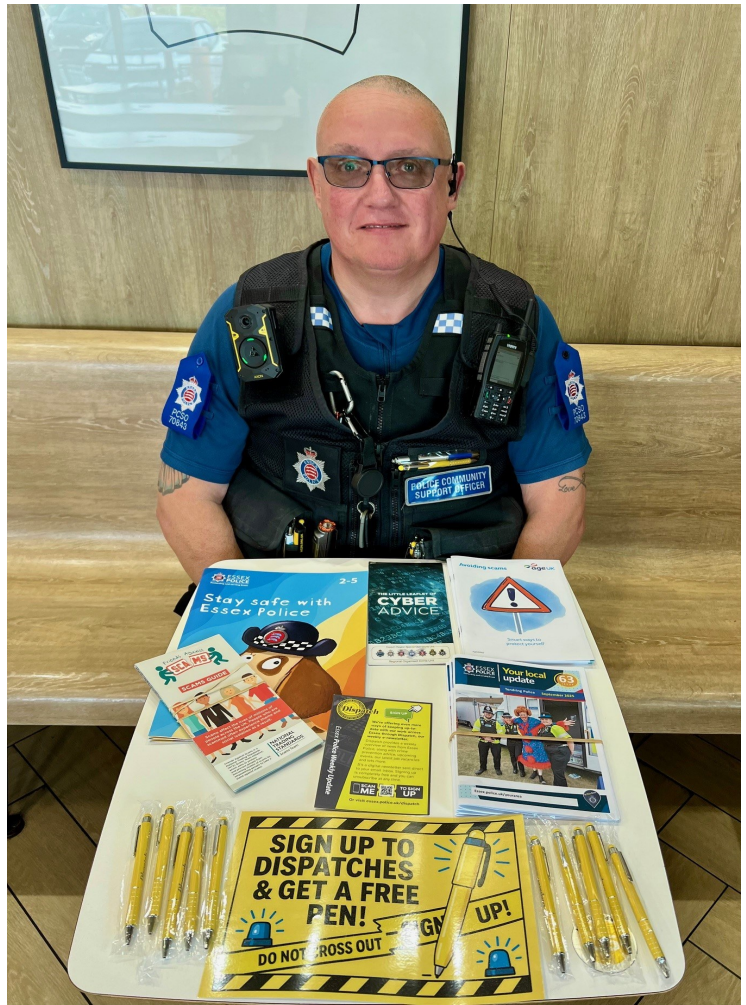
Monday 24 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - CVST, Harwich Hub, 276 High Street, Dovercourt, CO12 3PD.

Thursday 27 November - 10.00 to 11.00 - McDonalds, Hartley Brook Road, Clacton on Sea, CO16 9FZ.

Friday 28 November – 10.00 to 11.00 - Morrisons Supermarket, Centenary way, Little Clacton, CO16 9SB.

Friday 28 November – 14.00 to 15.00 - Costa Coffee, T Grove Brook Park West, Clacton, CO16 9FY.

Sunday 30 November – 11.00 to 16.00—Walton Christmas Shopping, The Millenium Square, High Street, Walton on the Naze, CO14 8AE.



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



You Said, We Did – Tendring District Update

At Tendring Police, 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:

Nuisance Off-Road Bikes – St Osyth & Lee-Over-Sands

You said: Concerns were raised about off-road bikes causing disruption.

We did: We proactively patrolled the area and are continuing efforts to identify those involved, while taking steps to prevent further incidents.

Speeding – Across the Tendring District

You said: Speeding vehicles were a concern in several areas.

We did: We increased monitoring and enforcement in key locations:

Kirby Le Soken, Kirby Cross, Clacton, Little Clacton, Point Clear, and St Osyth: **53** offences recorded

Harwich (Low Road, Oakley Road, Ramsey Road, Main Road, Parkeston Road): **33** offences recorded

Residents supported our efforts by sharing valuable insights, helping us target hotspots more effectively.

Uninsured Vehicles

You said: Concerns were raised about uninsured vehicles in the area.

We did: Targeted traffic operations led to the seizure of six uninsured vehicles, helping to keep our roads safer.

Nuisance Vehicles – Brightlingsea Promenade

You said: Concerns were raised about nuisance vehicles in the promenade area.

We did: We carried out enquiries to identify those responsible. Unfortunately, due to poor CCTV image quality, we were unable to identify the vehicles involved. We continue to explore other options to address the issue.

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](#).



District Statistics for Tendring – September 2025

District Commander: Chief Inspector Stuart Austin



Your Priorities

You Said:

Concerns were raised about nuisance off-road bikes causing disruption in St Osyth and Lee-Over-Sands.

We Did:

We responded to these reports by proactively patrolling the area, working to identify those responsible, and taking steps to prevent further incidents.



Tendring District Council named organisation of the year

At this year's Essex Police CSAS Awards, we were proud to present Tendring District Council with the Organisation of the Year award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to community safety and partnership working.

Their proactive approach and close collaboration with Essex Police have made a significant impact in keeping communities safe across the district.

We extend our thanks to the council's dedicated Community Safety team and all those who contribute to making Tendring a safer place to live.



**JAYWICK SANDS COMMUNITY FORUM
PRESENTS**

HALLOWEEN SCARE NIGHT

**FREE
EVENT**

**SPOOKY MAZE
SWEETS & TREATS**

**OCTOBER
31ST 2025**



5PM - 7PM

**JOIN US FOR SOME HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE
SUNSPOT, JAYWICK, ESSEX CO15 2JG**



SCARESPOT



October Half Term Family Warm Hub

Location: St Clare's Primary School, Cloes Lane, Clacton CO16 8AG

Date: Wednesday 29th October

Time: 10am – 1pm

Cost: Free

Open to all families - Organised by CVST – Bringing Unity to Our Community!

OCTOBER HALF TERM FAMILY WARM HUB

St Clare's Primary School
Cloes Lane, Clacton CO16 8AG

Wednesday 29th October
10am-1pm

Free

- Breakfast/ lunch and refreshments
- **Local information and support for families**
- Winter Warmers
- **Smoke alarms**
- School Uniform bank
- **Baby bank**
- Library services
- **Children's services and activities**

All families welcome
(children must be accompanied)



Appeal—Can you help?

Appeal for information: Vandalism at Dovercourt and Frinton public toilets

Public toilets in Dovercourt and Frinton have recently been targeted by vandals, resulting in nearly £1,000 worth of damage.

The Dovercourt facility, located at the Tennis Court toilets on Lower Marine Parade, is currently closed for deep cleaning following graffiti-related damage. In Frinton, soap dispensers and toilet roll holders were forcibly removed from the walls, causing cracked tiles at sites on Cambridge Road and The Leas.

Councillor Peter Kotz from Tendring District Council commented:

“These acts show a lack of respect for facilities that serve everyone. We’d much rather invest in improvements than spend public money on repairs.”

Thanks are extended to Tendring District Council staff for their swift response and to residents for their patience.

Did you see anything suspicious?

Even small details—such as someone with pink paint on their hands!—could help.

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.



Pension fraud is on the rise, and people nearing retirement are among those being targeted.

Action Fraud reports £17.5 million lost to pension scams in 2024 alone - that's £48,129 vanishing every single day.

Learn how to protect your savings and spot the warning signs: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/.../pension-fraud-how-to...>



Tyre Safe Month: A simple check could save a life

Tyres that are bald or underinflated cause the vehicle to cost more to run, but more importantly, could potentially contribute to a breakdown, or worse, a collision.

A bald patch could cause the tyre to burst open, making it difficult to control the car and bring it to a safe stop.

As part of Tyre Safe month, we're urging all our drivers to check your tyres.



Over 35,000 people reported having their email or social media accounts hacked last year.

Cyber criminals are constantly looking for ways in, and if they get your password, they're in. But there's a simple step you can take to stop them.

Enable 2-Step Verification (2SV).

It adds an extra layer of security to your accounts, making it much harder for criminals to gain access, even if they know your password.

Don't wait until it's too late.



This may seem obvious, but a large proportion of thefts would appear to be from unlocked vehicles.

Always check the vehicle is locked and the windows are up after using a key fob. Listen for the locking noise and watch for the lights to flash, or where fitted, mirrors folding.

This can also provide reassurance that criminals have not blocked the locking signal from your fob using a jammer.

For further information visit:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/>





Nitrous Oxide – Legal status and health risks

Nitrous oxide, also known as 'laughing gas', is now classified as a **Class C drug** under UK law. Possession is illegal if intended for recreational use, and those found with it may face serious consequences.

What's Legal?

Legitimate use in medical, dental, or industrial settings is still permitted. Possession is only lawful if it falls under specific statutory exemptions.

What's Illegal?

- Possessing nitrous oxide with intent to inhale for its psychoactive effects
- Supplying, producing, importing, or exporting it for recreational use

Being reckless about whether others will misuse it

Penalties May Include:

- Unlimited fines
- Community punishment
- Cautions
- Up to 2 years in prison for possession

Up to 14 years in prison for supply or production

Health Risks:

Recreational use can cause oxygen deprivation, unconsciousness, nerve damage, and in severe cases, death.

For more information or to report concerns, please contact your local authority or Essex Police.



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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.

