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HARE COURSERS CAUGHT

Hare coursing season is underway again. The team have been out daily patrolling and responding to incidents.

On one morning we responded to five calls in Uttlesford. RET worked with local officers, police from Stansted Airport and the police helicopter to catch suspects.

The helicopter was able to lead officers to a coursing vehicle which had become stuck in a field. Suspects had fled and tried to hide but were swiftly detained by the huge police response.



Not only was their vehicle seized but a greyhound dog believed to have been used for coursing was also taken by police. Enquiries continue.



There have been 60 calls to hare coursing since the start of September. In the same period the team have caught and are investigating 16 suspects. We have also seized 5 vehicles believed to have been used for coursing and two dogs.

Last season saw a 50% drop in reported incidents compared to the previous 12 months.



Domestic abuse is all about control. If you notice that someone seems to be controlled in all areas of their life, it could be a sign they are being abused.

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Now there's a quick online alternative to calling 101 or visiting a police station:
DIGITAL 101



Do it online at:
essex.police.uk

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

INVESTMENT IN RET

Essex Police has continued to invest in our capabilities, making sure we are on the front foot in the fight against rural crime.

This month saw the arrive of our new police drone.

The Mavic 3 drone was bought using money seized from criminals.

Capable of capturing video and still images, the drone can even pick up body heat using thermal imaging.



Two officers attended the 5 day, intensive flight operators course. More team members



will follow.

The drone is already being deployed operationally to search for suspects, look for missing people, carry out intelligence gathering and be a highly visible deterrent.

Hot on its heels comes the first of our new vehicle fleet.

The team took delivery of our first new Volvo XC60 AWD car.

RET cover the whole county and drive long distances on blue lights to get to calls.



The new car will be more comfortable, safer to drive and has the capability to drive on rough ground.

The XC60 is equipped with state of the art front and rear camera's, Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology and Tracker stolen vehicle location system.

Currently we have another Volvo XC60 and a Ford Ranger 4x4 being built by Essex Police Transport Services.

Look out for us on the roads.

PORT CHECKS

Following on from last months operation at Harwich International Port where £70,000 was seized after an attempt to smuggle it out of the UK, the team returned to check for stolen plant.

RET use scanners and our intelligence databases to check items such as diggers, tractors and agricultural equipment leaving the UK. If stolen items are found they are seized.

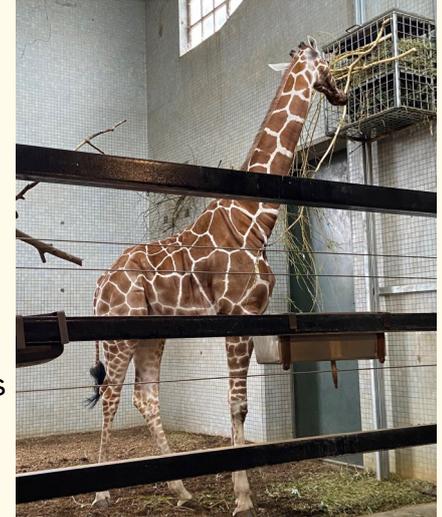


We are pleased to report on this visit no stolen equipment was found.

WILDLIFE CRIME TRAINING

PC Raven, our dedicated Wildlife Crime Officer attended a training event held by the Zoological Society London, otherwise known as London Zoo.

Guest speakers from the Environment Agency, National Wildlife Crime Unit and animal charities shared idea's, knowledge and contacts.



RET are pleased to be recognised nationally as leaders in the wildlife crime arena.



HORSE SANCTUARY VISIT

Insp Jacobs and Sgt Felton were pleased to be invited to visit the Remus Horse Sanctuary in Brentwood.

We discussed animal welfare matters and how we can better work together to tackle crime against horses and donkeys.

Some great ideas were put forward.

The sanctuary was recently visited by HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh who has been patron since 2013.



SCHOOL VISIT

The team were delighted to visit Priory Primary School in Bicknacre for a road safety talk.



After learning about the role of a police officer and trying on some uniform, the pupils had the chance to actually use the speed gun outside their school (under safe supervision).



CUBS VISIT

Following our visit to the Priory Primary School we were invited back by the local cub scout group.

The team gave the cubs a talk about the daily life of a police officer, let them dress up in some small police uniform and had a look around one of our police 4x4's.



So far this year we have carried out over 100 engagement events including many school and community group visits.

If you would like RET to attend your event, group or meeting, please email us at 74973@essex.police.uk

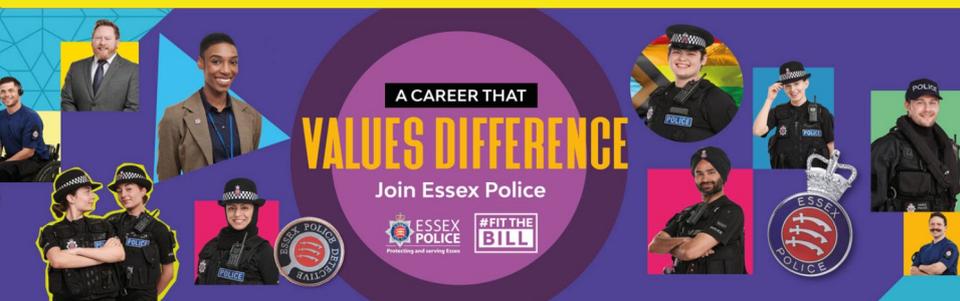


Digital 101

You can report non-emergency crime by calling **101** or by using **Digital 101**, our quick and easy to use online service that's available at any time.



Digital 101 is available on the Essex Police website: essex.police.uk



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