



ERP MEETING ON RURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Our last ERP meeting took place on Wednesday 24th May, and we looked at crime in rural areas. The presentations were on Active Citizens, Wildlife Crime and Gypsy and Traveller Liaison. An engaging workshop session took place which looked at the new Rural Crime Strategy for Essex Police. All members will be receiving an email to help contribute to this subject. Our next meeting will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 25th September**.

RURAL CRIME UPDATE



NEW REGULAR FEATURE

Policing Rural Essex is such a diverse task and covers so many topics. In each of the upcoming bulletins I would like to focus on one subject and also give a brief summary of our other activities. This month I would like to look at Parish Churches. But first a brief update on the Essex Police Rural Policing Team. You may be aware that Essex Police has a dedicated Rural & Heritage Crime Officer (me) and my Sgt, Paul Downes, who is the Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer. We are about to increase the size of this team by a further 3 officers. This may not seem like a lot, but believe me, it is good news. Hopefully I will be able to give you details on how to contact the team and introduce them soon.

The Parish Church is often the hub of the community and has stood there for generations. Personally I love to visit these churches and walk inside and around the churchyard. I am often saddened when the doors are locked due to security issues. Understandably there is obviously a delicate balancing act between security and continuing to allow access to the church.

Unfortunately a church in North Essex was recently broken into and a number of treasured items stolen. Whilst this is thankfully a rare occurrence I would still like to ask everyone to keep an eye on their local church. Essex Police run 'Heritage Watch' which is a scheme anyone can join and is for those that want to protect the heritage in their village/town/county. You do not need to live in a grade 1 listed building or castle, just have a desire to help us look after the items your community you feel are important. Its free to join and you can join online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/essex-watch/heritage-watch/> or call 101 and ask to speak to a Watch Liaison Officer.

If you wish to discuss this or any other Rural crime concerns please feel free to contact me on 101 ext 435003 or by email Andrew.long@essex.pnn.police.uk or on Twitter @PcAndyLong. If you want to report crime dial 101 or in an emergency 999 .

PC Andy Long, Rural & Heritage Crime Officer, Essex Police



THE LOCAL COUNCIL POLICE CONFERENCE 2017

Wednesday 7th June 2017

Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow, CM6 1DG

The EALC working with the Police and Crime Commissioner have arranged an excellent one day event to cover many aspects of the current and future policing of Essex. The conference is aimed at Clerks and Councillors from the Local Government Sector.

For further information please visit the EALC website by clicking [here](#)

LIMITED SUPPORT FOR RURAL DEMENTIA



Rural communities face limited support services for older people experiencing dementia. A recent independent study by the Rural England Community Interest Company confirmed that older people form a disproportionate share of the overall rural population. This will become more marked over time, since the government's own statistics show that the ageing of the population is due to happen faster in rural than in

urban areas, it said. These are major implications for rural areas and those people who live in them, especially those areas which are popular retirement locations.

RSN chief executive Graham Biggs said: "Dementia services available to rural older people are often more limited and some face an additional concern with physical isolation.

"Rural older people often have access issues in getting to GP surgeries as well as issues with access to post-diagnosis support services and less availability of paid carers.

"A key dilemma is how best to balance demands for specialist services against the need to improve access to more mainstream preventative services."

Transport difficulties and distant services made it harder to access post-diagnostic services and acted as a barrier to use for patients and their carers, said Mr Biggs.

"It is especially important to provide training for rural healthcare staff to address issues of stigma and to signpost access to those services provided."

Dementia describes different brain disorders that trigger a loss of brain function. These conditions are all usually progressive and eventually severe. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia, affecting 62% of those diagnosed. Other types of dementia include vascular dementia affecting 17% and mixed dementia affecting 10%.

Symptoms include memory loss, confusion and problems with speech and understanding.

The Alzheimer's Society says there are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1m by 2025 and 2m by 2051.

To read the full article please click [here](#)

ERP AGAINST FLY TIPPING at the ESSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS SHOW



The show was yet again a fantastic event and it was good to see people at our stand with Essex Police. We distributed numerous copies of our informative 'Fly tipping' flyer if you would like a copy please download it [here](#)

We look forward to next year!

ERDF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WORKSHOP



This will take place on **Thursday 15 June** from 10:30 – 13:30, at the Church House Conference Centre in Westminster.

The SELEP area currently has an open call for applications to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under **Priority Axis 1: Promoting Research and**

Innovation. This call makes £9.6 million available for projects that will promote research and innovation, through business investment and by enhancing R&I infrastructure, capacities and centres of excellence. At the workshop, SELEP will share information on the expectations and ambitions of this call, explain why this is a priority for our area, and lead a discussion on R&I project ideas and opportunities. You will also hear from the KEEP+ project, Innovate UK and the Knowledge Transfer Network. If you are interested, please [click here to register](#) for this workshop via Eventbrite. If you would like further information, contact the ERDF Technical Facilitator, Jo Simmons at jo.simmons@eastsussex.gov.uk or 07701 394521.

GET INVOLVED IN FARMING'S NATIONAL OPEN DAY



LEAF **Open Farm Sunday** on **11th June**, managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), is one of the farming industry's biggest success stories. Since the first Open Farm Sunday in 2006, over 1000 farmers across the UK have opened their gates and welcomed people onto their farm for one Sunday each year. It is a fantastic opportunity for everyone, young and old, to discover at first hand what it means to be a farmer and the fabulous work they do producing our food and managing the countryside.

To locate a farm near you and for further information please click [here](#)

SUMMER TIME HAS ARRIVED!



British Summer Time signals the end to dark nights and dreary days with lighter evenings to look forward to over the coming weeks. Spring is well and truly in the air, and there's no better time to get out and about and explore the great British countryside with family and friends... especially the four-legged variety!

Dog walkers are some of the biggest fans of the great outdoors, but there are some things to bear in mind when exploring with man's best friend.

5 TIPS TO ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE SAFELY

1. Did you know that your dog can scare or harm farm animals?
2. In the unlikely event you are chased by cattle, release your dog so you can both get to safety separately.
3. Help keep your pet and farm animals healthy by following your vet's advice on worming.
4. Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals, so it's important to bag it and bin it especially in the countryside. Any bin will do.
5. Cows can be nosy, protective of their young and may follow you. It's best to stay calm and walk quickly and quietly around the herd. Re-join the footpath as soon as you can.

BACK BRITISH FARMING



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FARMING**
GENERAL ELECTION
8 JUNE 2017

Play your part to make sure British food and farming are at the top of the political agenda. There are lots of ways you can play your part to bang the drum for British farming ahead of the general election.

Did you know that the UK food and farming sector is worth a staggering £108 billion to our economy – more than the aeronautical and automotive manufacturing sectors combined – and represents around 3.9 million jobs?

For further information please click [here](#)

FULL ERP FUTURE MEETING DATES 2017

Date: Monday 25th September 2017

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: TBC

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