

# FIGHTING RURAL CRIME ACROSS ESSEX

- ▶ Rural Crime is a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020
- ▶ Nearly three quarters of Essex is rural
- ▶ Rural areas require a different style of policing



# WHAT IS RURAL CRIME?

There is no centralised definition of Rural Crime but, following consultation with our partners, we will consider Rural Crime to be:

Any crime committed in a rural location, or where the victim is specifically targeted because of their connection to, or involvement in, the rural community, economy, or area.



**This strategy seeks to incorporate all types of crime and wider issues that have a significant impact on rural communities such as:**

Anti-Social Behaviour	Assaults and Domestic Abuse	Wildlife Crime
Fly-Tipping	Hare Coursing	Damage/ Arson/ Vandalism
Dwelling Burglary	Drug and Substance Misuse	Fear of Crime / Personal Safety / Harassment
Theft from Outbuildings	Forced Labour/ Slavery	Racial Harassment and Intimidation

# OUR VISION

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Our vision is to actively strengthen our response to fighting crime in rural areas through the effective use of policing resources, partnerships and working with our rural communities.

## OUR AIMS

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- ▶ to reduce the volume of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural areas
- ▶ to continue bringing offenders to justice
- ▶ to increase public confidence in Essex Police

We will work with our partners and rural communities of Essex to ensure solutions meet identified local problems, fully supporting victims of crime and improving crime prevention.



## WHAT WILL ESSEX POLICE DO?

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By clearly defining rural crime we will be able to fully understand the volume, distribution, nature and frequency of offences across Essex and focus our resources into the areas of greatest need and develop innovative solutions to tackle the issues.

Through focused, visible policing at a local level, our Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET), Crime Prevention Team and Community Policing Teams will:

- ▶ reassure rural communities
- ▶ deter crime
- ▶ gather (and share) intelligence
- ▶ bring to justice those who commit crimes in rural areas
- ▶ offer advice and support, and develop crime prevention plans
- ▶ develop the Farm and Rural Watch network
- ▶ work with neighbouring forces
- ▶ host Rural Crime Awareness events
- ▶ work with key partners and the community

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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## REPORT CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

**It is vital to report all crimes.** If we can't measure it we can't manage it.

We need information to target resources and develop intelligence

If you see anything suspicious or a crime occurring and it is happening **there and then**, ring **999**

If you have information that does not require an immediate response, ring **101** or report online at **[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)**

If you want to report **anonymously** or pass information about crime or a **Most Wanted** appeal, you can call **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111** or online at:

**[crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online](http://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online)**

## WHAT WE NEED YOU TO TELL US

**Do not place yourself at any risk**

**Remember: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?**

- ▶ **Who** you are (**name/ address/ contact** details) **and...**  
**Who** is committing the crime/ acting suspiciously (if known)? Or a **description**, including any **vehicle details** and **registration number** and a **direction of travel** if they have left
- ▶ **What** is happening/ happened, **what** have you actually seen/ heard?
- ▶ **Where** this is occurring and **where** are you (as detailed as possible including **postcode** or **landmarks**)?
- ▶ **When** this happened (time if possible or an idea of how long ago)?
- ▶ **Why** this happened? / **Why** are you suspicious?
- ▶ **How** did it occur? / **How** was the crime committed?

# HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



**Active Citizens:** Are you able to volunteer to assist us in a wide range of roles in the community, by promoting crime prevention messages and supporting local teams to deliver accessible, visible policing?

If you are interested in becoming an Active Citizen, contact:

[activecitizensessex@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:activecitizensessex@essex.pnn.police.uk)

**Special Constabulary:** Are you able to give 10 hours a month to become a volunteer Police Officer? You would have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers but give your time on a voluntary basis.

If you are interested in becoming a Special Constable, contact:

[www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary](http://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary)



**Watch Schemes:** There are a number of specialist watch schemes in Essex including such themes as Farm Watch, Horse Watch and Neighbourhood Watch providing information about crime and local issues.

If you want to find out more about, or join, a watch scheme, contact:

[essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.pnn.police.uk)

**Police Cadets:** Are you a young person (aged 13-18) interested in belonging to a uniformed, voluntary organisation which can help you prepare for the future by providing varied activities and opportunities to develop qualifications, enhance your skills and build your confidence? Or are you aged 18 or over and interested in working with young people as a Cadet Leader?

If you are interested in joining the Cadets, contact:

[volunteerpolicecadetsessex@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:volunteerpolicecadetsessex@essex.pnn.police.uk)



# ESSEX POLICE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



## Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's Rural Crime Forum:

brings together key partners and stakeholders to address issues of crime and ASB in rural communities.

Find out more at: [www.essex.pfcc.police.uk](http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk)



**Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs):** Essex has 12 CSPs that work closely together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The county-wide Safer Essex Partnership tackles the issues of crime, disorder, drugs and alcohol across Essex.

Find out more at: [www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/About-Essex.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/About-Essex.aspx)



**The Essex Rural Partnership:** brings together key organisations

(such as Essex Association of Local Councils, Rural Community Council of Essex and National Farmers' Union) to consider, debate and act on major issues affecting the rural parts of the county.

Find out more at: [www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk](http://www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk)



**Crimestoppers:** is separate from standard methods of contacting police, and enables you to provide anonymous information about criminal activity.

Find out more at: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



**Victim Support:** provides free, confidential, practical and emotional support if you are a victim or witness of crime.

Find out more at: [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk) or call: **0808 1689111**



# WHO IS HELPING TO KEEP YOU SAFE?

**Community Policing Teams (CPTs):** there are 10 CPTs operating across Essex made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Special Constabulary under the command of an Inspector. Working closely with the 14 Community Safety Partnership teams, Local Authorities, other emergency services, health providers and charities, the CPTs engage with their communities, gather information and resolve local problems. They work closely with:

**Community Safety Hubs:** these are locally based working partnerships between key agencies and local groups responsible for the delivery of the Local Community Safety Partnership Plan.

We are working with local CSPs to establish Community Safety Hubs within each policing district.

The Hubs will provide an enhanced service to the local community by ensuring public service organisations, voluntary services and business partners work intelligently together to tackle priorities identified by the local community and recorded within the Community Safety Plan.

**Find out more at:** [www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/About-Essex.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/About-Essex.aspx)

**Local Policing Support Unit (LPSU):** based at Headquarters, the LPSU is the team with the responsibility for the strategic and tactical development of work including Crime Prevention, Anti-Social Behaviour, Children and Young People, Gypsy & Traveller engagement, Wildlife & Heritage Crime and partnership work.

**The Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET)** is a county-wide resource, consisting of 1 Sergeant and 4 Constables which works with rural communities and partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through the delivery of activity such as Operations Buzzard (the overarching activity to address crime in rural communities) and Galileo (tackling hare coursing).



# CONTACTS

## Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

[www.essex.pfcc.police.uk](http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk) ————— 01245 291 600

## Your Local Community Policing Team

[www.essex.police.uk/your-area](http://www.essex.police.uk/your-area) ————— 101

## Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) (Headquarters)

[www.essex.police.uk/advice/rural-crime](http://www.essex.police.uk/advice/rural-crime) ————— 101

## Your Local Crime Prevention Tactical Adviser

[www.essex.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-tactical-advisors](http://www.essex.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-tactical-advisors) ————— 101

## Your Local Essex Watch Liaison Officer:

[www.essex.police.uk/advice/essex-watch](http://www.essex.police.uk/advice/essex-watch) ————— 101

## Essex Rural Partnership

[www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk](http://www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk) ————— 01376 574 330

## National Farmers Union (Essex)

[www.nfuonline.com](http://www.nfuonline.com) ————— 01638 672100

## Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

[www.cla.org.uk](http://www.cla.org.uk) ————— 020 7235 0511

## Farming Community Network

[www.fcn.org.uk](http://www.fcn.org.uk) Urgent: 03000 111 999 Non-Urgent: 01788 510866

## Rural Community Council of Essex

[www.essexrcc.org.uk](http://www.essexrcc.org.uk) ————— 01376 574 330

## Crimestoppers

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) ————— 0800 555 111

## Victim Support

[www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk) ————— 0808 1689111

## Safer Essex Roads Partnership

[www.saferessexroads.org](http://www.saferessexroads.org) ————— 0345 6037631



# STAY IN TOUCH – BE INFORMED


**Visit the Essex Police website**


[www.essex.pnn.police.uk](http://www.essex.pnn.police.uk)


**Visit the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's website**

[www.essex.pfcc.police.uk](http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk)

## Social media

 facebook: [www.facebook.com/EssexPoliceUK](http://www.facebook.com/EssexPoliceUK)

 twitter: [@EssexPoliceUK](https://twitter.com/EssexPoliceUK) [@CitizeninPolice](https://twitter.com/CitizeninPolice) [@EP\\_GTRET](https://twitter.com/EP_GTRET)

 Instagram: [@essexpoliceuk](https://www.instagram.com/essexpoliceuk)

## Essex Community Messaging

[www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/cdm/](http://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/cdm/)

- Sign up to receive updates by e-mail, phone or text
- Download the app to Android or iOS devices