

Colchester District



Hello!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, which will keep you up to date on what we're doing to keep communities safe in Colchester. It will focus on:

- The work of the Community Policing Team and Local Policing Team
- Crime trends
- Crime prevention
- How you can contact us

The Community Policing Team includes the Town Centre Proactive Team. Their work includes responding to issues and carrying out proactive work, including public engagement, crime prevention, crime disruption, and safeguarding vulnerable people. The teams include specialist Missing Persons and Children' and Young Person officers, who work with partners in education and social care to protect vulnerable people from harm.

The Local Policing Team's main role is to respond to calls for assistance from members of the public, but they also carry out proactive patrols.

Our Colchester community and local policing officers are supported by detectives working in the Criminal Investigation Department, Domestic Abuse Investigation Team, and Crime and Public Protection Command. They investigate the more serious crimes that occur in north Essex, safeguard victims and bring offenders to justice.

Our priorities—in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership—mirror the Essex Police Force Plan for 2020/21

<p>To investigate and tackle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violence in all its forms• Online crime• Anti-social behaviour• Gangs and organised crime• Safety/crime on the roads• Domestic abuse• Burglary	<p>To support and protect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and vulnerable people• Victims of crime• Visible policing in communities
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Colchester has a very clear focus on:

Violence – disrupting those who commit serious organised crime and to dismantle the supply of controlled drugs in the district. We will target those who carry knives and commit violence, ensuring Colchester remains a safe place for all.

Vulnerability – we will ensure we engage with our communities to understand their needs and deliver policing to safeguard those who are vulnerable in our community.

Victims – we will provide victims with a first-class service.

Visibility – we will be visible in our communities to provide reassurance and reduce the fear of crime.





**Chief Inspector Rob
Huddleston**



Essex Police – Colchester



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We hope you have all enjoyed the summer and being able to enjoy Colchester and our various attractions before seeing children return to school, though I am sure many parents like me will be rather pleased they have!

Our teams have been back to school too, and years 6 at Cherry Tree Primary took part in their own investigation to find a missing person, I am told they were top detectives. Please have a chat with those slightly older pupils who travel to and from school independently, a reminder that as it gets darker in the evenings they can be more difficult to see, so take extra care.

We have seen some reports on social media of drink spiking in the town centre, I would like to reassure you all these are isolated incidents and we, alongside our partners at licensing, the SOS Bus, Pub Watch, and our businesses are working together to ensure we can all safely enjoy our bars, clubs and restaurants. We have put some safety advice in this edition too. We have used some powers called a Dispersal Order to ensure that you remain safe in the town centre and prevent incidents occurring.

Our officers are enjoying being able to meet you face to face, and we had fabulous attendance at our Coffee with cops at Pelton recently to chat about local issues, we run these across the District and advertise both here and on our social media. We also enjoyed the Festival of Rice and First Site and are looking forward to the launch of Black History month with a fun day. The teams have been out in Dedham with Fire Rescue giving water safety advice, at layer De La Haye Abberton, Stanway and others dealing with Speeding and nuisance vehicles. Our Marine team have been in Rowhedge and our Rural Team have been out and about too.

In this edition you will hear about some of the varied work our teams deliver, including that of our Major Investigation Teams.

Wishing you a safe September



No Place In Colchester For Anti Social Behaviour

Following complaints of anti social behaviour coming from an address in Colchester we have worked closely with Colchester Borough Council whereby a closure order was placed on the address. This means the occupants can not enter the address, or anybody else for a set period within the order. A great tool to make communities safer and a better place to live.

We have also been responding to vehicles and them being used anti socially in several area's of Colchester utilising our powers under section 59 of the police reform act. This is a warning and if found acting anti socially again within their vehicle could have the vehicle seized by police. We will continue to work with our partner agencies to tackle ASB in the district.

If you are experiencing anti social behaviour you can report it through our website—www.essex.police.uk.



Another County Line Dismantled



Officers from Colchester Police station have conducted two search warrants in London following an investigation into Class A drugs being run into Colchester from London and sold.

After executing the warrants and during the search phase officers found a significant amount of cash and also mobile phone evidence suggesting the holder was the person running the drugs line.

He has been arrested, charged and remanded to prison awaiting his court appearance.

We will take a zero tolerance approach to any county line activity.

You can report drug dealing or drug related activity to Essex Police or to remain anonymous you can use crimestoppers.

“The Most Interactive And Friendly Team Around”

This is the way our officers were described by the East Anglian Indian Association following the successful festival of Spice and Rice in Colchester. It is great to see so many cultures and communities come together in such a positive way in our diverse town. We love speaking to different communities so if you run a community group please get in touch at colchestercommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk



Policing our Villages

Over the summer we have continued to be busy policing our whole district.

We are consistently working with partner agencies and listening to our communities to understand the problems facing the communities and look to work together in making the area you live a safe place to live. Along with regular patrols below is some of the activity we have undertaken in our “rural” villages.

We have been out in West Mersea over the summer with a number of partners including the GangMasters and Labour abuse team, Licensing, Environmental health and neighbourhood watch to investigate and deal with the potential illegal picking of oysters.

We have been in Dedham, Abberton and Rowhedge with Essex Fire and Rescue to talk about water safety following complaints of young people jumping into the water and being abusive when advised about the dangers of the water.

We have been out in a number of villages such as Wakes Colne, Chapel, Layer de la haye, Abberton, Fordham and Wormingford to deal with complaints of speeding. We even found one motorist doing 65MPH in a 30 zone! While dealing with speeding we had the pleasure to join one of our many community speedwatch groups on a deployment.

We have also had the joy of attending fetes, fun days and cops outside shop events, speaking to the residents of Wivenhoe, West Bergholt, Wormingford and Tiptree.

Many villages are seeking a community special constables, who are volunteers with full police powers to police the village. To find out more check the recruitment section of our website!



To let us know of
issue in your village
report it online at
www.essex.police.uk



Two Found Guilty of Colchester Murder



Two men have been convicted of the murder of a man who was attacked in his own home in Colchester.

Alinjavwa Siwale, 22, was found injured at the address in Affleck Road shortly after 12.15am on Friday 11 December last year. Sadly, he was pronounced dead at the scene, having suffered multiple stab wounds.

A second man at the address had also been stabbed and he jumped over a neighbouring fence to get help. He was taken to hospital for treatment.

When we arrived on scene, it was established that the front door had been forced

open and officers began searching the Greenstead area.

Just after 3am, a call was received from a house on Teal Close, reporting someone who had been knocking at the back door of the property for several hours.

An officer from our Dog Unit was first on scene, and he detained 25-year-old Sheldon McKay in the garden of the property. His bloody clothes were immediately seized and he was arrested on suspicion of murder.

McKay was later forensically linked via his clothing to the DNA of the victim Alinjavwa.

Further enquiries with McKay's associates led to the arrest of 20-year-old Phoenix Lee.

Both men, of no fixed address, were charged with murder and with committing grievous bodily harm with intent.

Today, Tuesday 7 September, they were found guilty on all charges against them at Chelmsford Crown Court, despite denying their involvement throughout the trial.

Our detectives gathered CCTV which showed the pair forcing the front door open at around 12.12am on the morning of the murder. Just three minutes later, the second victim left the property to get help from a neighbour, whilst Alinjavwa lay fatally wounded in the kitchen.

Senior Investigating Officer Julie Gowen, from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said:

"Lee and McKay have been cowardly throughout this investigation. They've, unforgivably, deprived Alinjavwa's family of the truth about what happened on the night of his murder.

"Throughout the investigation my team have worked tirelessly, carefully piecing together the movements of those responsible for this horrendous crime and ensuring early arrests were made.

"These dangerous individuals will now spend a significant amount of time in prison making Essex a safer place.

"Alinjavwa was killed in his own home. It was a place where he worked on his music, where he spent time with his son and his brothers, where he should have been safe from harm.

"I hope today's outcome will bring Alinjavwa's family some justice, and will give them some peace to allow them to move forward with their lives."

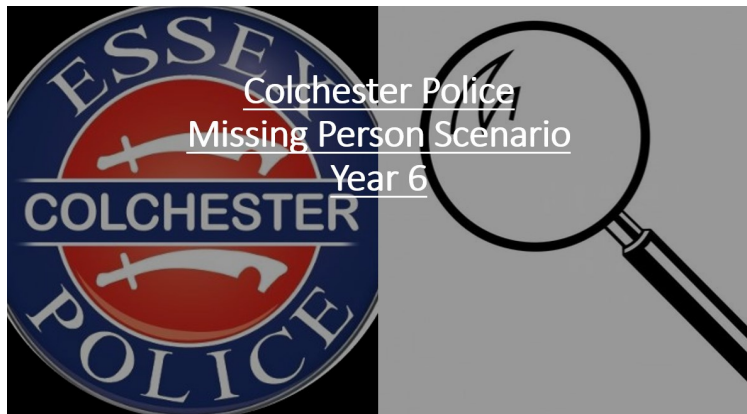
The pair will be sentenced on October 11.



Police Engagement



As we entered September we saw the end of our Ballin with a Bobby programme which was held over the summer. A huge thank you to Essex Rebels Basketball for their work on this and helping us engage with so many members of our community in positive way. We played basketball with over 110 members of our community over the 4 weeks with the majority of them being 15 years old and over. A great way to break down barriers and speak to different people from different backgrounds about policing in Colchester and in general as well as helping us understand what affects them in policing. Hopefully we may have even encouraged some with a career in policing.



We have also started a project with year 6 children where they take on the role of a police officer and investigate a missing person, learning about the effects of peer pressure and anti social behaviour along the way. This is one of the many ways we help people and this helps show the children first hand we are not just here to enforce the law, but are here to help and protect them also. Through different enquiries such as CCTV, mobile phone downloads, statements and interviewing potential witnesses the children could see how easy it can be to fall foul of peer pressure.

But fortunately they were a class full of detectives in the making and found the missing person safely. Thank you to Cherry Tree Primary School for letting us trial the session! We look forward to rolling this out to more schools in the coming months.



We were thrilled to support a Resident Day of Action in Colchester Town Centre, showing partnership working at its best. Making the town a cleaner and more pleasant place to be. Working with a range of businesses within the town, councillors, Colchester Borough Council and many others as you can see from the photograph.

We are busy planning our next lot of engagement activities such as coffee with cops and alike, if you would like police to attend your community or community group please let us know—

Colchestercommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk



Some recent activity on social media

Essex Police - Colchester District
6 September at 16:04 · 🌐

We have posted about E-scooters a number of times and it is in an attempt to raise awareness of the rules to them.

We have spoken about the use of them while drunk and in the early hours of Sunday morning, while drunk somebody crashed an E-scooter on Butt Road, Colchester. Luckily for them they were not injured, but unfortunately for them it was outside the duty sergeants window.

Officers attended and found him almost three times the drink drive limit and he was subsequently arrested on suspicion of driving while over the prescribed limit (drink drive).

He has been released under investigation.

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Essex Police - Colchester District
1 September at 16:00 · 🌐

As you would have seen in the news people are being evacuated from Afghanistan.

Our officers from Colchester and Braintree have donated some toys for the children in the families who have very little to nothing.

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Essex Police - Colchester District
19 August at 15:40 · 🌐

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19th August 2021

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Essex Police - Colchester District
13m · 🌐

We have had a few reports recently of Swans on our roads.

Today we were called to the Avenue of Remembrance where our Swan Whisper PCSO March and PCSO Oscrift had to rescue a young swan from the roadside, unfortunately it was already too late for two other swans who had been hit by passing cars.

It appears that young swans are being chased out of the river by older swans.

Please be careful when driving on the Avenue of Remembrance or any road where there may be a river nearby.

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Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Aug 17

Tonight E Shift #Colchester Local Policing Team were joined by their newest recruit PC Benbow (Right).

Attending a report of a missing child and later a vulnerable adult in a mental health crisis its been a busy night!

- 78577 & 81277

#mentalhealth #essex #Police #crisis



Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Aug 15

Officers from #Colchester Local Policing Team have been out on the beat in the Town Center this evening. Later officers arrested a male for a domestic related assault in Tendingr.

78577 & 78490

#Essex #Police #Community #Busy #domesticviolence #DomesticAbuse



Essex Police @EssexPoliceUK · Aug 29

While this crowd have their eyes on @ollymurs in #Colchester tonight, our officers are making sure there isn't any Troublemaker spoiling anyone's night.

We're making sure everyone has a great and safe night.

#ProjectSavator



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Essex Police in Colchester District @EPColchester · Sep 10

Today #Colchester officers were delighted to meet aspiring PC Scarlett. Scarlett has assisted nanna dealing with her younger brother who most definitely wasn't having a hangry strop!

#Police #Community #strongwomen #Essex #hangry



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Dear Valued user,

Second notice for - [redacted]

Your vehicle status is showing in our systems as untaxed. It appears that some of the billing details associated with you might have expired or were otherwise changed.

Start here >

Please note: If you don't pay your vehicle tax on time you can be fined up to £1000, or your details passed to a debt collection agency.

You need:

- the vehicle's registration number

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Take Five - To Stop Fraud | To Stop Fraud (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

If you're unsure you have a vehicle, call Essex Police on 101. Report a lost or damaged health card to the DVLA on 0300 123 2940.

Keep up to date with fraud and do even more Online essex.police.uk

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Dates for your diary

Your community policing team are busy planning events and more are to be added—

Tuesday 21st September 2021—10am-11:30am—Coffee with a cop—Community 360 Hub, Long Wyre Street, Colchester

1:45pm—Stanway parish council multi services event, village hall, villa road.

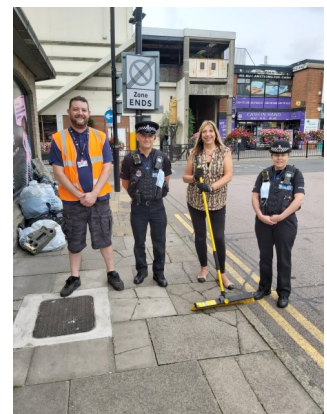
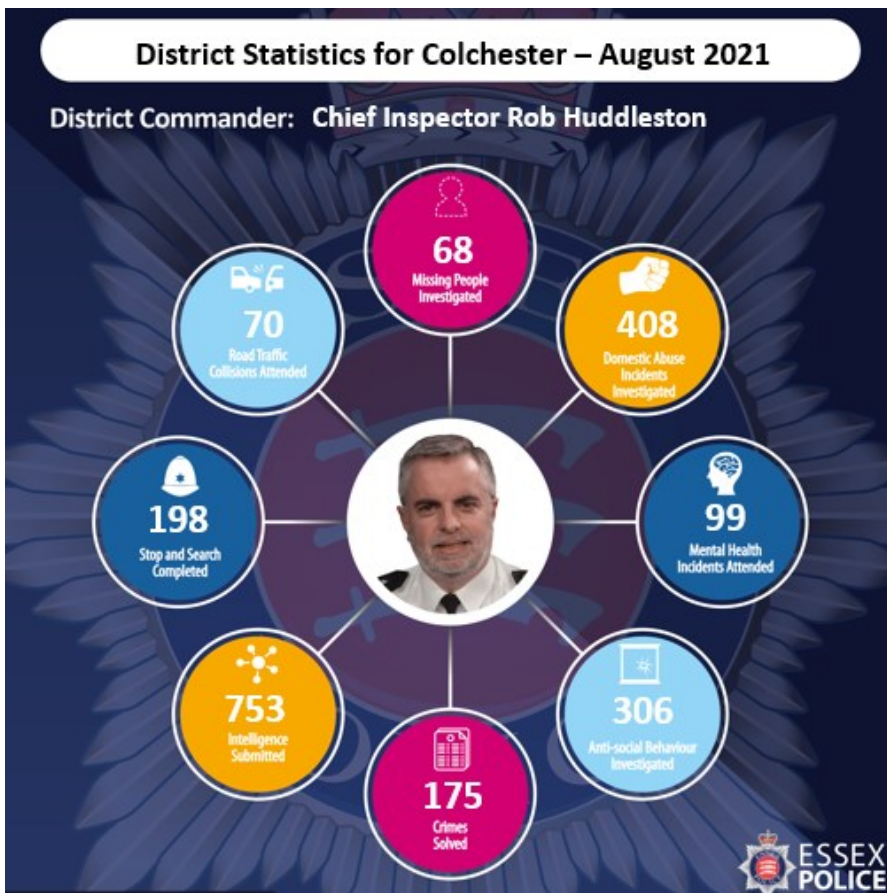
Saturday 2nd October 2021—All day—Kickoff @3 Football tournament.

10am-12pm—Coffee with a cop—Marks Tey Village hall.

10am-4pm — Black History Month Celebration—Firstsite

Wednesday 6th October 2021—10am-12pm—Coffee with a cop—Abberton and Langenhoe village hall.

Saturday 16th October 2021—10am-11am—Coffee with a cop—Layer De la Haye village hall.



Keep your drink safe

Spiking, where someone adds drugs or alcohol to another person's drink without them knowing, is illegal. Whether it's done as a prank or with the intent to steal from or assault the victim here are some ways to avoid this happening to you or your friends.



Never lose sight of your drink

It can take only minutes for someone to feel the effects of a spiked drink. Memory loss can be a side effect of many of the drugs used to spike drinks. Many victims are unaware of what has happened to them, and have very little memory of the incident, if any at all.

The best way to protect yourself and your friends from being spiked is to be aware of what you consume and never take a drink that you haven't seen being prepared in front of you. Never leave your drink unattended, even for a moment, and if it doesn't taste right, don't finish it.

If you or your friends start to feel strange or unwell then you should get help and seek medical advice straight away.

Be vigilant if you're drinking with strangers

When you go out for an evening you never know who you're going to meet, so always keep your wits about you. If someone appears to be over-friendly and eager to get you to drink, be vigilant.

If you get separated from your friends in a bar, pub or club, let them know where you are. If you happen to meet new company and they ask you to go on somewhere else, introduce them to your friends and tell them where you're going.

Be a drink buddy

If you're out with a friend, or friends, keep an eye out for them. If they appear to be more drunk than you'd expect, dizzy or slurring their words, take control and make sure they're okay. If you're concerned, make sure they either get medical help or get home safely.

