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BULLETIN

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PART A - FORWARD DIARY

Key to abbreviations:

CC	Council Chamber	Cab Off	Cabinet Office
CR1	Committee Room 1	CONF	Conference Room (1st floor)
CR2	Committee Room 2	CH OFF	Chairman of Council's Office
MR	Members' Room	TR RM	Training Room
TBD	To be decided	HEM	Hemnall Street Offices.
TBN	To be noted	HH	Homefield House
TBC	To be confirmed	VM	Virtual Meeting
DPCC	Debden Park Community Centre	NWA	North Weald Airfield

Other venues are shown in full.

Currently meetings are subject to change, postponement or cancellation.

Many meetings will be held virtually but Democratic Services will advise arrangements for individual meetings.

April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm <u>DDMC</u> <u>Briefing (26-Apr)</u> <u>19/04</u> <u>Member</u> <u>Briefing (If</u> <u>required) 19/04</u>	20 7.00 pm <u>Cabinet 20/04</u>	21 7.00 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>South 21/04</u>	22 7.00 pm <u>Stronger</u> <u>Communities</u> <u>Select Committee</u> <u>22/04</u>	23
26 7.00 pm <u>District</u> <u>Development</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Committee 26/04</u>	27 10.00 am <u>Waste</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Partnership Board</u> <u>27/04</u> 11.00 am <u>Elections Planning</u> <u>Group 27/04</u>	28 7.00 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>East 28/04</u>	29 7.00 pm <u>Council 29/04</u>	30

May 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Bank Holiday	4	5	6	7
10 3.00 pm <u>Council Agenda</u> <u>Planning Group</u> <u>10/05</u>	11	12 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm <u>Member</u> <u>Training - New</u> <u>and Re-elected</u> <u>Member Welcome</u> <u>and Induction</u> <u>12/05</u> 7.30 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>West 12/05</u>	13 10.00 am <u>Licensing Sub</u> <u>Committee 13/05</u>	14 9.00 am - 10.30 am <u>Member</u> <u>Training - iPad Issue</u> <u>and Overview 14/05</u> 10.30 am - 11.30 am <u>Member</u> <u>Training - How th</u> <u>Council Works 14/05</u> 11.45 am - 1.00 pm <u>Member</u> <u>Training - Code of</u> <u>Conduct 14/05</u> 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm <u>Member</u> <u>Training - Data</u> <u>Protection 14/05</u> 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm <u>Member</u> <u>Training - Planning</u>

				<u>14/05</u>
17	18 10.00 am - 12.30 pm <u>Member Training -</u> <u>Chairmanship of</u> <u>Area Plans Sub-</u> <u>Committee and</u> <u>District</u> <u>Development</u> <u>Committee 18/05</u> 7.00 pm <u>Appointments</u> <u>Panel 18/05</u>	19 7.30 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>South 19/05</u>	20	21
24	25 7.30 pm <u>Council 25/05</u>	26 7.30 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>East 26/05</u>	27	28 10.00 am - 12.00 pm <u>Qualis -</u> <u>Cabinet Workshop</u> <u>28/05</u>
31 Bank Holiday	1	2 7.30 pm <u>Area Planning</u> <u>Sub-Committee</u> <u>West 02/06</u>	3	4

PART B - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

New Process for raising IT issues

1. Members should raise IT issues by contacting Member Contact via email at MemberContact@eppingforestdc.gov.uk. Minimum information required; a full detailed explanation of the symptoms, preference for contact details, an appropriate time for IT to contact, and any screenshots of the issues experienced (if appropriate).
2. Member Contact will raise the incident on behalf of the member with the ICT service desk by telephoning the ICT service desk on internal extension 4888 or external 01992564888.
3. The Service Desk member will create an incident on behalf of the Member, with the full details. Please note that there may be occasions when further information is required in order for the service desk to progress the ticket, In this instance the service desk will advise and support Member Contact and postpone the progress of the ticket until the appropriate information is provided.
4. IT will then accept ownership of the issue and create a ticket. During the lifecycle of the ticket there may be occasions where further information and collaboration is needed with the members directly, ICT will contact the member directly at the stipulated time on the appropriate number provided in the ticket. Updates on the Tickets will be emailed directly to the member reporting the issue.
5. In the event that IT have attempted to reach the member on 2 separate occasions and are unable to make contact the ticket will be resolved and escalated to MemberContact@eppingforestdc.gov.uk. Member Contact or the Member will then have 10 days to reach out to the service desk in order to re-open the ticket and resolve the issue.
6. Members are still able to raise tickets directly via the service desk by telephoning the ICT service desk on internal extension 4888 or external 01992564888.
7. Any IT issues being reported to Democratic Services will be emailed to MemberContact@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Use of Council email address

This is a polite reminder that when undertaking Council business, **you must only use your Council email address** due to GDPR legislation.

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Council email account, please following the new process to raise IT issues so our ICT Team can assist.

Member Contact

Please be aware that all Member queries should be logged using https://eppingforestdc-self.achieveservice.com/service/Member_Contact as this will ensure that your query or question is properly logged and chased up if you have not received a response within 5 days.

Modern.Gov App Tutorial

A video tutorial is available from Civica on YouTube for using the Modern.Gov iOS app. The video is approximately 12 minutes long and can be accessed via the following link:

Modern.Gov new iOS App Tutorial =
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F23xhEdH5vc>

Committee Management System

The members' extranet facility for the Modern.Gov system is available at:

<https://eppingforetexttranet.moderngov.co.uk/extranet>

Members may wish to save this link on their computer or mobile devices. Queries concerning login and password details for the extranet should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager.

Constitution

The Council's Constitution is available at:

<https://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=638&Info=1>

Queries concerning the Constitution should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager

ECC Highways Portal

Up to date details of all Highways work is available at:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads.aspx>

PART C - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. WEBCAST TOP 10 12APR (Pages 13 - 14)

Please see attached.

2. ESSEX POLICE LOCAL UPDATES - SPRING NEWSLETTERS (Pages 15 - 50)

Following the last meeting of the Communities Select Committee on 29 March 2021, members were informed of the Essex Police Local Updates - Spring Newsletters. The newsletters have been split into the relevant areas of the District and have been attached for your reference.

3. COUNTRYCARE'S SPRING WILDLIFE WALK

If you want to meet family and friends for a walk over the next few weeks then why not try this

This **Spring Wildlife Walk** is the ideal opportunity to meet up with friends and family and enjoy the countryside and wildlife that surrounds us.

Karen Murray and Damien Weller from the **Countrycare** Team at Epping Forest District Council put together this self-guided circular walk of about 3miles (4.83km) long for the Festival of Culture. The route takes you around Waltham Abbey gardens, Dragonfly Sanctuary and Cornmill meadows goes through various habitats consisting of flooded grassland, ponds, rivers and some of the site is designated as a site of Special Scientific interest.

We also have some interesting historical facts about the local area and what wildlife to look out for including clues to mammals that have walked the path before you .

Click on the link below to find out more and down load a copy of the route.

<https://www.visiteppingforest.org/things-to-do/waltham-abbey-gardens-dragonfly-sanctuary-and-cornmill-meadows-walk-p1860281>

(Further information: Karen Murray ext 4222, 07789372196 or kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

4. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

None this week

LICENSING ACT 2003

None this week

PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

EPF/2153/20 – The Old School House School Lane High Laver CM5 0EE - Retrospective - Detached buildings including, car port, shed, hard standing areas, driveway and other paraphernalia to create home gym, art studio and games room – Written reps – Caroline Brown ext. 4182

EPF/2627/19 – New Barns Farm Roding Lane Chigwell IG7 6BJ - Proposed detached dwelling house adjacent to the bungalow – Written Reps – Marie-Claire Tovey ext. 4414

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

13th April 2021 -EPF/2905/19 and EPF/0379/20 Epping Forest College Sites Redevelopment of the site to provide x 139 no. residential units in 3 buildings ranging from 3-5 storeys, car parking spaces, communal landscaped amenity areas, secure cycling parking & other associated development and

Redevelopment of the site to provide 285 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) in a series of blocks ranging from 2 to 5 storeys in height, a new Wellness Centre (Use Class D1), creation of a new public park, car parking, communal landscaped amenity areas, secure cycle parking and other associated - – Virtual Inquiry –

23 April 2021 – The Old Waterworks Green Lane Nazeing EN10 6RS – Planning and Enforcement appeal - Without planning permission the conversion of a former stable and the erection of an extension to stable to facilitate unauthorised change of use of the land from agricultural to residential – Virtual Hearing

27th April 2021 - Billingsbourne Barn (land beyond) Millers Lane Chigwell IG7 6FG - Certificate of Lawful Development for existing works of conversion carried out at land formerly known as Billingsbourne Barn (land beyond), Millers Lane, Chigwell IG7 6FG

(a) fall within the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 3 Paragraph Q.2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2105 (GPDO) for the change of use of the agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3); and

(b) are in accordance with the prior approval granted by Inspector Emerson on 16th February 2016 under appeal reference number APP/J1535/W/15/137417 – Virtual Public Inquiry

EPF/0695/19 - Langley and Mile Nurseries Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey EN9 2ER - Outline planning application for a residential development comprising up to x 52 no. dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) with vehicular access from Crooked Mile, associated open space, children's play area and ancillary works- date to be arranged

EPF/2790/20 –Land North of Heathlands Willingale Road Ongar CM5 0QH - Change of use of land for the creation of 9 Gypsy/Traveller pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and the erection of 1 utility building per pitch – Mo Rahman ext. 4415 – Public Inquiry - Date to be arranged

EPF/1649/17 – White Rose Curtis Mill Lane Stapleford Abbots RM3 1HS – Re determination appeal by new Inspector- date to be arranged

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/1621/19 – Station House 114 High Road Chigwell IG7 6NT - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of x 6 no. residential units alongside associated access, open space, landscaping and parking – Dismissed

EPF/2283/20 – Ashlyns Barn Ashlyns Lane Ongar CM5 0NB - Demolition of outbuildings and transferal of built footprint to enlarge the approved garage outbuilding ref: EPF/0229/20, together with new dormer windows and minor aesthetic amendments – Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

None this week

6. S106 Agreements

None this week

7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS

The notification of decisions taken by individual Portfolio Holders is no longer included in the Council Bulletin.

All members of the Council receive automatic email notification of the publication of each individual Portfolio Holder decision and the call-in period for each decision commences immediately. Members wishing to call-in a decision should complete the attached call-in form and return it to Democratic Services before the expiry of five working days following the publication date of the decision. Members should refer to the Constitution (Article 6 - Overview and Scrutiny) for the rules of call-in.

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Webcast views

Over the last 28 days to 12 April 2021

All Epping Forest District Council webcasts are available to watch on the microsite for 2 years after the live date. Go to the [Watch a meeting](#) page on the website for links to all our public webcast meetings.

Top 10 webcast views

There were 1,653 views of all our webcasts over the last 28 days to 12 April 2021.

The table below shows the Top 10 webcasts of public meetings. This does not include internal meetings or training sessions.

Webcast title	Live date	All views	Live views	Archive views	Times shared
Cabinet	11/03/2021 19:00	104	0	104	0
District Development Management Committee	17/03/2021 19:00	101	12	89	0
Area Planning Sub-Committee South	24/03/2021 19:00	86	20	66	0
Area Planning Sub-Committee West	07/04/2021 19:00	76	26	50	0
Licensing Sub Committee	06/04/2021 10:00	66	25	41	0
Stronger Place Select Committee	29/03/2021 19:00	63	14	49	0
Area Planning Sub-Committee East	31/03/2021 19:00	57	10	47	0
Audit & Governance Committee	22/03/2021 19:00	54	30	24	0
Local Councils' Liaison Committee	15/03/2021 19:00	54	20	34	0
Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee	16/03/2021 19:00	53	7	46	0

What is a view?

A view is the number of times a webcast has been played and must be for a minimum of 1 minute.

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Your local update



Buckhurst Hill

Spring 2021



Above: PC Karen West

Introduction to your local officers

The Community Policing Team (CPT) beat officer for Buckhurst Hill is PC Karen West. PC West has worked for Essex Police for around 16 years, performing a variety of roles mostly within the Epping Forest District. PC West has spent around 6 years now on the CPT. Buckhurst Hill also benefits from a dedicated Police Community Support Officer, Adam Dixon-Peters (pictured on the next page), who is funded by Buckhurst Hill Parish Council. Both have built good relationships with the council, other partners and community members, working to address their concerns. PC West and PCSO Dixon-Peters work on 2 separate shifts patterns, meaning Buckhurst Hill is covered by at least one of them 7 days a week (as well as all the other policing teams mentioned below!). PC West is also responsible for investigating all low and medium risk hate crimes for the area.

Introduction from the District Commander, Ant Alcock

“Hi everybody. My name is Ant Alcock and I’m a Chief Inspector with Essex Police, currently the District Commander for Epping Forest and Brentwood where I hold responsibility for policing. I wanted to take the time in this edition to explain the policing structure within Epping Forest. Based at Loughton Police Station, there is the Local Policing Team (LPT), Community Policing Team (CPT), Town Centre Teams (TCT) and the Criminal Investigations Department (CID). LPT provide the 24/7 cover responding to emergency and non-emergency incidents. They also contribute to investigative and proactive policing. 2 shifts of CPT officers now provide 7 day a week cover. They have a number of functions to include providing high visibility proactive patrols, problem solving in partnership, community engagement and investigating certain crimes. 2 Children and Young Persons’ Officers, a dedicated Rural Officer and a Community Safety Engagement Officer are also attached to the CPT. The district also benefits from an Epping Forest District Council funded Community Safety Team, 1 Sergeant and 2 Police Constables working to address local priorities. Waltham Abbey and Loughton benefit from Town Centre Teams, 2 additional officers per area. The CID are responsible for serious and complex investigations up to, and including, attempted murder. Whilst that covers everyone dedicated to the district, there are of course a number of shared resources across the West of Essex and force-wide Epping Forest benefits from. This includes but is certainly not limited to: Operation Raptor (dedicated to addressing county lines and gangs), the Roads Policing Unit, the Dog Section, the Operational Support Group, the Domestic Abuse Investigation Team and the Child Abuse Investigation Team. I would really encourage you to share your concerns with us, so that we can continue to keep Epping Forest a safe district to be.”



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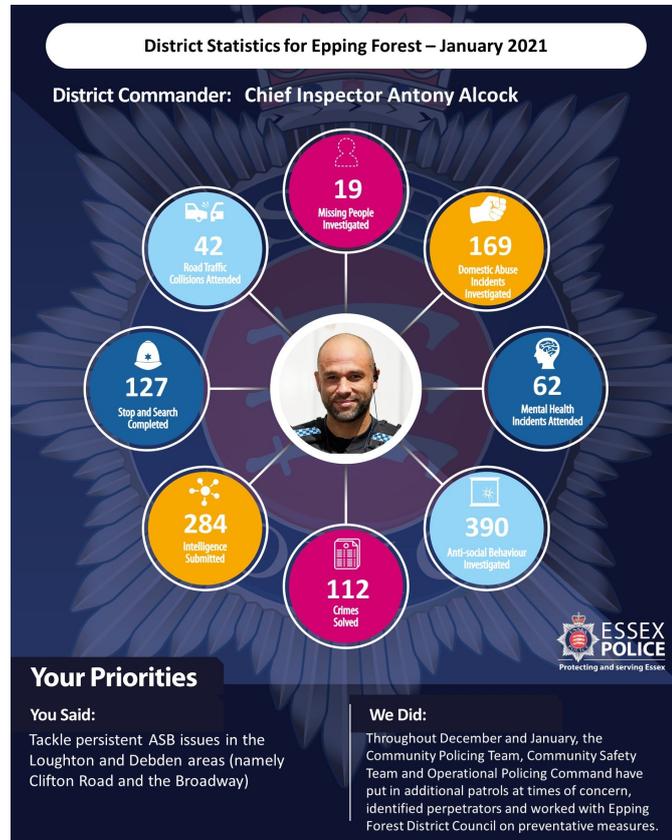
Activity has been undertaken to address recent concerns in relation to speeding, particularly on Palmerston Road. PCSO Dixon-Peters conducted a speed check in early February, followed by a further check by the Roads Policing Unit on 15th February. At the latest check, the highest recorded speed was 45mph in a 30mph limit.

The Community Policing Team have been engaged in an operation throughout February in response to numerous reports of anti-social behaviour and drug activity in the Hornbeam Road area. This includes Oak Rise, Cascade Close, Newton Court and Bourne House, and also extends to Elgar Close, Cedar Court and Lower Queen's Road. Intelligence-led patrol activity so far has resulted in a number of stop and searches performed, with controlled drugs having been seized on a few occasions. Individuals were dealt with appropriately.

Whilst on patrol in Buckhurst Hill in mid January, PCSO Dixon-Peters and colleague PCSO Flett came across a fire at a restaurant on Queen's Road. They were able to help evacuate five people inside to safety, and stop traffic to prepare for the arrival of fire crews. Thankfully nobody was injured and it was deemed to be accidentally started.

Catalytic converter thefts are being experienced across the District. Any 'live' theft incident will be attended on an emergency response, and enquiries made with all reports to identify suspect vehicles for stop and searches. It is likely suspects are offending across borders, with information sharing across districts and forces ongoing. The Roads Policing Unit have been responsible for at least 3 arrests since 30 November on suspicion of catalytic converter theft, based on stops at the M11 J7 Hastingwood Roundabout and on the A13.

Below left: PCSO Adam Dixon-Peters.



We are aware of concerns in relation to dogs being stolen, however it has become apparent that conversations being had may not reflect current recorded crimes. At the beginning of February, officers stopped a van in Loughton linked to reports of suspicious behaviour across the district. After speaking with the driver and searching the van, officers were content there was no cause for concern and no criminal offence had been committed. Please keep reporting to help us respond. Essex Police has a Dog Watch scheme encouraging dog owners and walkers to be extra eyes and ears within the community. For more information and/or to join, please email: essex.watch.liason.officers@essex.police.uk.



Left: Findings from the A13 stop on 30th November

Left: PCSO Dixon-Peters during the early February speeding operation.





Crime Prevention—Theft from a Motor Vehicle

Theft from a motor vehicle offences have decreased by 33.5% across Epping Forest in the 12 months to January 2021. 11 of these offences were recorded in Buckhurst Hill from 01/11/20 to 01/02/21, compared to 30 for the same period 2019/20. 5 of the 11 offences related to catalytic converter theft. To prevent this type of theft, consider your parking carefully; don't park half on the kerb allowing easy access to the underneath of the vehicle, use a garage where possible or otherwise park in a well lit, populated area. Protective locks or guards are available, and you can also get your catalytic converter marked. Always ensure suspicious activity around vehicles is reported.

For more crime prevention advice, visit www.essex.police.uk/crimeprevention

Reporting Guidance

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Anonymous reporting: CrimeStoppers is a charity independent of the police, who will take information from you 100% anonymously and pass to the police on your behalf. There is some information that CrimeStoppers cannot process, such as if you are reporting an emergency or you are a victim of crime. Read more on their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org/ or call 0800 555 111 to report. Fearless is the youth brand of CrimeStoppers, which also allows for anonymous reporting and access to information and advice regarding crime and criminality. Visit Fearless on www.fearless.org/.

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Engagement Opportunities

As soon as is safe to do so, opportunities to speak with your local police in person will recommence, such as Coffee With Cops and pop-up events. We will continue to hold Facebook Q+A sessions, with the next one for Buckhurst Hill scheduled for the 16th June at 3pm. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch: epppingcommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk

We are looking to recruit new members for the Brentwood and Epping Forest Independent Advisory Group. The IAG works to harbour knowledge and opinion from diverse communities, gaining insight and constructive feedback on a variety of policing issues. Essex Police look to respond to this wherever possible and appropriate, so as to improve the service for all communities and increase public confidence. If you feel able to constructively challenge the police and/or lacking a platform to have dialogue with them, this could be for you. Visit: www.essex.police.uk/iag.



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Chigwell and Grange Hill Spring 2021



Above: PC Phil Cattaway

Introduction to your local officer

PC Phil Cattaway is the Community Policing Team beat officer for Chigwell Village, Chigwell Row and Grange Hill. PC Cattaway has been with Essex Police for over 7 years, and has so far spent the majority of his career on the Epping Forest District Local Policing Team. He joined the Community Policing Team in December 2020, and has so far been busy building up relationships with key points of contact within the area to include Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and Parish Councillors. PC Cattaway works to proactively detect and deter crime through information brought to his attention from the local community. He has responsibility for investigating certain crimes committed within Chigwell and Grange Hill, to include low and medium risk hate crimes. PC Cattaway otherwise spends his time proactively patrolling the area and addressing local issues, including through partnership working.

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Activity has been undertaken on several occasions recently in relation to speeding concerns raised. PC Cattaway and Community Policing colleagues have conducted speed checks on Lambourne Road on 21st February and Manor Road on 15th January. The Roads Policing Unit have also conducted checks on Chigwell Rise at least twice in late November to mid December.



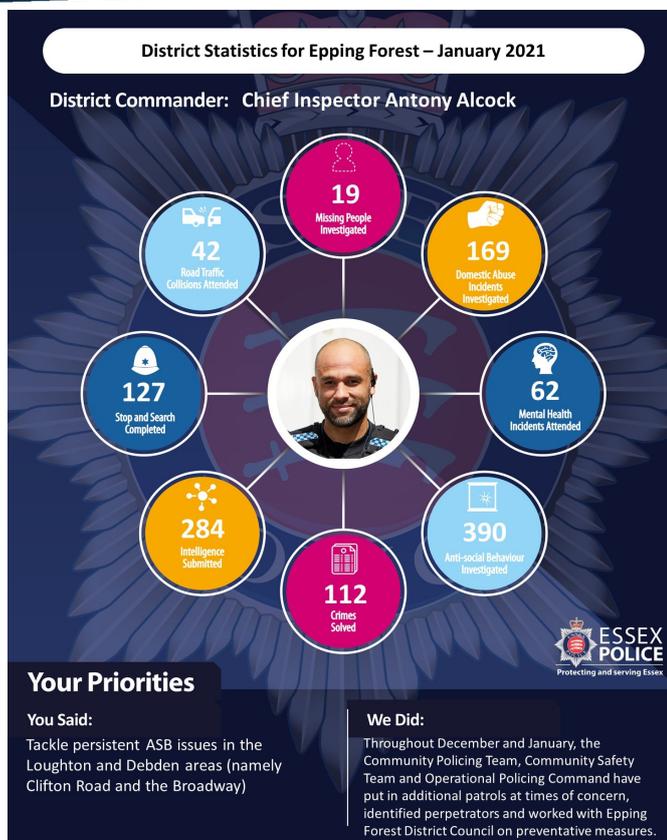
Left: PC Phil Cattaway and a Community Policing Team colleague conducting the recent Lambourne Road speed check. The highest recorded speed was 48mph of 100 vehicles surveyed.

During the winter months, burglaries will generally increase. Significant efforts have taken place this winter to address this. As well as the frequent sharing of crime prevention advice, proactive patrol activity increased in Chigwell. In mid to late December, the Community Safety Team were engaged in an operation focused on preventing burglaries in the main, but also aimed at deterring violence/weapon enabled offences and theft of motor vehicles. Around 50% of patrol time was spent in the Chigwell and Grange Hill area. A significant reduction of residential burglaries to almost zero was observed within the team's tasking areas during this time.

PC Cattaway has been regularly patrolling locations where drug use and supply concerns have been raised, to include behind the shops on Brook Parade, Limes Avenue, Dacre Gardens, Chester Road and Millwell Crescent (and nearby alleyways).

An individual in the Grange Hill ward was issued a Community Protection Warning in February following numerous reports including of public order and hate related incidents. This has been used in an attempt to deter future offences; it sets conditions for the individual to comply with or face further action.

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Essex Police continues to respond to acquisitive and transient criminality, such as theft of motor vehicle offences. Lines of investigative enquiry are explored with all reports in an attempt to identify a suspect. This includes using Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology to identify directions of travel for stolen vehicles and suggest any suspect vehicles. It is not uncommon for registration plates to be changed on victim or suspect vehicles; any information such as plate deposition sites or individuals being seen to change plates is encouraged to be reported. Information sharing is ongoing with neighbouring forces, and there are regular joint operations in west Essex and locally. Some vehicles are often very quickly taken to 'chop shop' locations and dismantled for the onward sale of parts. We continue to gather intelligence regarding any possible sites, so please do report any suspicious activity you may witness. Any stolen vehicles located by Essex Police, often thanks to reports from members of the public, are forensically recovered in the hope that this may locate a suspect. The force's Stolen Vehicle Examiner brings specialist knowledge and is frequently recovering vehicles using false identities. You can follow him on Twitter: [@essex_sviu](https://twitter.com/essex_sviu)





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Debden

Spring 2021



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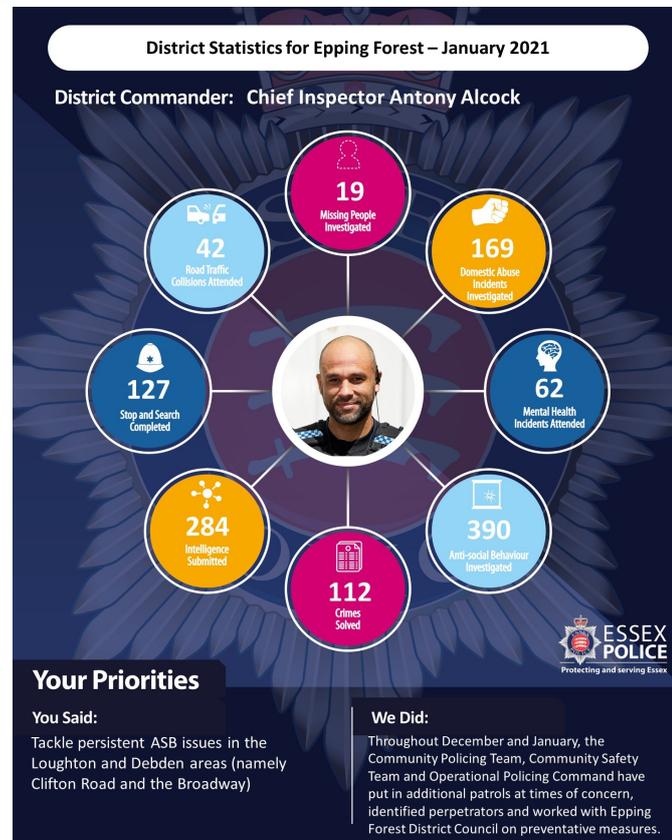
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PC Arnold is one officer supporting the force-wide Operation Gloss locally. This relates to joint working between Essex Police and Border Force, where referrals are made regarding suspicious packages possibly containing weapons and drugs. Since the new referral system was introduced in February 2020, investigations within the Debden area have led to individuals being dealt with for importation offences, and harmful items destroyed.





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Crime Prevention—Theft from a Motor Vehicle (TFMV)

TFMV offences have decreased by 33.5% across Epping Forest in the 12 months to January 2021. There has been a slight increase in recent months however in the Fairmead, Alderton and Broadway wards: 23 TFMV offences were recorded for 01/11/20 to 01/02/21, compared to 17 for the same period 2019/20. 10 of these 23 related to catalytic converter theft. Some key tips to deter this type of theft: avoid parking half on the kerb (allowing easy access to the underneath of the vehicle), use a garage where possible or otherwise park in a well lit, populated area. Protective locks or guards are available, and you can also get your catalytic converter marked.

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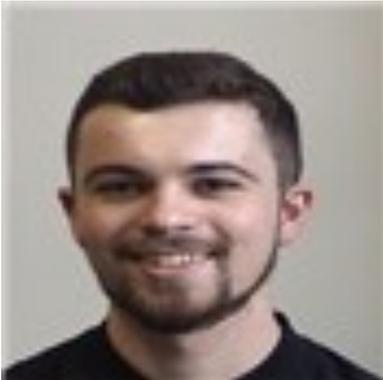
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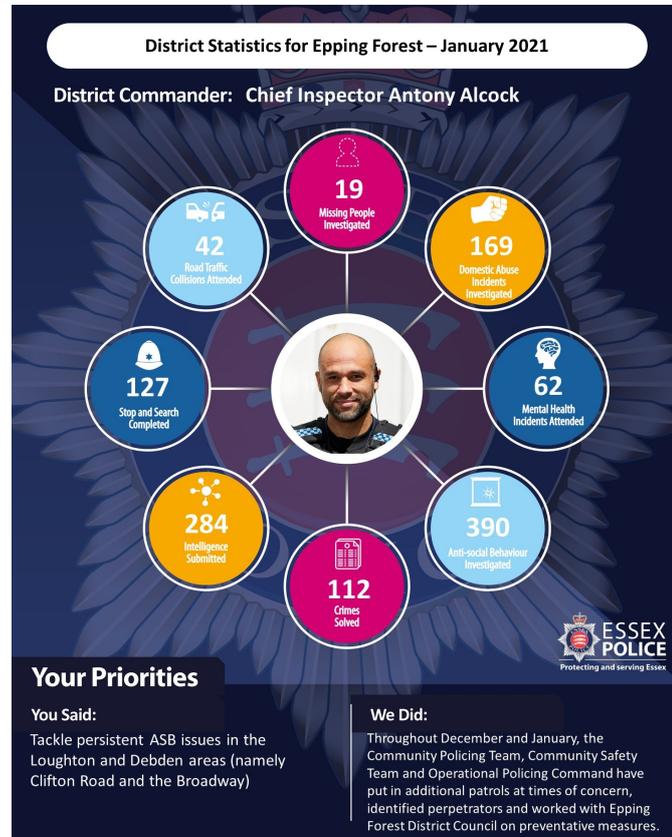
The Community Policing Team have been paying attention to Hemnall Street in light of reports of anti-social behaviour, in particular around Pelly Court. The team have been in contact with Epping Forest District Council regarding the issue, and based on reports, issues seem to have reduced of late.

Below are 2 examples from late January demonstrating outcomes of reporting suspicious activity:

- Report of number plates being changed on a vehicle in Epping received. 2 males were arrested after the vehicle was found decamped in Loughton around 20 minutes later. They were arrested on suspicion of theft, alleged to have stolen tools from a van in Hertfordshire earlier in the day.
- Report of suspicious activity involving 2 people in a vehicle in the Epping area received. The vehicle soon after left the scene, but the Community Safety Team later located it in Ongar. A teenage boy was arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle, 2 offences of possession of an offensive weapon, possession of cannabis and possession of an imitation firearm. This investigation is ongoing.

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Loughton

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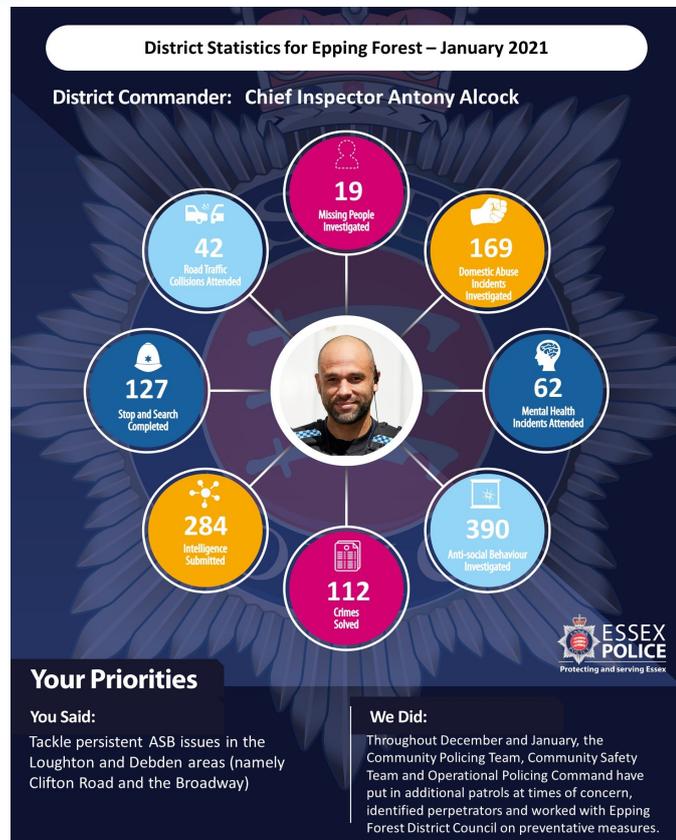
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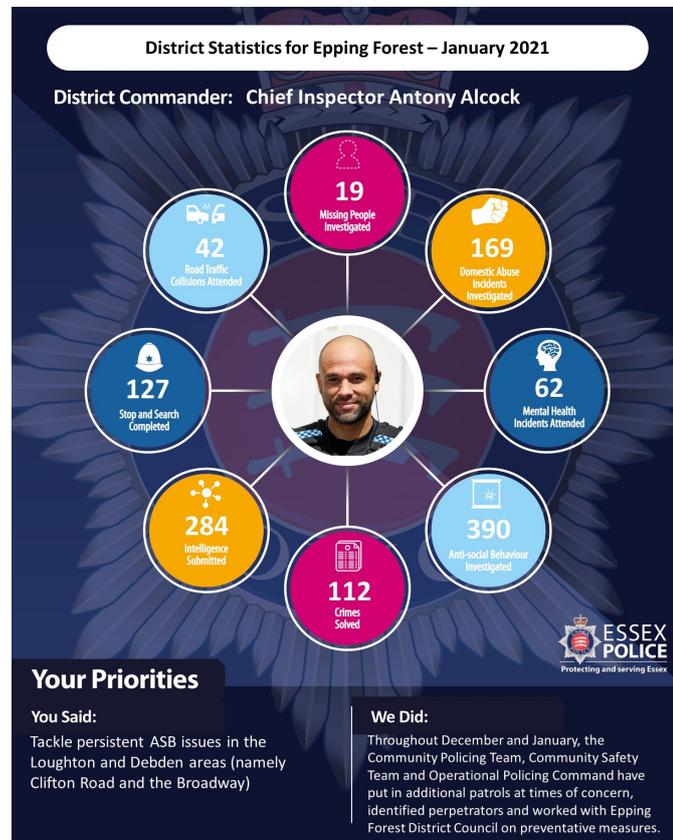
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We have been working to address concerns about nuisance vehicles at the North Weald disused golf course and surrounding area. Police have liaised with the Parish Council, who have gated the bridleway. The landowner has also erected a fence. Section 59 warnings have frequently been issued when able to drivers/riders. This means should the individual drive that same or any other vehicle in a similar manner within 12 months, the vehicle can be seized. A positive reduction in incidents has been noticed.

PC Cook has a close rapport with the Theydon Bois Community Speedwatch. Arrangements for joint activity had to be put on hold due to the COVID pandemic, but regular future dates will be arranged. PC Cook has been actively patrolling the area around the pond due to previous reports of youth nuisance, as well as suspected drug use. The situation appears to have improved.

PC Cook will be arranging further drop in sessions at Abridge Village Hall on Friday evenings, when safe to do so. He has otherwise been conducting intelligence-led patrols across the village.

The Brentwood and Epping Forest Rural Crime Officer, PC Sheridan-Brown has been paying attention to the Stapleford Abbots and Navestock area due to ongoing reports of low level crime and anti-social behaviour. Results have included the seizure of loose horses and section 59 warnings issued.



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Ongar and surrounding

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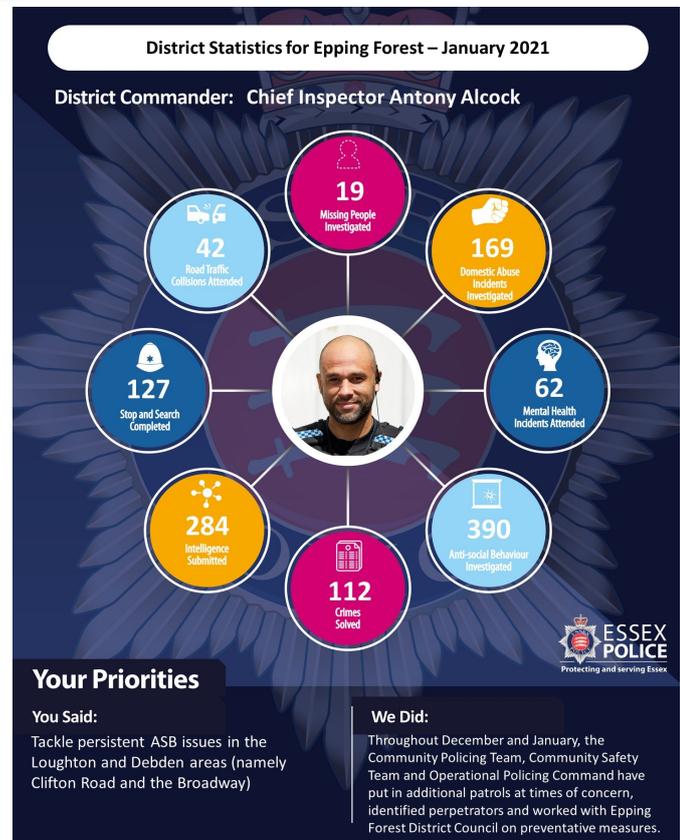
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We encourage any witnessed suspicious activity to be reported in a timely manner, to allow police to investigate. If you suspect a crime is in progress or may imminently occur, 999 would be appropriate to dial. In late January, a member of the public in Epping reported seeing suspicious activity involving 2 people in a vehicle. The vehicle soon after left the scene, but the Community Safety Team later located it in Ongar. A teenage boy was arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle, 2 offences of possession of an offensive weapon, possession of cannabis and possession of an imitation firearm. The investigation is ongoing.

5 incidents of hare coursing were reported to police between 1 November 2020 and 1 February 2021: 2 in Willingale, 1 in Moreton and 2 in Beauchamp Roding. We are working across district boundaries in response to this crime, sharing information with other forces, and are supported locally by the force-wide Rural Engagement Team. You can keep up to date specifically with the Rural Engagement Team's activities by following them on Twitter: [@EP_RURAL](https://twitter.com/EP_RURAL)



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**Roydon, Nazeing, Sheering, Matching, Hastingwood,
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Introduction to your local officer

PC Matt Edwards is the Epping Forest District Community Policing Team beat officer for Roydon, Nazeing, Sheering, Matching, Hastingwood, Broadley Common and Epping Upland. He became a beat officer in mid 2019. PC Edwards has spent his time since then addressing issues of concern for local communities with assistance from partner agencies, proactively patrolling his beats and investigating crimes allocated to him. These include low and medium risk hate crimes that have occurred in these areas. PC Edwards has built up a good network of local contacts, and regularly hosts question and answer sessions for them. He is currently on a short-term secondment elsewhere in the force. Meanwhile the wider Community Policing Team and several other policing teams (as below) continue to patrol these areas and investigate reported incidents.

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Catalytic converter thefts are being experienced across the District. Any 'live' theft incident will be attended on an emergency response, and enquiries made with all reports to identify suspect vehicles for stop and searches. It is likely suspects are offending across borders, with information sharing across districts and forces ongoing. The Roads Policing Unit have been responsible for at least 3 arrests since 30 November on suspicion of catalytic converter theft, based on stops at the M11 J7 Hastingwood Roundabout and on the A13.

The Community Policing Team have been patrolling the Occupation Lane area in the last few months, to include the car park and playing fields. This is in response to anti-social behaviour and fly tipping concerns. The team have recently been made aware that concerns remain regarding drug activity in the car park off of Beaumont Park Drive. Officers on patrol over their late shifts on the weekend of the 20/21 February had nothing to report on these occasions. Further reporting is encouraged if issues persist; please be as descriptive as possible to assist with building the intelligence picture and supporting future stop and search activity.

Officers have been busy addressing concerns regarding speeding in The Street in Sheering. Recent activity includes speed checks completed on the 7th, 10th and 14th February. Traffic Offence Reports have been issued and speeds of up to 43mph observed on 2 of the occasions.

The Brentwood and Epping Forest Rural Crime Officer, PC Sheridan-Brown has recently been patrolling in Matching following reports of hare coursing, fly tipping and nuisance bikes. It is believed bikes have been arriving via Sheering and Hatfield Heath. There have been some section 59 warnings issued. This means should the rider drive that same or any other vehicle in a similar manner within 12 months, the vehicle can be seized.



Since February 2020, a new referral system has seen Border Force and Essex Police working closely together to intercept and investigate the importation of drugs and weapons into the UK. This is known as Operation Gloss. It aims to better educate around related laws, intervene early to prevent people from being harmed and to steer young people away from crime, and safeguard those vulnerable to or who are being exploited. One such example locally was the interception of a package in late January, where a lock knife was found inside. The individual from Nazeing was dealt with appropriately.



Left: Police Community Support Officer Flett on a patrol of the playing fields in Roydon





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Crime Prevention—Burglary

Residential burglaries have decreased by 23.5% across Epping Forest in the 12 months to January 2021. 11 residential burglaries were recorded in the areas covered by this newsletter from 01/11/20 to 01/02/21, compared to 9 for the same period 2019/20. Please remain vigilant: close and double lock doors and windows (particularly ground floor) overnight and when out of the house/room; give the illusion of occupancy by leaving a light on; and keep keys in a safe place away from doors/windows (and use security pouches for fobs for keyless vehicles to act as a signal blocker).

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Waltham Abbey

Spring 2021



Above: PC Sukh Tiwana

Introduction to your local officers

Waltham Abbey benefits from 4 dedicated police constables. The Community Policing Team beat officers for Waltham Abbey are PC Catherine O'Mahony and PC Sukh Tiwana. PC O'Mahony has worked as the beat officer for around a year. PC Tiwana took on the role in February 2021, and is looking forward to getting to know the community and addressing residents' concerns. The beat officers also have responsibility for investigating certain local crimes including low and medium risk hate crimes. PC Amber Forrow and PC Luke Watson (pictured on the next page) form the Waltham Abbey Town Centre Team. It is their role to proactively tackle ongoing issues, anti-social behaviour and business related crime in the area. The Town Centre Team was established in July 2019, and have since built a good rapport with local businesses and are constantly keeping up to date with the latest intelligence to conduct targeted patrols.

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Some recent local policing updates

Right: PC Luke Watson and PC Amber Farrow

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Despite minimal recent anti-social behaviour (ASB) reports for locations of historic concern such as Roundhills, Hillhouse, Sun Street and Highbridge Retail Park, patrols have continued. The teams continue to deal with persistent issues. For example, following repeat calls in relation to ASB and drug use within the estate off of Meridian Way, an individual has been issued a Community Protection Warning setting conditions to comply with or face further action.

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Above: Community Policing Team Sergeant Rob Fitt secures the Closure Order paperwork to Knoll House





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Portfolio:
Description of decision:
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Members requesting call-in
(3 members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or 5 other members)

Members Name:	Signed:
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