

APPENDIX 1 – Summary of police taskings from July 2018 to December 2021.

Year	Number of Taskings
2018*	30
2019	52
2020	45
2021	42
2022	4 (YTD)

Below provides some highlights of the tasked activity carried out by the team between 2018 – 2021.

1. 2018

Chigwell: Weapons sweep of the Limes Farm estate following intelligence resulted in the recovery of a large 'zombie' knife

Ongar: Reports of a vehicle linked to flytipping and drugs supply. Subject already known to team through previous arrest. Using ANPR research and local knowledge the team proactively target the vehicle, resulting in its seizure and the driver being convicted for driving offences.

Roydon: support Planning and Legal in the service of multiple planning enforcement notices at a high-risk location. The team planned the operation, briefed council staff, enforcement officers and a large contingent of police officers. The notices were served with minimal risk to staff and minimal disruption to the community. Since that time the team have also supported drone flyovers of the location as well as providing standby cover at the Civic during the hearing.

Chigwell: support a covert policing operation targeting an urban street gang involved in drug dealing and serious violence. The Sgt was involved in the planning and the team were involved in the execution of a large number of warrants on 'strike day' which resulted in the arrest of 24 key members that resulted in a number of convictions. The team worked in collaboration with Metropolitan Police officers to prepare 14 criminal behaviour order applications alongside the convictions.

2. 2019

Epping: Support EFDC and Essex Police Licencing teams in the service of notices and licence suspension at a licensed venue where there was a threat to council officers.

Loughton: The team lead a multi-agency operation at the college. Two screening arches were erected, and pupils screened for weapons and drugs. 4,500 knife arch pass throughs. Arrest for possess with intent to supply class A drugs (found plugged in anus) suspected to be dealing drugs to students. Increase in public perception and engagement.

Chigwell: Following a series of burglaries, including a £60k jewellery theft, the team identified two prolific offenders. One was arrested swiftly, the other evaded police. The team worked with intelligence teams to target the offender first having a vehicle pursuit then tracing the offender to an address in London. Working with MPS colleagues the team were able to pursue and locate the offender who had broken into another premises to hide. The offenders each received 5-year prison sentences.

Epping: Prolific offender attending for meeting with housing, wanted for high-risk domestic abuse. Action plan to arrest offender after they leave the Civic. Arrest made without incident.

Buckhurst Hill: Following a traveller incursion on EFDC owned land the team served Section 61 notices and working in conjunction with Rural Engagement Team (RET) ensured the site was cleared within the time frame required. (This function is now fully devolved to the RET)

Waltham Abbey: Support EFDC Housing to secure re-possessed property having been forcibly entered and used for drug offences. Ex tenant very violent. Gang nominals had been found inside on a previous joint visit. No occupants on the second visit however there was evidence that the property had been used to 'cook' crack cocaine. Disrupted and valuable intelligence gained.

3. 2020

District-wide: Operation Hemlock. Long-term investigation into organised vehicle theft. Work in conjunction with BTP and Met Police to execute a series of warrants which lead to 15 arrests, £150k cash and 25 stolen vehicles.

North Weald: Dwelling burglary spike in the area. Directed patrols conducted which resulted in the arrest of 2 offenders seen breaking into a house. After a foot chase one was detained. Linked to a number of local burglary offences. Convicted to 3 years imprisonment.

Chigwell: Execution of a no-bail warrant for Planning. Subject arrested and conveyed to court. Did not fit criteria for normal police warrant allocation policy so would not have been completed so swiftly.

Waltham Abbey: Service of COVID-19 Business Closure Order on premises previously linked to sexual services which was still fully operational after the lockdown was put in place.

District-wide: Additional patrols to support local teams around the lifting of restrictions following the first lockdown to tackle any issues around night-time economy.

District-wide: Rise in TOMV offences in the south of the district, mainly Land Rover thefts – 30 in 6 weeks. Targeted action and patrols in affected areas and/or areas highlighted through crime data 3 x arrests 7 x stolen vehicles recovered.

Stapleford Abbotts: Tracker activation on a stolen Mercedes van. Enquiries reveal a 'chop shop' with the van and other vehicles recovered, along with 3 offenders arrested on scene.

Waltham Abbey: Support Homeless Team with welfare/enforcement visit on multiple rough sleepers near to Roundhills, Waltham Abbey

District-wide: Cross-border ANPR operation with Met Police to target cross-border criminals linked to violent and serious acquisitive crimes. Lead to 4 arrests, 4 pursuits, 10 searches and 25 ANPR activation responses

4. 2021

District-wide: There were 4 COVID-related tasks whereby the team provided support for multiple council teams to visit various premises for enforcement reasons. One of the taskings included regular patrols on key dates to tie in with breaches linked to business premises.

Waltham Abbey: Support EHO to obtain entry into house of multiple occupancy (HMO) using power of entry to inspect the property and establish the level of occupancy. Required to prevent breach of peace and support EHO to obtain evidence at the scene. Site visit conducted

Waltham Abbey: Following the application of a closure order at an EFDC premises in relation to a serious assault which outed the address as being cuckooed by drug dealers, the team took the lead on creating and implementing a problem-solving plan to prevent further properties being targeted. This targeted address victim and locations. A tasking group consisting of police, neighbourhoods and community resilience was formed to share intelligence and work in close partnership to identify vulnerable targets and put interventions in place. Four closure orders were obtained which prevented entry and disrupted criminal activity. The team were responsible for supporting EFDC officers in gathering evidence, supporting service of, and enforcing the orders through visits to the premises both unannounced and intelligence led. The Police Sergeant and four council officers received a Commander's Commendation for this project.

Buckhurst Hill: EFDC had obtained a criminal behaviour order against a rough sleeper. Following multiple breaches, the team targeted and arrested the individual. No charges were brought against him, but he was detained under the Mental Health Act and has been received treatment since then.

District-wide: Support EFDC with community engagement events, proactive joint patrols, and other relevant activity in conjunction with national ASB Awareness Week. This consisted of 3 separate multi-agency afternoons of action in Waltham Abbey, Debden and North Weald focussed on the main ASB hotspots.

Waltham Abbey: Following rise in vehicle crime in hotel car parks in the area the team raised funding through EP to increase patrols on peak days and times. This resulted in the pursuit with the main offenders. Following a crash in London they were arrested. The main offender was a prolific offender with an extensive vehicle crime history. Vehicle crime in the area reduced.

Waltham Abbey: Application and execution of a warrant under S5 Dangerous Dog Act for an unlicensed Pitbull. The address and owner were linked to ongoing ASB and noise complaints. Known to EEO, Licensing and Planning teams. Previous disruptive tactics had been unsuccessful. The dog was seized, the owner interviewed and received a conditional caution for failing to adhere to the exemption certificate. The dog was registered and insured with the Dogs Index and returned. The team also provided support at a later date to assist Environmental Enforcement with the execution of a seizure warrant for two further dogs at the premises.

5. The following is a selection of self-generated 'added value' activity carried out by the team.
 - Arrest of taxi driver who arrived at the Civic to relicence whilst intoxicated. Convicted of drink drive and disqualified.
 - Arrest of two men driving a stolen/cloned Luton van involved in organised vehicle crime (transporting dismantled stolen cars). Targeted action based upon ANPR data.
 - Victim of human trafficking presented to the Civic. Worked in collaboration with wider Community Resilience Team to gather evidence, safeguard and remove to a place of safety. Evidence gained lead to arrest of perpetrator.
 - Arrest of driver following pursuit of cloned vehicle involved in committing crime in EFD. Vehicle crashed into numerous third-party vehicles. Driver charged with multiple offences.
 - Arrest of two men stealing cars using a recovery truck. The team used ANPR data and local knowledge to intercept them after they had been seen throughout the day with 3 separate stolen vehicles carried.
 - Execution of a search warrant to seize a cloned vehicle linked to high end vehicle crime in the district. Vehicle seized alongside cash and other stolen goods.
 - First on scene at a domestic stabbing. Forced entry and detained the suspect using TASER.
 - TASER deployment to a domestic dispute whereby the perpetrator was brandishing an axe. Vehicle was tactically stopped, and the subject detained with the axe recovered.
 - Arrest of a youth in a stolen/cloned car which the team tracked to Ongar. Upon locating the car, the occupant was seen in possession of an imitation firearm. Dynamically restrained without incident, also in possession of a large knife.
 - The team were at North Weald Airfield for other matters when an 'aircraft in distress' was reported. The team assumed position of 'ground commander' under the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principle (JESIP) which included NWA Ops, fire brigade, ambulance and NPAS. The aircraft landed safely.
 - Arrest following a pursuit with suspected drug dealer. Drugs, burner phone and £22k cash recovered.
 - Two arrests in relation to 'conspiracy to commit theft'. Following a string of Rolex distraction thefts, the team checked CCTV to identify a potential suspect vehicle which was insured to one place and registered to another. On patrol the team sighted a similar style vehicle which had the same criteria. Upon stopping the vehicle, the occupants matched the description of the offenders. One of them, a woman, has been charged with multiple similar offences across the South East.