

Your Newsletter: Wickford



What's happening with crime? The below shows the changes in some of the key crime rates in the Wickford area over the last 12 months:

- Burglary (Residential) is down 38%
- Vehicle Crime is down 18%
- Bicycle Theft is up 5%
- Violent Crime (Resulting in injury) is down 4%



We are aware that the various lockdowns and an increase in people working from home has had a significant impact on reducing most crime rates. As things begin to return to normal we will ensure we do all we can to tackle the crimes that affect your community. The increase in Bicycle Thefts is something that we will be focusing on in the coming months.

Rapid Response — We wanted to draw your attention to the work of the Basildon Local Policing Team officers that work tirelessly 24/7, 365 days a year responding to your calls for help. Any calls received are handled by the control room at our headquarters in Chelmsford; the trained call handlers decide on the response required based on the circumstances reported. If there is a risk to life, a threat of serious violence, of serious injury to a person, or serious damage to property, then the incident will be classified as requiring an 'Emergency Response'.



Our agreed targets are to respond to emergency incidents in an urban area within 15 minutes and in a rural area within 20 minutes. Over the last year our local team have responded to nearly 9,000 emergency calls, with the average time taken to respond of just **8 minutes 11 seconds**. We always strive to attend every incident as quickly as we can and the response times in the Basildon District are amongst the best in Essex.

When not dealing with emergency incidents the Local Policing Team are busy investigating crimes, missing people, carrying out patrols and proactively targeting suspected criminals; their work is extremely varied. It is a challenging but rewarding role and if you or anybody you know would be interested in joining us, either as a regular officer or a special constable, we are currently recruiting. Please visit our website for further information: www.essex.police.uk/careers/

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A new way to Report Crime by using "Live Chat" go to Essex Police Website bottom left of the page you will see a logo click on it and you will be able to speak to a member of the Force Control Room between the hours of 7am and 11pm.

<https://www.essex.police.uk>



Getting back to normal... The coming months will hopefully see the gradual reduction in the Coronavirus restrictions which we have been living under for over a year now. To keep up to date on the current regulations, and what they mean for you, your family and your work you should visit www.gov.uk.



As the retail and hospitality sectors reopen, we must all keep doing the right things to keep each other safe including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Your local police will continue to take a common-sense approach to policing the regulations - we'll engage with people, explain the regulations, and encourage them to do the right thing. When faced with clear and blatant breaches we will take appropriate enforcement action, and this will include any reports of violence or abuse towards retail or hospitality staff.

We want to reassure our local communities that our dedicated community policing team will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to provide reassurance, respond to your community concerns and deter and prevent antisocial behaviour as the warmer weather approaches.

It is important that you keep talking to us and telling us about the things that are causing you concern in the community, so that we can take action. You can now report non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour via our website www.essex.police.uk making easier and more convenient for you to get in contact with us.

Good News/ Community Story and Engagement

We are very excited to be able to speak with the people of our communities in person once again.

We have recently been knocking on doors (whilst maintaining social distancing) and speaking to residents to ask, "what we can do for you?". The feedback has been positive and it's fantastic to hear that this approach has been well received. We will continue to work with you and our local partners, in order to address any community problems.

It's important to us to hear your voice, to enable us to provide a better service for you and understand what is important for our communities. We are speaking to people who haven't engaged with us before and therefore, hearing their views and opinions for the first time.

Moving forward, we will continue to have a highly visible presence in your area, because we know that having police officers around is really important to you, so if you see us out and about, please come and say hello and let us know if you have any concerns.

BE AWARE –

E-Scooters... Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use, other than on private land. This means they are not allowed to be used in places such as public footpaths, bridleways and parks.

As it is not possible to get insurance for private e-scooters, that means it is illegal to use them in a public place and if you do so, you will be breaking the law. That could mean the police not only seizing the e-scooter, but it may also mean prosecution for using a motor vehicle and not having insurance or the appropriate licence.

Essex County Council are currently leading a trial in the Basildon area for 'Spin E-Scooters' which mean scooters like those pictured can be legal to rent in certain circumstances. For more information visit www.spin.app/how-to-ride-in-basildon



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