

December 2022

## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR



Happy New Year to you all.

2022 has been a busy year for RET. We have continue to tackle hare coursing and unauthorised encampments, significantly reducing the impact of both on our county.

In December alone we carried out 13 stop and searches, issued 76 traffic tickets and attended 5 engagement events.

The team seized 10 vehicles, 2 of which were stolen.

We executed a proactive drugs warrant, seizing thousands of pounds worth of cannabis in the process.

We look forward to continuing our work reducing rural crime in 2023.



**Domestic abuse is all about control. If you notice that someone seems to be controlled in all areas of their life, it could be a sign they are being abused.**

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ALWAYS CALL 999**

## RET RESPOND TO LOCAL CONCERNS

Throughout December, RET have responded to local concerns across the county.

Following reports of anti social behaviour in a Great Leighs nature reserve, RET carried out evening patrols.



The team have been active on Canvey Island and in Thurrock and Basildon, tackling nuisance off road motorbikes, trespass and rural road safety.

After complaints of motorbikes riding on the sea wall around Clacton we also carried out mobile and foot patrols.



RET work with your local Community Policing Teams and Parish Councillors to identify local issues that we can help solve.

## MORE COURSERS CAUGHT

RET have successfully caught more suspected hare coursers in December.

Two males were seen with dogs in a field in north Essex. The team responded and called in the Police Helicopter for support due to the very isolated, rural location.



In an unusual event, the helicopter landed in a field and the co pilot got out to detain one of the suspects. Enquiries continue.

## COMMUNITY VISITS

PC's Baumber, Davey and Griffiths were delighted to give Morton, Bobbingworth and Lavers Parish Council a presentation on the role of RET at their meeting.



Sgt Felton also presented to the Dengie Farm Watch meeting and discussed local rural issues.



If you would like us to visit your group email us at [74973@essex.police.uk](mailto:74973@essex.police.uk)

## MORE CANNABIS SEIZED

RET were following the trail of a stolen vehicle and searching rural locations when we located a large cannabis grow hidden in an industrial unit.

Officers quickly obtained a warrant to allow them entry. Inside a large number of mature plants and growing equipment were located.



Officers also found time to safeguard a horse found in distress at the site.

## PROTECTING BADGERS

Wildlife crime is an important area of the teams work.

PC's Raven and Griffiths have been out checking badger setts in isolated rural areas.

Sometimes entrances are blocked deliberately to assist with killing badgers, or to prevent other mammals escaping illegal hunting with dogs.



RET with closely with the animal charities to tackle badger welfare

## NO SNOW DAY FOR RET

The team were out across the county in the recent snow and ice, keeping the roads moving.



As well as rescuing motorists stuck in snow and attending traffic accidents, the team used our 4x4's to patrol rural locations normal police cars couldn't reach.

Despite the freezing conditions we still had several reports of hare coursing.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

In 2023 RET will be attending lots of events, and trying to meet as many rural Essex residents as possible.

January highlights include -

- Dog engagement event 17th Jan Elm Park Heybridge, Maldon 0830. Free dog microchip checks and advice around theft, livestock and wildlife.
- Farmers Engagement Event, 11th Jan Community Hub Takeley 0900. Invitation only at this time but contact us at 74973@essex.police.uk if interested.
- Coffee with cops 28th Jan. Southchurch Hall Museum Southend 1100. Local police in attendance.

Follow our Twitter account @EPRURAL for upcoming events and team news.

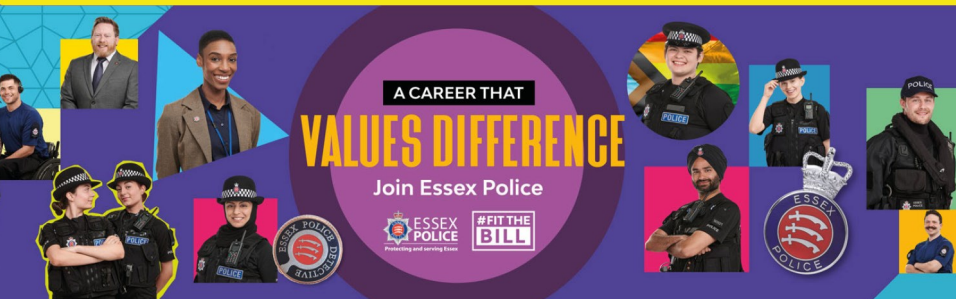


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