

January 2023

MORE HARECOURSERS CAUGHT

RET continued tackling illegal hare coursing in January.

7 Community Protection Warnings were issued over the month to people suspected of engaging in this cruel sport. The team also



look to prosecute under the Hunting Act where possible.

Two males were also charged with trespassing on land with dogs to pursue rabbits and are awaiting court.



RET have successfully worked with 6 surrounding forces and the police helicopter under Operation Galileo to keep targeting hare coursers.



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.

SETDAB.org

Now there's a quick online alternative to calling 101 or visiting a police station:
DIGITAL 101



Do it online at:
essex.police.uk

**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**

RET ON THE ROAD

The team have been out across the county presenting at community events.

Sergeant Felton gave a talk to the Reconnecting Uttlesford event.



Officers attended a Coffee with Cops event in Southend with local officers, explaining the teams role to local residents.



Officers also held several dog engagement events across the county.



Successful events were held in Maldon and Brentwood. The team offered crime prevention advice and free microchip scanning and database checks for owners.



The team were joined by Essex Police Dog Watch and local council at both events.

If you would like RET to attend your event, please email 74973@essex.police.uk

SAFER ROADS

RET have focused on rural road safety throughout January.

Speeding checks have been carried out country wide.

In Ongar two cars were seized for having no insurance and six tickets issued.



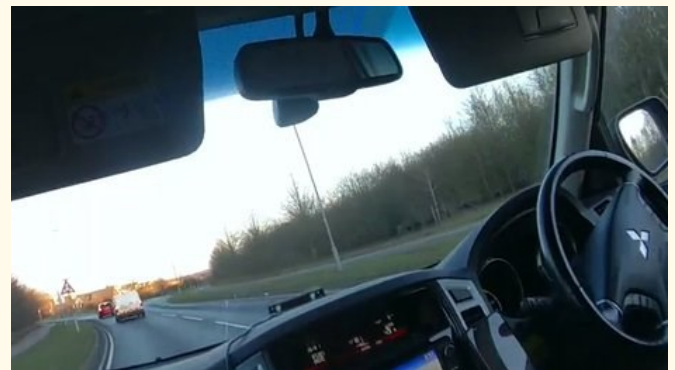
Meanwhile in Dunmow 35 tickets were issued in one day and another two vehicles seized for not having valid insurance.

DRIVER JAILED

A driver who had been disqualified from driving by the courts was caught driving in Witham by RET.

The vehicle raised officers suspicions and was stopped. The driver was found to be banned from driving, and had been banned several times in the past.

To protect the public RET applied to remand the driver in custody overnight. At court the following day he was sent to prison for 28 weeks.



Rural road safety is one of RET's areas of focus countywide.

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED

The team have continued to target those who steal vehicles, recovering two in January.



A stolen van was located in Wickford, stripped for

parts. Meanwhile, the team located a stolen trailer in Basildon.



RURAL CRIME STRATEGY LAUNCH

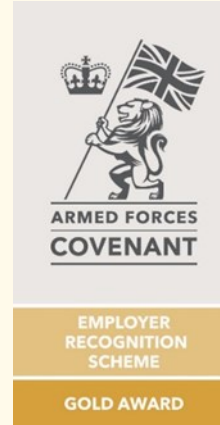
RET will be attending the public launch of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners Rural Crime Strategy on the 10th March at Layer Marney Tower.



The public are invited to attend and meet Essex Police including RET, as well as partners such as Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and others involved with reducing crime in rural communities.

The event starts at 1PM and is open to everyone.

ARMED FORCES GOLD EMPLOYER



Essex Police are proud to be recognised as a gold employer by the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

The scheme aims to ensure the armed forces community are not unfairly disadvantaged, and involves supporting them

when they start a new career.

Ex service personnel bring a variety of world class transferable skills and qualities to the workplace.

Essex Police actively recruit former armed forces personnel and support serving officers who volunteer their time as members of the Reserved armed forces and Cadet Forces.

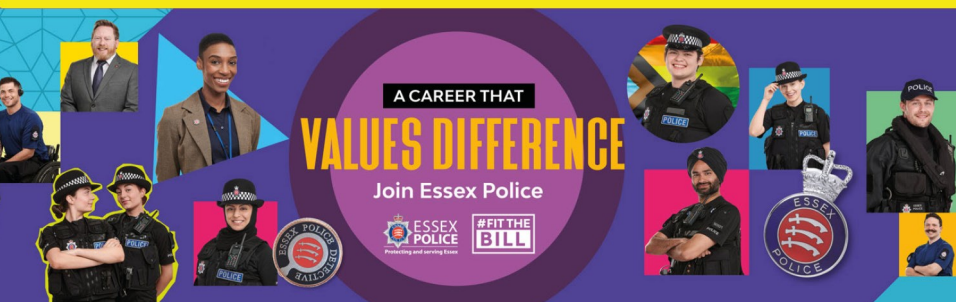


Digital 101

You can report non-emergency crime by calling **101** or by using **Digital 101**, our quick and easy to use online service that's available at any time.



Digital 101 is available on the Essex Police website: [essex.police.uk](https://www.essex.police.uk)



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in protecting and serving Essex, you can follow us on social media, or search **#FitTheBill**