

Welcome to the November edition of the police newsletter, over the past month we have seen the darker nights drawing in and the weather conditions starting to change. This brings its own challenges, firstly with crime prevention, where seasonal tips can be found at [Crime prevention advice | Essex Police](#). There is no better deterrent than a closer knit community that looks out for each other, so please continue to report suspicious activity, engage with your neighbour and preventing crime from occurring in the first place should be the ultimate goal.

Secondly is road safety, conditions deteriorate at this time of year, with the wet and visibility, please ensure that we all drive to the conditions, ensuring that we drive to arrive. Allow extra time for journeys, ensure that vehicles have been checked and are safe to be used on the road, windscreens are cleared before starting off and other road users cyclists & pedestrians wear clothing that makes them visible along with torches & lights.

### Op Sceptre

Op Sceptre is a national campaign to tackle knife violence, this has seen the Community Policing Teams conduct various activity across the district, ranging from proactive policing operations, engagement with licensed premises during night time economy, through to schools engagement and preventative work. Uttlesford CSP has launched a mobile knife amnesty bin [Operation Sceptre: Knife amnesty bin is touring Uttlesford | Saffron Walden Reporter](#)

### Rural Engagement

It's no secret that Uttlesford is the largest rural district in Essex, which sees challenges in isolation, loneliness, mental health and all the associated rural crimes. Being part of the Community Safety Partnership ensures that many partners are brought together to tackle these often overlooked areas. The Uttlesford CSP is continuing its 'Reaching Out to Rural Communities' throughout the winter months. Recent policing enforcement has seen officers responding to reports of hare coursing with suspects being arrested and dogs and vehicles seized.

### Remembrance Day

This year saw a return to public events and was an opportunity for the community to come together and pay its respect for those that made the ultimate sacrifice, have served and are often still very much dealing with their ongoing trauma both physical & mental, and also to the Royal British Legion which celebrated its centenary who continue to support serving and ex-serving members of the armed forces. There were numerous events across the district and it was an honour to have police officers represented at so many.

### Newport Community Special Constables (CSC)

This is not a new scheme, but fairly unused and unrated, I was fortunate to have the first scheme introduced in Witham in 2018, their presence made an impact overnight and their ownership of dealing with community issues ensured we were listening and responding to the concerns raised. Their team is now seen as a flagship for the Essex Police and have forged crucial relationships with the community.

Whilst other schemes have also been launched across the district (Birchanger - Special Sergeant Martin Halls), it's fantastic that Newport have Steve Dale & Tom Morement. These Community Special Constables work closely with the Community Policing Team and provide dedicated visibility to their respective Parishes.

### Looking forward –

Christmas is only round the corner and we expect many will be out celebrating, my plea is simple, be safe and look out each other. My teams will be visible at all public Christmas events from Christmas Light Switch on's, late night shopping through to night time economy patrols, working closely with licensees ensuring that people are safe.

C/Insp Colin Cox



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# South Uttlesford Updates

Four very wet suspected hare coursers have been arrested following numerous reports in the Stebbing area. Mobile phones seized, vehicle seized and dogs off to a kennel.



Community Special Constable Martin Halls and Uttlesford CPT, recovered two stolen golf buggies from Birchanger village which were taken from Bishops Stortford golf club.

PCSO Morris has been on patrol in Elsenham following reports over night.

PCSO Morris has been on patrol in Henham this week and spent some time in School Lane to speak to the children on their way home from school.



PCSO Morris has been supporting Community Speed Watch in Henham.

PCSO Morris & PC Sharma spent an afternoon supporting Elsenham Community Speed Watch. Working together to make our rural roads safer.



The Community Policing Team have been responding to reports of hare coursing in the district today. If you see coursing in progress, dogs chasing hares, or people breaking into land, then please call 999 immediately, giving us as much detail as possible.



# North Uttlesford Updates

Officers from the Community Policing Team have been conducting proactive hare coursing patrols, speaking with residents and monitoring byway closures in the Debden Green area.



Our officers and staff joined thousands of people across Essex to pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our country during both World Wars and in subsequent conflicts.



The Community Policing Team were on patrol in Saffron Walden attending the light it up lantern parade.



The Saffron Walden Town Team were at a Saffron Walden Town Football Club, Offering free tool marking.



# Community Engagement Events Coming Up

Please check our Facebook page for more events in you local area.



North Uttlesford	South Uttlesford	Saffron Walden
<p><b><u>Tuesday 2nd December</u></b> Radwinter Primary School (Grass Area Outside) 14.30-16.00</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 1st December</u></b> Reaching Rural Communities Flitch Green Co-op 10.00-14.00</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 3rd December</u></b> Saffron Walden Market 17.00-20.00</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 4th December</u></b> Thaxted Christmas Market 16.00-21.00</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 10th December</u></b> Great Dunmow Co-op 11.00-13.00</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday 5th December</u></b> Christmas Gift Market 10.00-16.00</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday 11th December</u></b> Wimbish Christmas Market 10.00-13.00</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 16th December</u></b> Elsenham Christmas Extravaganza 19.45-21.00</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday 12th December</u></b> The ASU Christmas Market County High School 12.00-16.00</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 16th December</u></b> Chrishall Street Beat 15.00-16.00</p>		<p><b><u>Sunday 21st December</u></b> Christmas Market 10.00-14.00</p>
		<p><b><u>Sunday 24th December</u></b> Christmas Eve Market 10.00-14.00</p>



# Crime Prevention



## Lighting, CCTV and Alarms

Lighting is a good deterrent and is recommended at your front/back doors.

A clear, low white light that activates at dusk to dawn is ideal for lighting a yard or garden and allowing any person to be clearly seen.

Check to make sure that trees and plants do not obscure your lighting. It's recommended that you regularly cut vegetation back.

Take care to position these lights so that light pollution doesn't annoy your neighbours.

### Indoor Lighting

Use an automatic plug-in time-switch to operate a lamp or light at pre-set times when you're away.

Energy saving LED bulbs are best as they do not use as much electricity, last longer than conventional bulbs and do not generate heat, reducing fire risk.

In blocks of flats, automatic low-energy lights that detect movement are recommended for corridors, stairwells and communal areas such as car parks and cycle stores.

### CCTV

By using well-defined boundaries as a basis, CCTV can be a valuable tool. However, it doesn't prevent a crime from being committed and does have limitations. Most importantly, CCTV is no substitute for good quality physical security such as secure doors and windows.

A wide range of cameras is available, from traditional CCTV systems recording 24/7 to video doorbells that activate on approach.

Some cameras work by day and by night, and record when they detect movement. Some can be remotely viewed from a smartphone. Battery powered CCTV is also now available which can be linked to smartphone or an alarm, ideal for lock-up buildings such as sheds without power.

Audio capability is available in some, to allow you to speak to any caller - welcome or unwelcome.

Position cameras where they are best able to obtain good quality facial images. Could you recognise or identify someone from the footage? Check to make sure that trees and plants do not obscure your CCTV view. It's recommended that you regularly cut vegetation back.

There is legislation for home CCTV use, so always seek advice from an accredited installer first to ensure your system complies with the law. Ask to see an example of footage taken during the night as well as the day as the clarity and definition can vary greatly. Be prepared to install extra lighting to ensure good night-time coverage.

Place signage up warning that CCTV is in use.

[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) also provide further advice.





# Uttlesford Community Policing Team

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	PCSO Mike O'Donnell-Smith	PC Russ Hinkins
		PCSO Alfie Brown
		PCSO Nikki Morris (Stansted, Elsenham & Henham)



## Uttlesford – October 2021

District Commander: Chief Inspector Janette Rawlingson



### Your Priorities

#### You Said:

More engagement with young people of the district

#### We Did:

We have been visiting schools and youth groups

### Antisocial Behaviour

We know that antisocial behaviour can affect not only individuals but entire communities, which is why we want people to report it to us so that we can take appropriate and proportionate action.

We work alongside our partners at Uttlesford through our Community Safety Partnership, to respond to reports of antisocial behaviour and resolve community issues.

When responding with reports of antisocial behaviour in rural areas, we also work alongside our Rural Engagement Team. You can find out more about our Rural Engagement Team by following them on twitter [https://twitter.com/EP\\_RURAL](https://twitter.com/EP_RURAL)

For more information and advice about antisocial behaviour go to [www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/](http://www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/)

You can also report antisocial behaviour online through our digital 101 service. Visit [www.essex.police.uk/digital101](http://www.essex.police.uk/digital101) for more details.



# Signposting

## Essex Police

To make an online report of crime.

[www.essex.police.uk/digital101](http://www.essex.police.uk/digital101)



## Essex Police Your Area

For local information.

[Your area | Essex Police](#)



## Crimestoppers

To make an anonymous information report to Police.

[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)



## Neighbourhood Watch

For information and how to join.

[Welcome To Essex NHW Association \(essexnwa.co.uk\)](http://Welcome To Essex NHW Association (essexnwa.co.uk))



## Uttlesford District Council

Community Safety Partnership.

[Community Safety Partnership - Uttlesford District Council](#)



## Uttlesford District Council

Environmental Health online report.

[Contact Environmental Health - Uttlesford District Council](#)



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