



A Street Meet has been set up in your area to enable you to have face to face contact with a member of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss policing concerns you have within your community. The surgery has been scheduled to take place on a weekly basis and it is our intention to honour each one. However there may be occasions when an officer is not in attendance for logistical reasons or incident demand and in these circumstances I would encourage you to contact your local officer in one of the following ways. Neighbourhood Beat Mobile 07977298089 or 07967466876 or 07801316867, Non-emergency number 101 or via the Essex police website. In the case of an emergency dial 999

The next meeting is on the 13/10/2014 at 19:00 hours at Little Clacton Village Hall on London Road. Please refer to the Essex Police website for further information and dates and times.

Essex Community Messaging system launched

A new messaging system giving you the latest information about crime and community safety has been launched.





Photo: Chief Supt Luke Collison, Chairman of Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association Alan Johnson and CEO of Unified Messaging Systems Espen Gylvik

Essex Community Messaging (ECM) gives everyone who signs up the chance to receive crime notifications and crime prevention advice via email, text or voice message from Essex Police officers, Essex Watch liaison officers and other partners including Neighbourhood Watch.

Free of charge and specifically designed for Essex, the system is jointly funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

It gives you the option to select the information you do and don't want to receive, including issues you might have a particular interest in and will be used to alert you to crime trends where you live, ask for your help in the search for vulnerable missing people and encourage you and your neighbours to report suspicious activity to us.

Nick Alston, Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: "Essex Community Messaging will get key crime and crime prevention information out to communities faster than ever before. It will also improve the two-way flow of information about community safety between Essex Police, Neighbourhood and other Watch groups, and the people of Essex.

"We need to help communities join Essex Police in the fight against crime. Whether it's through reporting suspicious behaviour or learning about simple measures to take to prevent crime, ECM will provide a crucial new channel for keeping our communities safe. I urge everyone to register now for ECM."

Chief Supt Luke Collison, ECM project, added: "I'm convinced that Essex Community Messaging will significantly enhance the quality of communication between Essex Police, key partners and the communities that we serve. I look forward to seeing ECM grow and develop over the coming months, as more and more people who live or work in our county sign up."

Alan Johnson, Chair of the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association, said: "We're delighted that we now have a brand new messaging system, and look forward



to improving our ability to help Essex Police reduce the level of crime across our county.”

Whether it’s alerting a community to a specific developing crime trend in their area, involving local people in the search for a vulnerable missing person, or encouraging the reporting of suspicious behaviour, ECM will transform the speed and effectiveness of communication across Essex.

You can sign up on the [Community Messaging page](#) of our website.

Thank you.

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