

Policing Update/ECNWH

CIP Team

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Since the increased restrictions many of us have been working from home still and occasionally attending the office. The specials Command has now been integrated into Citizens in policing within LPSU and when we return we will all be working from the same office.

The new CIP Coordinator starts with us on Monday 15th March 2021 - Elaine Wakeling who was previously a vetting Officer. I will be spending next few weeks getting her up to speed and hope to introduce her at one of the future meetings.

Volunteers

During the covid period many of our volunteers have been keeping in contact but have not been able to assist with volunteering, particularly those who have been shielding or have had to change things around to accommodate children who were at home or helping other family members.

Since the requirement for the vaccination centres and the requirement for Volunteers we now have 11 of our volunteers helping out across the county in various locations. We additionally have some helping out with the school return vaccinations (peak flow).

We still have a great interest in volunteering with over 20 on a waiting list as well as many itching to start up volunteering again which hopefully will start resuming in June. We still have over 200 Police support volunteers in Essex working from several commands and Districts.

Cadets

Cadet numbers remain around 300 and popularity still remains high although all cadet activity across the country has been on hold and remains as such due to the further restrictions. We are hoping that we can start resuming some Cadet activity around April/May and are gearing ourselves up to assist in that process unless any changes with Covid)

CSAS

We currently have 44 organisations and 480 accredited persons. Again over the period of COVID as many of our organisations are public (local authorities) the Local policing teams have been working closely with them to support the communities which is great to see. We will be looking at supporting our CSAS organisation more as part of our restructure in CIP in the Spring/Summer.

Specials

The specials command in CIP have maintained their recruitment drive over the pandemic all be it a lot remotely but are still recruiting and training Special constables. To date we have 532 Special Constables and currently have a new intake that started their training at the weekend so by July they would have

completed their initial training (as this is done over weekends only) Our Specials have contributed 18,352 hours in Feb

We also have 40 Community Special Constables that completed 284 hours for the month of Feb and 80 Employer Supported Policing that completed 295 hours.

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