

On the 8th March 2018 we held the Essex Police Volunteer Awards at Essex Police Sports Pavilion at Chelmsford HQ. Over 100 People attended the event in which over 70 awards Certificates were presented to Essex Police Volunteers by Assistant Chief Constable Andy Prophet and Deputy Police and Fire Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner.

The categories for the Volunteer awards included—Various Groups, Long service Certificates as well as Certificates for some of the Volunteer Single Points of Contacts within Districts who work with the Volunteers on a regular basis.

The Evening also saw presentations made to the Restorative Justice and Mediation Service volunteers from the PFCC Office with citations read by the Manager Janet Lunn.



Voice of a Child Volunteers

There were presentations to Police support Volunteers including from the Essex Police museum as well as the Active Citizens Voice of a Child Team.

A new category included this year was the Outstanding Volunteer Award which recognized the volunteers who provide outstanding work in volunteering during the previous.

There were many volunteers and Active Citizens who fitted that category however **Mandy Chapman** from Maldon District stood out amongst those nominated and took away the Certificate and

plaque for the 2017 Outstanding Volunteer. Mandy features in this Months Spotlight section of the Newsletter.



Mandy Chapman with ACC Prophet and DPCC Jane Gardner

Can we take this opportunity to thank everyone who nominated participated and attended the awards evening—It was a great night for all with excellent food and great Company.

Spotlight Mandy Chapman - Active Citizen



Mandy Chapman is a retired Police Officer having joined the Metropolitan Police in 1983. She retired in October 2013 after an enjoyable 30 year career in policing with the last 24 years as a General Purpose Dog Handler in South East London. Her operational work as a dog handler had provided links with Essex Police and a friendship with Essex Dog Sergeant Sara Dean. After Mandy retired she was “persuaded” (her words) by her village to take over the NHW in Great and Little Braxted, 6 months later she was “persuaded” to take over the Vice Chair of Maldon District NHW and a year later she became the Chair. Mandy become involved in volunteering for Essex Police in Chelmsford and Maldon District and worked with Brenda Cross and the team setting up Dog Watch. While working with Ch. Insp Ronnie Egan she became involved with the

International Woman’s Leadership Development Forum and assisted with the International Women’s Day event held in March 2018. This included Essex & Kent Police, East of England Ambulance Service Trust and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and was attended by 300 delegates. Deputy PFCC Jane Gardner supported Mandy to become a Restorative Justice and Mediation Facilitator with the PFCC’s office. Mandy says that her policing background has given her a great deal of knowledge and experience that she wanted to put it to good use. “There are so many roles you can volunteer for in Essex Police, everyone has something to give and in these times of austerity and cut backs we all need to do what we can to help.” Mandy says, “I thoroughly enjoy working with the volunteers, officers and staff of Essex Police, PFCC’s office and partner agencies, they are all very engaging people and supportive of those who want to help their community.”

Volunteering Open Day

On Saturday 24th March 2018 Essex Police Special Constabulary along with a number of Volunteers hosted an open Day at Essex Police HQ.

The Volunteer Police Cadets assisted in the running of the event which was hosted by Heart FM and saw over 120 people attending displays from Essex Police Dog Section and various other Essex Police resources.

There were a number of other displays within the marquee including one from the Neighbourhood Watch offering advice on the scheme and security and crime prevention



The Cadets who were in their uniform helped out throughout the day supporting the other stands and helping out in the running of the event as well as having found the time to have

their photo taken in the photo booth with Jenny from the CIP Team



Palace of Westminster visit by Braintree and Uttlesford Cadets

Our Volunteer Police Cadets from Braintree and Uttlesford made a special trip to London on Monday (February 12).

Around 14 youngsters visited the city to develop their understanding of law and democracy. The cadets, accompanied by Unit Leaders, visited new Scotland Yard, Buckingham Palace and watched the Changing of the Queens Life Guard at Horse Guards Parade before heading to the Palace of Westminster where they received a guided tour.

The cadets learned about the history of the building and found out about how the House of Parliament and the House of Lords contribute to the day-to-day workings of parliament.



Southend Cadets Passing Out

18 cadets from our Southend unit proudly passed out in front of friends, family and special guests including Chief Superintendent Paul Wells, Inspector Ian Hughes and Citizens in Policing Officer Neil Dibell.



The cadets pledged their oath, received certificates of achievement and were awarded top marks during the evening's formal inspection. They rounded off the ceremony by demonstrating their marching skills.

Over the last four months, the team completed their basic training and found out how the force works on a day to day basis. They have received inputs about road safety and from Essex Country Fire and Rescue Service, learned how to keep themselves safe and even practiced their bowling skills.

Addressing the cadets, Chief Superintendent Paul Wells said: "Young people get a lot of criticism from people who question their initiative. They often get accused of caring more about social media or video games than their own communities. I'd like to show those people this fine group of individuals.

"Your volunteering is making a difference to the community and you are making an effort that will help change people's lives. You won't always hear thanks from people, you won't always feel appreciated but you are taking that first step to making a Essex a better place to live and work."

Cadet Leader Pc Arron Williams said: "Our latest intake have already achieved so much leading up to their passing out parade. They work really well as a team and have gone above and beyond since joining the unit. They are a very enthusiastic group and really keen to get out and help their community in their roles as police cadets in the Southend area."