

## **Colchester District Report - February 2021.**

Unsurprisingly very little is happening. We have partnered with Next Chapter in Colchester to develop a new page on our web site entitled Domestic Abuse (DA). Previously DA was to be found under Personal Safety and Security. This initiative came about as a result of increasing cases of DA in Essex and across the rest of the UK.

Fifty five percent of the accesses to our web site are from within the UK. Twenty five percent from the USA, and the rest from eleven other countries.

I have supplied a host of .pdf files to John Scott in anticipation of a web site for Castle Point. These files are primarily posters etc., received from Essex Police, and other partnering organisations, and over a period of six or seven years.

For about a year now I have been tuning in to WhatsApp communications between NhW members on Mersea Island. Among other things, the scheme monitors known drug dealers on Mersea and communicates locations, vehicle IDs, and descriptions of persons to the police.

We have started to organise events like Coffee With Cops in anticipation of a relaxation of restrictions from late June. The first of these will take place in August.

As reported before, I am concerned about succession planning for coordinators and myself. Most of our coordinators have served for between 5 and 8 years and none of us are getting any younger. Appeals for help have fallen on deaf ears.

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