

## Essex Crimestoppers report September 2021

### Essex crime reports

Total number of reports sent to Essex police from Crimestoppers for the first five months of the financial year are 2,793. This is from 1,976 contacts. The difference is that some reports contained more than one piece of intel.

In August there were 395 contacts, 7 per cent fewer than the previous year. These are only snapshot results, so we don't yet have details of the number of those reports deemed to have potential value or those which are actionable.

The latest results show there has been a steady increase in the number of reports about domestic abuse with 23 reports in August from 7 reports in April. There's also been a slight increase in fraud and forgery reports to 10 in August from 4 in April. Drugs reports make up more than 48 per cent of the total. Sixty per cent of contacts to Crimestoppers were online with 16 per cent by phone.

Nationally, total contact reports disseminated to all forces from April is 81,594 – a 5 per cent increase on the same period the previous year.

### Rural crime research

Thanks to Colchester Neighbourhood Watch chair Graham Stehle for his support for the rural crime research being undertaken by Colin Dobinson. There's been an excellent response.

### Project Fearless

All youth groups in greater Essex are being contacted about Project Fearless which aims to educate young people away from crime and to raise awareness of **fearless.org**. An information pack was distributed to all secondary schools in greater Essex before summer break.

### Promotion

More hand-out materials for use at events or for distribution will be produced soon. Some will be crime specific.

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