

**Policing Update/ECNWH**  
**Citizens in Policing Team**  
**14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Policing Update - CIP Team**

The CIP team are slowly returning to the office and by 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be looking for a more blended approach with a mixture of office and home working.

It has been a year now since Special Constabulary joined with CIP and we continue to look at ways we can work together better, share best practice, and support the various strands of volunteering.

Supt Shaun Kane joined as Head of Department in May 2021 and leads a CIP Command Team, with Jenny Brouard as Commander, Specials Deputy Chief Officer Derek Hopkins and CIP Development Manager, Sarah Wright as well as 4 Special Superintendents. In addition, there are 10 CIP team members looking after all areas of volunteering.

**Essex Watch**

Reminder about your **Essex Watch Officers**

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It has continued to be a very busy time for us all. Lockdown has given us opportunities to make positive changes and tidy up our databases.

We have been updating our website making it far easier for the public to find us and easier to join a specific Watch. Now we are back to attending events from the large events - "All About Dogs Show" and on the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> The County Show - to the local fetes where we promote not just our Watches but NHW as well.

Dog Watch is continuing to grow quickly, and we are making inroads on many others including Farm/Rural and Business Watch. We also continue to visit vulnerable groups to reassure them by giving them good Crime Prevention Advice, these groups include OAP complex's, hard of hearing and stroke victims.

**Volunteers**

Many of our volunteers are now returning to volunteering roles now the pandemic issues have reduced and as we start to return to normal duties. We currently have 180 Volunteers / Active Citizens operating within Essex in many different roles. We have 10 new volunteers who are in the process of vetting as well as 17 new applicants who are being processed. We have had a few exciting new volunteer roles within Learning and Development and cyber resilience which is great as it will give us some roles for those new applicants joining our team. The team has just started the Volunteer induction courses for all new volunteers as well as updating the Procedures to ensure that our volunteers are supported and valued.

**Cadets**

The last few months have been spent getting units back up and running physically and reviewing Cadet numbers as many had left due to their age. Those on waiting lists have been contacted and we will shortly be back to full strength with 400 Cadets across the county and 80 Cadet leaders. We continue to support units with guidance around social distancing but are hoping to be able to have a summer camp and parade in 2022.

### **CSAS**

We currently have 44 organisations and 453 accredited persons however that is all going to grow as many organisations are coming on board with 3 new organisations going through the CSAS process. We have updated the procedure for all CSAS organisations and accredited people. This will ensure that we fit in with the National CSAS process which has seen some interest over the pandemic from other forces. Essex have been given approved status nationally to provide CSAS training and this is currently being updated ready for training to start in October. It has been expected earlier however further delays caused by the pandemic put that back.

### **Specials**

The Specials Command have maintained their recruitment drive over the pandemic, be it remotely, and continue recruiting and training Special Constables.

To date we have 515 Special Constables, attested strength of 454 officers. Two intakes finished their training this weekend resulting in 13 students who will attest on the 27 September. Over the next couple of months, a further 21 officers will complete their initial training and attest as warranted officers.

We currently have 14 Community Specials Constables covering 9 parishes with more officers in the pipeline, training or completing their Professional Development Plans.

We have 38 businesses signed up to Employee Support Policing and are in negotiation with further local and national companies.

Our Special Constabulary volunteers were recognised in the 2021 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for the support they provided to our communities by volunteering more than 54,000 hours of their time during the lockdown between March and June 2020. They were also awarded a Certificate of Excellence Award to mark significant innovations in transforming local public services.

### **Other Essex Police News**

Deputy Chief Constable Pippa Mills left Essex Police this month after successfully gaining the role of Chief Constable for the West Mercia force. Assistant Chief Constable Andy Prophet will be stepping up to the Deputy role.

Five Essex Police officers who courageously battled to save the life of a woman left catastrophically injured after she was shot by a man with a sawn-off shotgun have won an Essex Police Federation Bravery Award