



## Police & Crime Plan 2021-2024



People who live, work and travel in Essex have the chance to help to make the county safer as Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, develops the Police and Crime Plan for the next three years.

Following his recent re-election, Roger is busy working on the plan – a strategic document that sets out the PFCC's vision and priorities for policing and crime reduction in Essex. The plan is the basis on which the PFCC holds the Chief Constable to account in terms of performance, provide funding for services such as Victim Support or Community Safety Partnerships and works with community organisations. Once agreed, the Chief Constable will use its vision and priorities to inform the force plan for Essex Police and wider objectives will be pursued through commissioning and partnership work.

Roger said: "We all have a part to play in keeping our communities safe and as we develop the plan we will be asking for input from all of those groups and individuals who work in, alongside and with Essex Police to keep our county safe. This includes the public, Essex Police, senior leaders, partner organisations, charities, volunteers, stakeholders, elected representatives and members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel. We want to hear from you so if you want to be involved, please do get in touch."

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**Stay Safe Essex**

## Armed Forces Day 2021

Tomorrow is Armed Forces Day 2021 and is a chance to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: "Thank you to all of our Armed Forces who work so hard in Essex to help keep us safe, both in our county and all over the world."

Find out more about the day and get involved [here](#).



## £350k Essex Community Initiative Fund now open offering grants up to £10k for social wellbeing projects

The £350k Essex Community Initiative Fund (CIF) is now open, offering grants up to £10k to individuals, groups and voluntary organisations in the county.

The £350,000 fund offers two levels of grant:

- £300,000 is for grants up to £10,000 towards capital or revenue projects that benefit the wider community
- £50,000 is for micro grants up to £500 to help grassroots groups reduce social isolation, improve wellbeing or help communities connect.

It is administered by Essex Association of Local Councils on behalf of Essex County Council. Applications are invited from town and parish councils, community groups, social enterprises or individuals in the Essex County Council area.

Projects should have community backing and show that they help meet a real community need. They could be to:

- create, buy or develop new community assets
- enhance existing community assets
- enhance or develop initiatives that strengthen a community, including cultural initiatives

Find out more [here](#).

## [Outdoor Fire Safety](#)



Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is urging parents and guardians to talk to their children about the dangers of setting fires to help prevent deliberate outdoor fires this summer.

Last year, the fire service was called to 4,390 outdoor fires, 1,247 of these fires were started deliberately, and a further 849 fires were recorded as being possibly started deliberately.

Arson Prevention Lead Officer, Andre Turner from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service said: "Many children and young people have a fascination with fire, but for some this fascination can take a dangerous turn and lead to fire setting. This is where our Juvenile Fire Setters Scheme can help. The free scheme is run by our trained advisors who can offer help and support which help deters children from future fire-setting behaviours.

Find out more [here](#):



Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex

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Book your free Home Fire Safety Visit [here](#)

