

Dear Rochford Community

Let's Talk About Crime

Our focus in January:

BURGLARY: We have seen a pattern in a number of burglaries, whereby properties under renovation or having building works have been the subject of crime and in the main, power or hand tools have been removed.

We have been actively patrolling the district overnight and following enquiries, our new district CID team have arrested a 47-year-old male from Barking, who remains under investigation, but let's not become complacent.

VEHICLE CRIME: We will always urge our residents and commercial traders to invest in additional security measures,

to check their vehicles are locked, especially when unattended overnight, that valuables are removed and nothing tempting is left on display. Just following these steps will help us to reduce vehicle related crime.

For keyless entry vehicles, consider investing in a signal blocker case (known as a 'Faraday bag') these prevent 'relay theft'.

FRAUD: Please be aware of scams relating to the COVID vaccine. The vaccine is and always will be free.

If you receive a text message or email asking for payment for a vaccine, or suggestive of a requirement for banking details, then this is a scam. Please report any such activity to Action Fraud directly via www.actionfraud.police.uk



During the month of January, as a Community Policing Team, we have: continued to worked with Andy Parkman of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and other supporting Teams, such as the Operational Support Group (OSG), The Dog Unit and Roads Policing to address matters together.

We have continued rolling out 'Your Views Count' questionnaires.

These forms help us to have a full understanding of the issues within the district that matter most to you, and we use these to ensure we are focusing our attention on addressing those matters.

Many of you have raised concerns over speed related issues in a variety of locations across the District, as a

result, colleagues from our Operational Policing Command have been out and about helping to address this.

The aim is always to reduce risk to life and serious injury, however, whilst being visible and using speed recording devices, Officers cannot ignore matters where offences are being committed, and so far, 19 Traffic Tickets have been issued, which is still 19 too many.

We have also attended to 5 missing persons, 29 mental health related incidents, 158 ASB matters, 16 Road Traffic Collisions, stopped & searched 41 people, submitted 128 intelligence reports, attended 93 domestic abuse investigations and solved 64 crimes within the Rochford District.

In regard to the current situation, we know that it can affect people in different ways.

As a service, we are lucky enough in Rochford District to work alongside some amazing partners and support groups.

As a result, we have been advised that they have some grant funding for

families who are in distress and may need food, clothing, or heating, at these difficult times.

If you are struggling or know someone that is, then please encourage them to contact me, please don't be proud, we are in this together.

Stay Safe, Warren



Action Fraud Warning! Action Fraud is informing the public of how to protect themselves from investment fraud, following a rise since the start of the current lockdown.

Pauline Smith, head of Action Fraud, said “Factors such as the loss of jobs,

or people managing with a lower income have provided criminals with the opportunity to attract more people with their fraudulent investment schemes”.

Please see, consider, and follow our simple steps of advice.

Some simple steps you can take are:

- **Be Suspicious** if you are contacted out of the blue about an investment opportunity. This could be via a cold-call, an email or an approach on social media.
- **Don't be rushed** into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction, or committing to something on the spot. Take time to do your research.
- **Seek advice** from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision. Even genuine investment schemes can be high risk.
- **Use a financial advisor** accredited by the Financial Conduct Authority. Paying for professional advice may seem like an unnecessary expense, but it will help prevent you from being scammed.
- **Use the Financial Conduct Authority's register** to check if a company is regulated, so that you can safeguard your money if something goes wrong.

Thank you for your time and support. If you would like to speak with me, I can be reached on 07980 711214 (office hours only please) or by email:

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Kind regards

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