



Thurrock district Public Meeting

23rd July 2013

Briefing information

Grays Police Station is open to the public every day from 08:00hrs to 00:00.

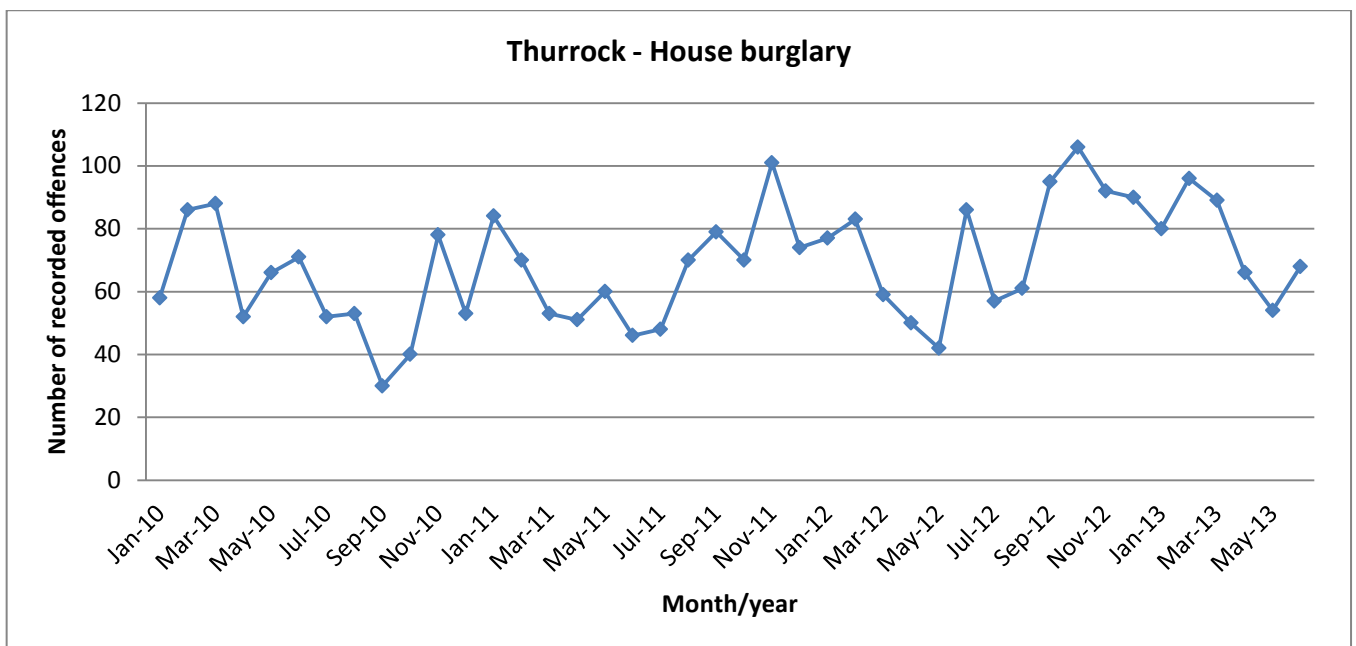
The Police Stations at Tilbury and South Ockendon are open to the public from 12:00 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday.

Crime Data for Thurrock district

Comparing reports for 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 with those from 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012 the areas of note are as follows:

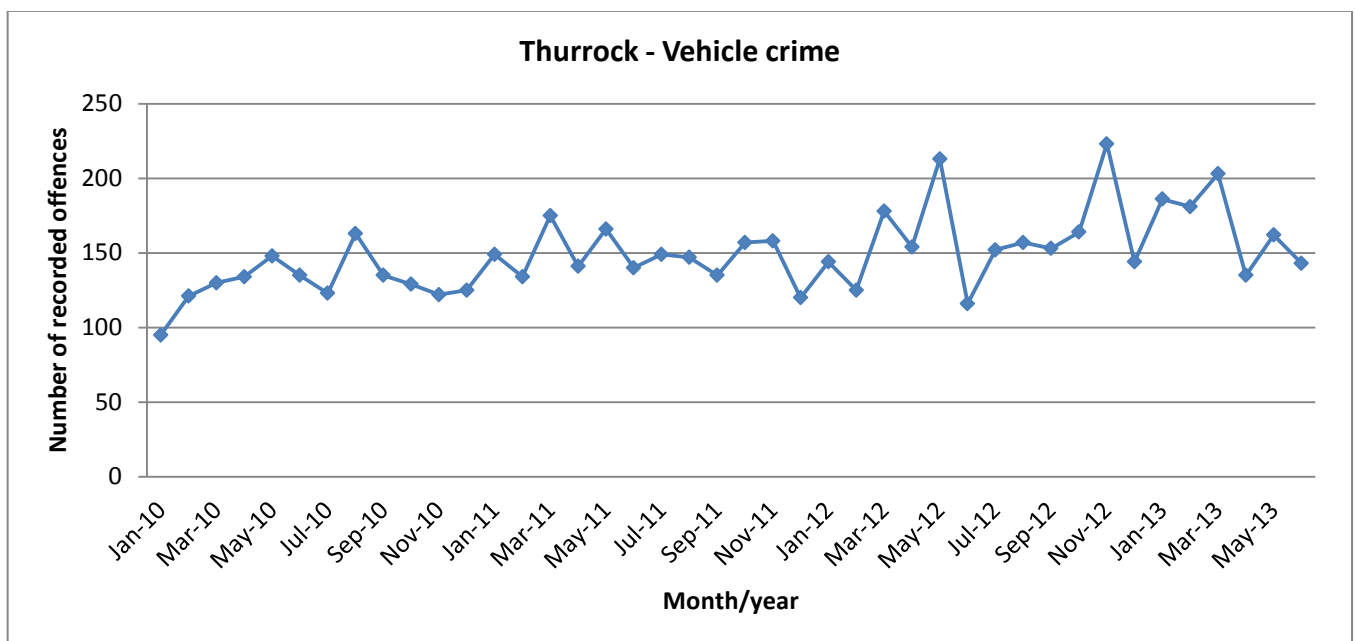
- All Crime has increased by 0.8% (90 more offences);
- Burglary in a Dwelling has increased by 18.3% (146 more offences);
- Vehicle Crime has increased – Theft from Vehicles by 6.3% (74 more offences) and Theft and Taking Motor Vehicles by 10.3% (67 more offences);
- Serious Sexual Crime has increased by 34.6% (37 more offences);
- Criminal Damage has reduced by 8.2% (138 fewer offences);
- Other Theft and Handling has reduced by 13.8% (198 fewer offences);
- Assault with Less Serious Injury has reduced by 6.0% (52 fewer offences);
- Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents have reduced by 12.0% (772 fewer Incidents).

1) Burglary and theft



Thurrock has experienced an increase in dwelling burglary offences, which equates to 146 more offences during the period 1st July 2012 to June 2013 when compared with the same period during the previous year. The local policing response to burglary in the Thurrock area involves using a range of policing tactics to patrol the area and target those people who are suspected of committing burglary offences.

Burglary - one of the CSP objectives - is being tackled through a full partnership approach. A multi-agency day was held on 19th June focusing on prevention. Over 800 packs were delivered to members of the public through a combination of door knocking, handouts at key locations and train stations. Eight new members were also recruited as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators.

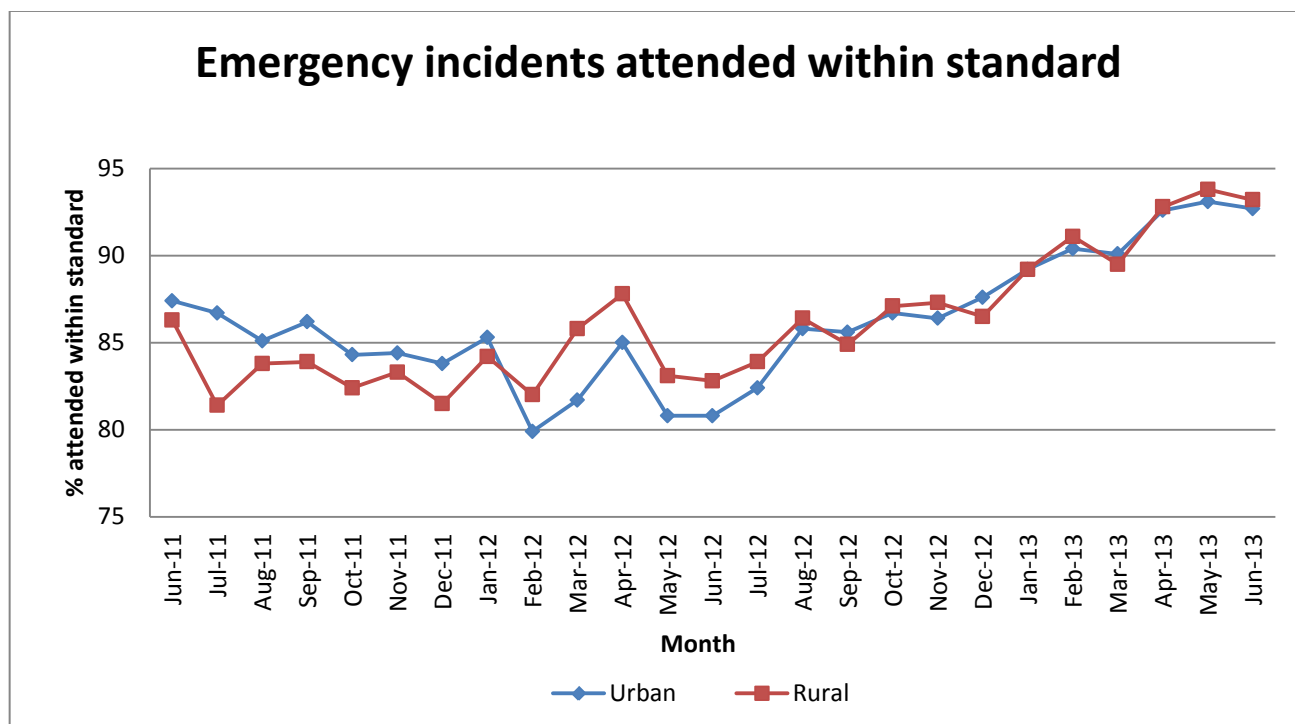


Theft from Vehicles in the Thurrock district increased by 6.3% (74 more offences) and Theft and Taking of Motor Vehicles increased by 10.3% (67 more offences) when comparing recorded offences for 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 against the same period the previous year. The Metropolitan Police area bordering Thurrock has also experienced a considerable volume of vehicle crime.

In response to vehicle crime, a pro-active team has been formed, based at Ockendon, which covers the entire district. The team is predominantly used to tackle emerging crime and disorder related issues, crime patterns and hotspots, to interact with Thurrock-based offenders, arrest wanted suspects, develop intelligence for policing purposes and execute search warrants. In addition, a local policing operation overseen by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams was implemented in February 2013 to focus on vehicle crime and continues to date.

2) Visibility and response

The Thurrock district is split into two neighbourhood policing areas with the East Team operating from Tilbury Police Station and the West Team operating from South Ockendon Police Station. Each of the teams has its own departmental Inspector and Sergeant. They are supported by six dedicated neighbourhood Constables who work with communities and partnership agencies to find solutions to community issues. There are also 44 Police Community Support Officers across the district that work with the neighbourhood policing team.



Essex Police aims to attend emergency incidents within standard response targets of 15 minutes for urban locations and within 20 minutes for rural locations.

A priority response will be provided where it is assessed that there is a degree of importance or urgency associated with the incident, but where an emergency response is not required. Priority incidents are attended within 60 minutes.

The response and patrol function that primarily provides emergency response cover to the district is based at the Grays response hub. These officers are briefed and deployed from the police station to their patrol areas. Essex Police operates a system of deploying the nearest available unit to both emergency and priority incidents.

Figures for the period 1st April to 30th June 2013 show that Essex Police achieved the response target for 92.7% of urban emergency calls and achieved the response target for 93.2% of rural emergency calls. This is an improvement on the figures of 82.2% and 84.5% respectively, for the same period the previous year.

3) Cruisers

Vehicle cruises regularly take place around the Thurrock district, including in areas such as retail parks. Essex Police has received concerns from local residents regarding noise pollution caused by the cruisers, as well as concerns from other road users relating to road safety and irresponsible driving.

Essex Police has taken a proactive approach to these cruise events and has been successful in applying for a dispersal order for the Lakeside area. The robust enforcement of the dispersal order is supported from local neighbourhood officers and specialist trained officers from our collision reduction units. Essex police are working closely with landowners and stakeholders to make the Thurrock district less attractive to drivers who seek to participate in cruise events.

4) Serious sexual crime

For the period of April to June 2013 there were 32 Serious Sexual Crimes in Thurrock. This is an increase of 6 offences when compared with the same period last year. Although an increase this is fewer than that seen in other Districts in the county.

A recent sharp increase in historic reports has occurred especially for 'very' historic incidents (1980s) as a result of Operation Yewtree (Jimmy Savile). Approximately 36% of all reported incidents are historic (one month or more after the incident has occurred).

Every offence is different and the right disposal for an offence will always depend on the individual circumstances of the case. There is a need to balance the needs of the victim, the interests of justice and to protect the public by reducing re-offending.

5) Hate crime

The force actively promotes awareness and the reporting of hate crime, either directly, via third parties or on-line. There was a 47% increase in recorded hate crime in Essex in 2012 against the previous year.

THURROCK	2011			2012		
	Crime	Non-crime	Total	Crime	Non-crime	Total
Disability	4	4	8	1	4	5
Race	135	26	161	180	46	226
Religion	4	0	4	1	0	1
Sexual orientation	8	2	10	17	8	25
Transgender	2	0	2	1	1	2
Other/ not recorded	9	3	12	9	3	12
Total	162	35	197	209	62	271

The new procedure for the Essex police response to hate crime was implemented in 2013. A formal risk assessment is undertaken for each incident to establish any risks or health and safety aspects.

A team of Hate Crime Officers are based around the county, with a specific role to conduct a full risk assessment for each case, identify appropriate support for victims and will assist with advice for any incident being dealt with.

Many hate crimes and incidents are a culmination of anti-social behaviour and so a problem-solving approach is key to dealing with the background issues and safeguarding the victim and their family.

The booklets 'Cut out hate crime' and 'Stop hate crime' published by Essex police advise victims of all strands of hate crime of the support and guidance available to them from the force and partner organisations.

The Strategic hate crime prevention partnership, which includes representatives from Essex police, meets quarterly. The partnerships aim is to develop a multi-agency response to meet the needs of victims, take firm action against perpetrators and to prevent incidents from occurring.

Your feedback is most welcome.

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The neighbourhood policing teams will always act on intelligence received from the community. If you have information regarding any criminal activity please either call your local team or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is an anonymous line where you can report any criminal activity.