

Maldon District Public Meeting

3rd October 2013

Briefing information

There are two police stations within the Maldon District, located at Maldon and Southminster. Both of the police stations are open from 1200hrs to 1800hrs, Monday to Saturday. The response and patrol function that provides emergency response cover to the district is based at Chelmsford Police Station.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has Officers based at Maldon, South Woodham and Southminster Police stations.

The Maldon district is one of the lowest crime areas in Essex.

Crime Data for Maldon

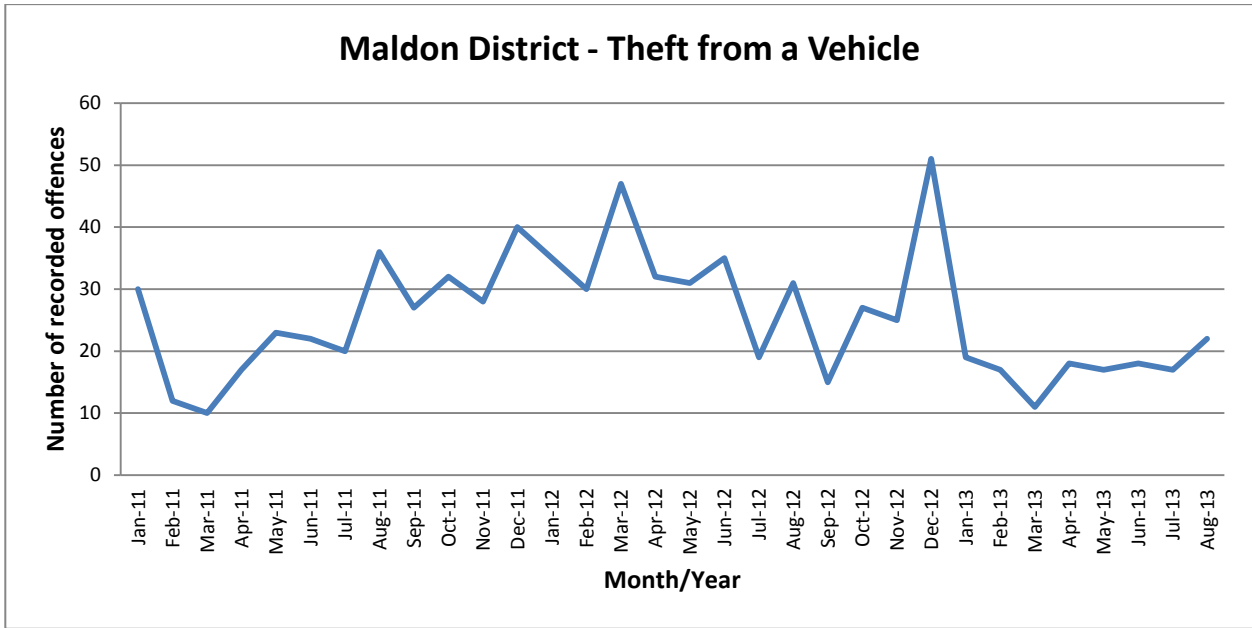
Comparing reports for 1st September 2012 to 31st August 2013 with 1st September 2011 to 31st August 2012.

- All Crime has decreased by 10.4% (246 fewer offences);
- Theft from Vehicles has decreased by 33.4% (130 fewer offences);
- Shoplifting has decreased by 29.1% (43 fewer offences);
- Criminal Damage has decreased by 16.5% (61 fewer offences);
- Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 6.6% (92 fewer incidents);
- Theft and Taking Motor Vehicles has increased by 44.9% (31 more offences);
- Other Theft and Handling has increased by 9.6% (33 more offences);
- Other Violence Against the Person has increased by 13.0% (49 more offences).

1) Vehicle Crime

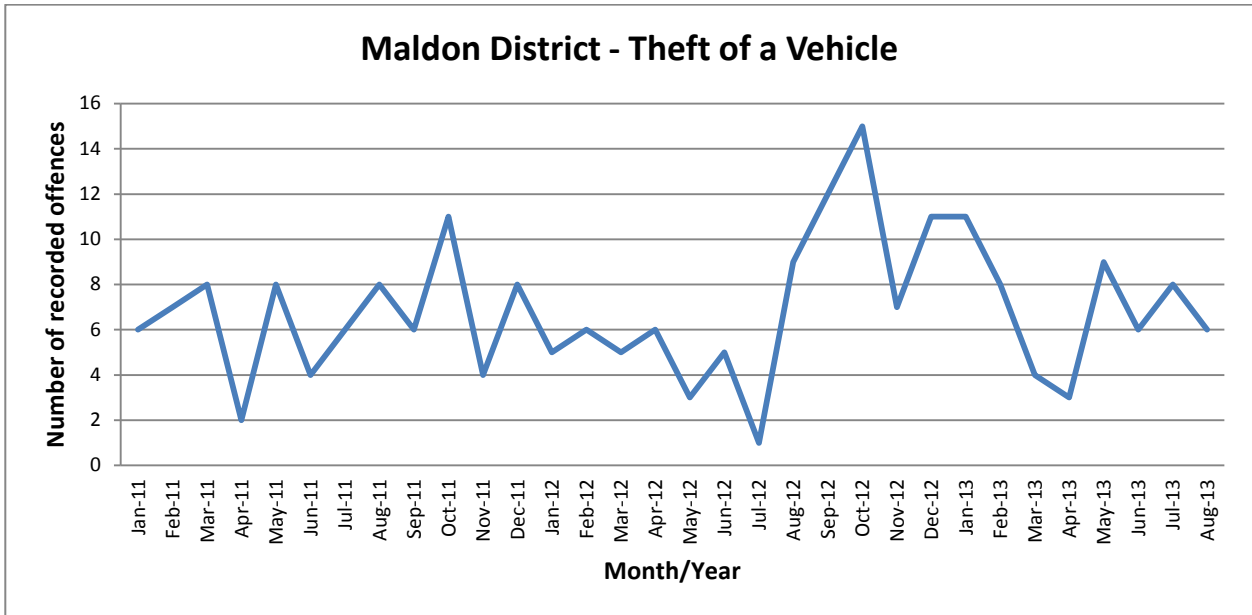
Over the past year, theft from motor vehicles in the Maldon district reduced by 33.4% from 389 offences between September 2011 and August 2012 to 259 offences during September 2012 and August 2013.

The majority of thefts from vehicles in the district occur as a result of owners leaving their vehicles insecure with valuable items stored inside. A number of police and media operations have focused on raising public awareness of this issue as well as targeting offenders.



There has been a 44.9% increase in the theft of motor vehicles in the Maldon District over the past year, from 69 offences recorded between September 2011 and August 2012 compared to 100 offences, during September 2012 and August 2013.

Police continue to monitor these offences in order to respond should any patterns emerge.



2) Rural Crime and Police Visibility

A large proportion of the Maldon district consists of rural areas with isolated properties and farms. This demographic brings with it the challenges of dealing with types of crime that are not frequently experienced in other areas of the force.

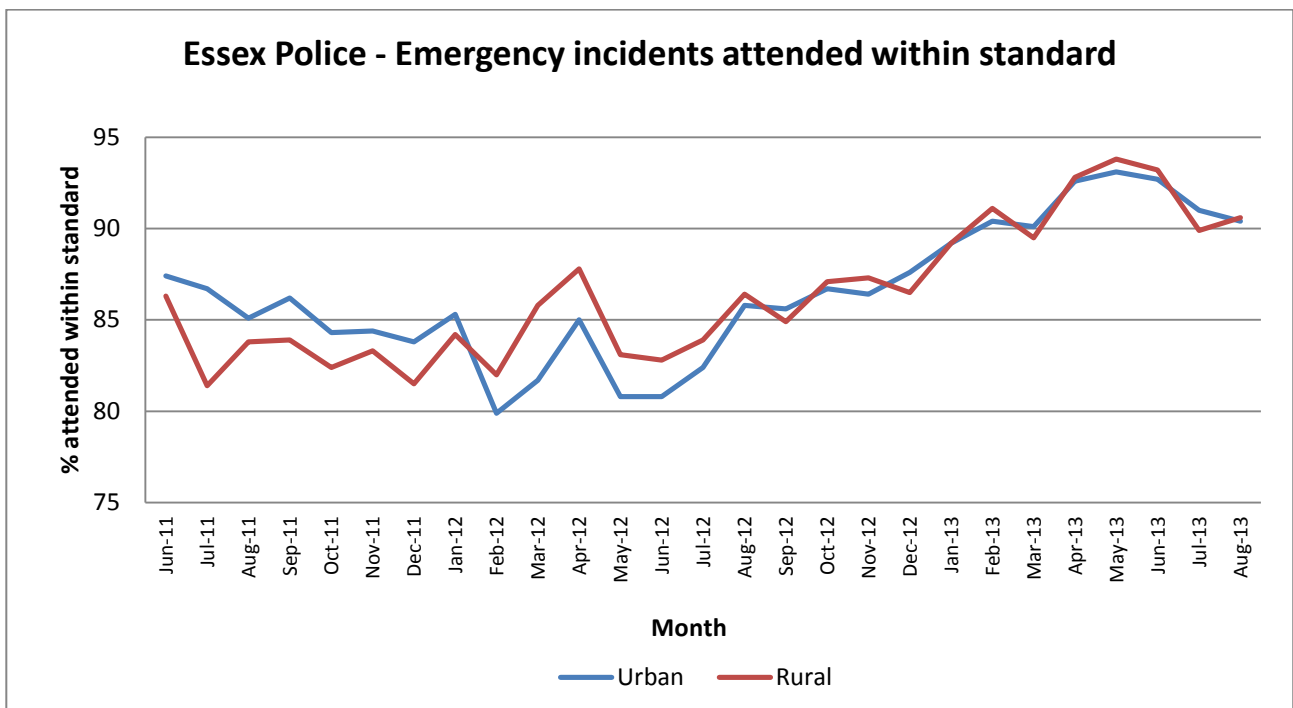
There is an active Farm Watch scheme in the area and Neighbourhood Watch schemes continue to promote crime reduction initiatives.

A rural crime team consisting of Special Constables is currently being trained. The initial base for the team will be Great Dunmow police station and a second team will be based at South Woodham Ferrers later in the year. This second team will cover the Maldon district.

The main aim for the rural team is to build relationships with the local farming community, providing support and crime prevention. There are a number of areas of focus including the theft of heavy farm equipment, theft of diesel, scrap metal and hare coursing.

The local press is briefed weekly at Maldon police station, and the press publish regular crime reduction messages such as locking doors and vehicles and removing valuables from view.

The Maldon district Neighbourhood Policing Team has officers based at Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers and Southminster Police Stations and includes Neighbourhood Constables, a Youth Officer and 14 PCSOs. The team is responsible for community policing, engagement and problem solving in their designated areas.



Figures for the period 1st April to 31st August 2013 show that Essex Police achieved the response target for 91.9% of urban emergency calls and achieved the response target for 91.9% of rural emergency calls. This is an improvement on the figures of 83.0% and 84.8% respectively, for the same period the previous year.

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

Essex Police operates a system of deploying the nearest available unit to both emergency and priority incidents. As a consequence, local officers are often in closer proximity to incidents than the response and patrol units. Essex Police constantly monitors and reviews performance in attending emergency response calls, and remains committed to providing the best possible service to our communities.

Your feedback is most welcome.

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