

Chelmsford Public Meeting

3rd December 2013

Overview of police and crime issues

The Neighbourhood Policing Team, CID and Response and Patrol teams are based at Chelmsford Police Station.

The Chelmsford District forms part of the North Local Policing Area, with Chelmsford and Maldon districts forming the shared District Policing Area.

Chelmsford district has shown an all crime reduction of 1.8% (159 fewer offences) when comparing reports between 1st November 2012 to 31st October 2013, against the same period in 2011/12.

Areas of note:

- All Crime has decreased by 1.8% (159 less offences);
- Criminal Damage has decreased by 5.9% (73 less offences);
- Other Theft and Handling has decreased by 15.2% (215 less offences);
- Assault with Less Serious Injury has decreased by 8.8% (72 less offences);
- Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 2.6% (119 less incidents);
- Burglary in a Dwelling has increased by 36.4% (158 more offences);
- Shoplifting has increased by 4.1% (35 more offences);

1) House Burglary

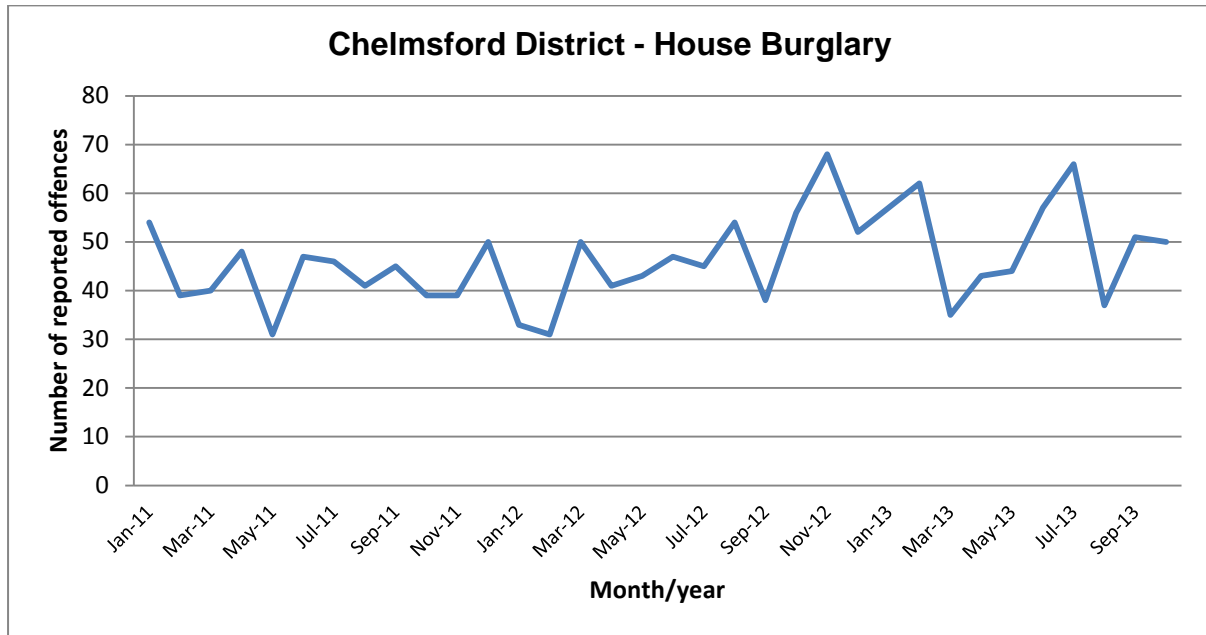
House burglary offences in the district have seen an increase of 36.4% (158 more offences) when comparing reports between 1st November 2012 to 31st October 2013, against the same period in 2011/12.

Hotspots in Chelmsford included Great Baddow, Galleywood, Goats Hall and Moulsham. Operations Jute and Amberjack were set up by the Neighbourhood Policing Team as the policing response to these hotspots, concentrating on prevention, intelligence and enforcement activities. These operations were supported by further tactical activity led by CID, which resulted in a number of arrests.

Operation Nemesis, the force response to burglary, is employed throughout the district. Local offenders are tracked, intelligence acted upon promptly and crime prevention messages are publicised in the media. Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Crime Teams patrol and target key individuals and areas and submit any information obtained accordingly. The operation is on-going, as burglary

continues to be a problem locally; it is a crime that causes considerable distress and can have serious consequences.

Since early October, Operation Nemesis has been supported by a new county-wide predictive policing operation known as Operation Insight, which focuses on high visibility patrols being undertaken in identified areas within each District Policing Area (DPA). This policing activity utilises a number of police resources from across the county and, although being in an early stage of development, appears to be making a positive impact on the number of burglary offences being committed.



The campaign further enforces the work being undertaken by Essex Police, seeking to bring burglars to justice and prevent further offences occurring. Burglaries can occur at any time of day and night. Many burglars gain entry through a rear door or insecure windows. It is important that the public continue to maintain a high standard of home security and don't leave their house and car keys on display.

2) Night-Time Economy

The city of Chelmsford has one of the most vibrant night-time economies in the county. On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the centre of the city has an influx of over 15,000 people. Operation Nightsafe is the policing response and consists of high-visibility policing within identified zones targeting and reducing violent crime and offering assistance to everyone attending the numerous licensed premises.

Essex Police works closely with its partners. In particular it liaises with licensees, Street Pastors and the Chelmsford Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to ensure Chelmsford city centre is safe for all.

Nightsafe divides the city centre into zones in order to ensure that the right people are in the right place at the right times. Police work closely with council CCTV operators to ensure that hotspots are identified and resolved before disorder occurs. Essex Police is also in radio contact with partners such as the Taxi Marshalls and Street Pastors to ensure a unified response.

The work of the CSP has led to successful bids from the Active Safer Communities Fund to deliver an Alcohol Outreach Project for a two year period, which will be used to tackle binge drinking and alcohol related crime and disorder.

Chelmsford was awarded the 'Purple Flag' status from the Home Office in September 2013, which promotes safe night-time economies.

3) Drugs

The misuse of drugs and the impact of the use and supply of drugs on the wider community continue to cause concern. Partnership resources have been invested in this area and police operations continue to investigate drug use and supply across the county.

There is strong proactive police action against organised crime gangs operating above the street level dealers. Officers from the Serious Crime Directorate work alongside local officers from the neighbourhood teams.

Essex Police act on all information received regarding the whereabouts of drug related activity, and continue to combat acquisitive crime which is often linked to drug abuse. Please contact police in Chelmsford on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, if you have any concerns regarding any type of drug activity in your area.

Your feedback is most welcome. Should you wish to contact the PCC about this meeting or any other matter please e-mail : pcc@essex.pnn.police.uk or write to:

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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.