

## **Maldon Public Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

### **District Profile**

Maldon forms part of the Essex Police's North Local Policing Area (LPA), which is the largest of the three LPAs. Chelmsford and Maldon are a shared District Policing Area (DPA) and benefit from a shared command and officer structure which allows flexibility to target emerging crime trends.

Maldon district has a population of 61,600 residents (2011 Census). The main towns are Maldon, Heybridge and Burnham-on-Crouch. The area has a long coastline with a large number of marinas and sailing clubs. Maldon district's population density is 180 residents per square kilometre, making it one of the least densely populated districts in Essex.

### **Policing Structure and Resources**

The following model currently operates within the Maldon and Chelmsford Districts:

#### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has officers based at Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers and Southminster police stations and comprises a Sergeant, Neighbourhood Constables, a Youth Officer and PCSOs. The team is supervised by an Inspector (based at Maldon Police Station) and is responsible for community policing, engagement and problem solving in their designated areas.

#### **Neighbourhood Crime Teams**

Neighbourhood Crime Teams consist of five teams providing 24/7 coverage, based at Maldon Police Station. Each team is supervised by an Inspector and deals with a range of policing duties, including incident demand and appointments, missing persons and the night-time economy.

The Neighbourhood Crime Teams' policing area includes the Maldon district as well as a substantial area to the south of Chelmsford, including Sandon, Danbury, Stock and Ramsden Heath.

#### **Criminal Investigation Department (CID)**

Based at Chelmsford, CID has three teams of detectives led by a Detective Inspector. CID investigates the more serious crimes such as high-risk domestic abuse incidents, grievous bodily harm and dwelling burglary.

## **Response and Patrol**

There are five Response and Patrol teams based at Chelmsford Police Station that work a shift pattern to cover emergency response incidents 24 hours a day.

## **Crime Data for Maldon district**

At the meeting on June 11, 2014, there will be detailed discussion about the crime trends and the facts which lie underneath the statistics.

The headline figure is that all crime in Maldon district has decreased significantly, by 4.6%, equating to 102 less offences.

Comparing reports for 1st May 2013 to 30th April 2014 with 1st May 2012 to 30th April 2013, areas of note include:

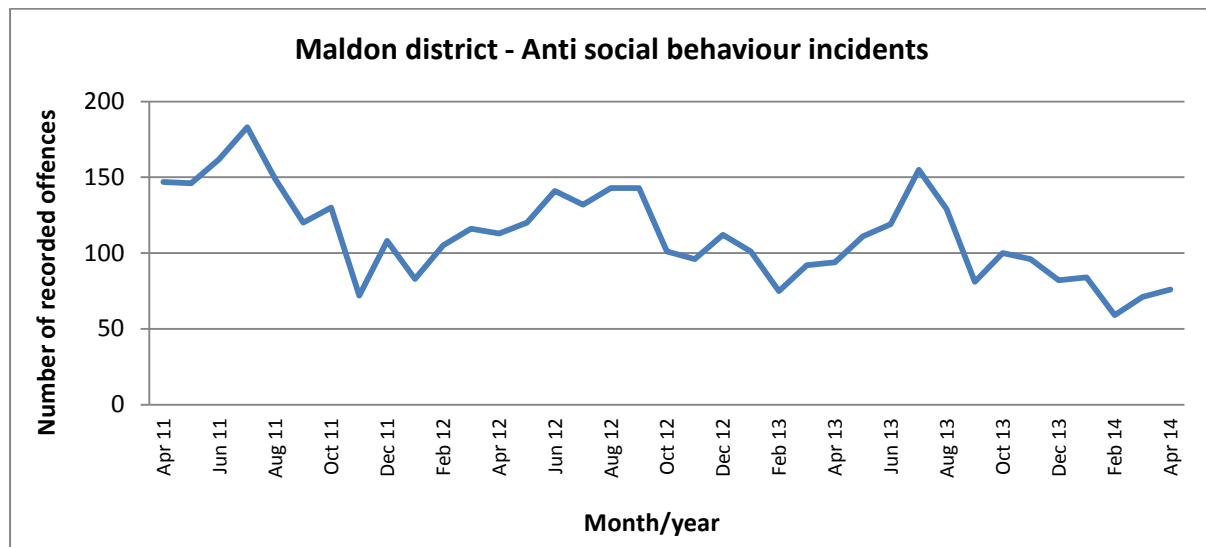
- All Crime has decreased by 4.6% (102 less offences);
- Theft from vehicles has decreased by 26.4% (79 less offences);
- Theft of vehicles has increased by 2.2% (2 more offences);
- Shoplifting has decreased by 19.0% (23 less offences);
- Other Theft and Handling has decreased by 7.2% (27 less offences);
- Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 10.6% (141 less incidents);
- Robbery has decreased by 15.4% (2 less offences);
- House burglary has increased by 4.4% (4 more offences);
- Burglary other (incl sheds, garages and commercial premises) has increased by 1.6% (3 more offences);
- Other Violence Against the Person has increased by 4.9% (21 more offences);

The graphs below showing specific crime trends provide data for Maldon district back to April 2011.

## **Overview of all crime**

Proactive policing and close partnership working between Essex Police, Maldon District Council and the Community Safety Partnership, and many members of the community have helped to deliver a decrease of 4.6% or 102 less offences comparing from 1st May 2013 to 30th April 2014 with 1st May 2012 to 30th April 2013.

## Anti-Social Behaviour



ASB is defined by the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 & Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 as “Behaviour by a person which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the person”.

Comparing the period from 1st May 2013 to 30th April 2014 with 1st May 2012 to 30th April 2013, ASB has decreased by 10.6%, from 1335 incidents to 1194.

ASB covers a wide range of behaviour which can affect the quality of people’s lives. The work of Essex Police, the Community Safety Partnership, local agencies and everyone in the community to tackle ASB will be discussed at the meeting.

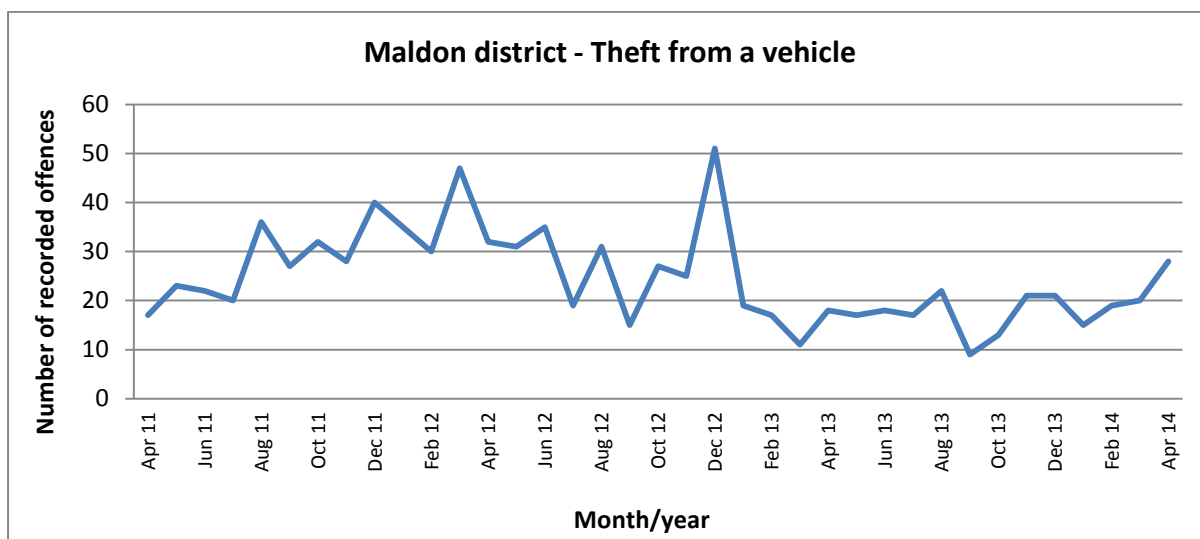
The Community Safety Partnership continues to address ASB by delivering activities to divert and educate young people about the consequences of their behaviour on themselves and others, by encouraging parents to take responsibility for their children and through the use of enforcement tools. ASB is not, however, limited to the young and work will be ongoing to address such behaviour in adults through raising awareness of the available services and when necessary, the use of enforcement tools such as Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill received Royal Assent in March 2014. The full Bill, which is expected to become law this autumn, will introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle ASB that provide better protection for victims and communities. The new Community Trigger and Community Remedy will empower victims and communities by giving them a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints of ASB and in out-of-court sanctions for offenders. Maldon CSP has worked closely with Safer Essex to help produce an Essex model for the Community Trigger to ensure that the approach is consistent across the County.

Current projects include:

- Raising awareness of the available services through a variety of publicity materials, such as posters, banners and leaflets and during all events attended by the team.
- Use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and Injunctions.
- Dengie ASB project- Underage drinking had been highlighted in the Maldon District in particular out in the rural areas of the Dengie peninsular where there is combination of a lack of facilities for the young people in addition to the lack of transport to larger nearby towns. As a diversionary project the team commissioned the services of the Mayland Boxing club and a local running team.
- Mentoring Programme- the CSP was successful in obtaining funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's New Initiatives Fund to deliver a 12 week Mentoring Programme to 10 students from The Plume School and 10 from Ormiston Rivers academy to address issues such as anger management, self-esteem, family life and acceptable behaviour.
- Door Step Sports Clubs (DSSC) - the CSP was again successful in obtaining funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's New Initiatives Fund to support a 6 month pilot project of Door Step Sports Clubs in Heybridge and Southminster. The two areas were identified as they have a high proportion of young people aged between 13-19 in addition to a lack of resources and transport. Different activities will be available to young people on a weekly basis with the aim of acting as a diversion for young people from ASB and to build a healthy and active life style. The clubs will be delivered by Essex Boys and Girls Club, with the intention of recruiting volunteers to make the project sustainable. Other partners have included, MOAT housing, Active Maldon and Heybridge and Southminster Parish Councils.

### Vehicle crime and speeding

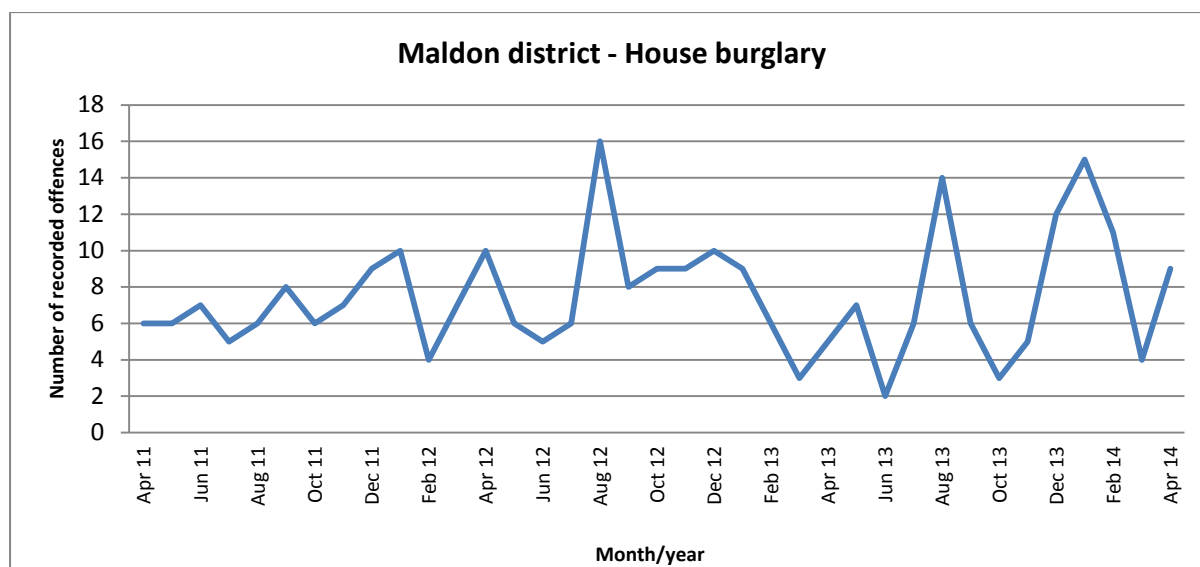


Comparing reports for 1st May 2013 to 30th April 2014 with 1st May 2012 to 30th April 2013, theft from vehicles has decreased by 26.4% (from 299 to 220 offences), and theft of vehicles has increased by 2.2% (from 90 to 92 offences).

Most thefts from vehicles are opportunistic, with thieves typically trying car doors until they find an insecure vehicle and then proceeding to steal items from within. The crime prevention advice is always to lock your car after parking it, and not to leave valuable items such as wallets and purses, electronic devices and satellite navigation systems on display.

The Community Safety Partnership has widely distributed information leaflets and posters to raise awareness about locking doors and windows at night and putting valuables out of sight. The team has delivered awareness and advice sessions in Fullbridge to the public specifically on securing vehicles in addition to house burglary and theft, and continues to work closely with Neighbourhood, Industrial and Farm Watch groups.

## House burglary



In recent months, Essex Police has been running a predictive policing operation which identifies burglary 'hot spots' and focuses community safety resources on these locations.

Local neighbourhood officers have visited all victims of house burglary and patrols have been undertaken to complete risk assessments on properties in the surrounding area. The risk assessments aim to identify vulnerable properties, people and vehicles, and officers provide crime prevention advice to owners of such properties. Officers have engaged with local partners, housing associations and district, town and parish councils, and have liaised closely with local neighbourhood watch groups. The local Crime Reduction Officer has carried out a number of crime prevention visits.

Neighbourhood officers continue to work closely with colleagues in the CID (Criminal Investigation Department) who lead on burglary investigations.

Comparing the period from 1st May 2013 to 30th April 2014 with 1st May 2012 to 30th April 2013, the number of house burglaries increased slightly from 90 to 94 house burglaries and the number of other burglaries (such as burglaries of sheds, garages and commercial premises ) increased slightly from 193 to 196.

### **The Maldon District Community Safety Partnership**

The Maldon District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consists of representatives from all relevant local partner organisations, such as:

- Maldon District Council
- Essex County Council
- Essex Police
- Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- Essex Probation
- Other organisations, including Victim Support and Safer Places

Maldon's CSP role is to combine the experience and resources of all partners and work together with the local community to fulfil its key priorities.

The CSP's key priorities have been developed from the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, which is compiled using information gathered from all the responsible authorities, wider partners and information provided by the community.

For 2014/15 the CSP's key priorities are:

1. Maintain/reduce existing low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Identifying repeat victims, improving perceptions and facilitating local problem solving to address issues.
2. Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drug misuse- Identifying users and providing education and support services.
3. Protect vulnerable persons including victims of crime and domestic violence. Identifying repeat victims, educating both young and old people, supporting those at risk of re-offending and encouraging proactive reporting of hate crime and domestic abuse.
4. Serious Acquisitive Crime dwelling burglary, robbery, vehicle crime etc.

Additionally the partnership holds the priority of reducing re-offending through Integrated Offender Management (IOM) which is a statutory responsibility.

**Your feedback is most welcome.**

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