

# MALDON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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CHIEF INSPECTOR STEVE SCOTT-HAYNES



- ❖ District Commander for Maldon and Chelmsford: - Chief Inspector Stephen Scott-Haynes
- ❖ Local policing teams (24/7 response) - based in Maldon and Chelmsford
- ❖ Maldon & Chelmsford Community Policing Team (including Town Centre Team)  
Based in the Community Safety Hub at Chelmsford City Council
- ❖ CPT work to the local priorities of the Community Safety Partnership



# Force Plan 2020/2021

- Help people
- Keep people safe
- Catch criminals



## How we work

### WITH EACH OTHER

Support each other

Act fairly and respectfully

Follow the Code of Ethics

Promote inclusivity, equality and diversity

### WITH COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERS

Build trust and confidence

Clarify our role and purpose

### EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY

Use intel, data and evidence to make decisions

Develop, learn and improve

Skilled, equipped and enabled to use technology

Make the most of our resources

## Our priorities

To prevent, investigate and tackle:



VIOLENCE IN ALL ITS FORMS



ONLINE CRIME



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



GANGS AND ORGANISED CRIME



SAFETY / CRIME ON THE ROADS



DOMESTIC ABUSE



BURGLARY

To support and protect:



CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE



VICTIMS OF CRIME



VISIBILITY IN COMMUNITIES

## Main effort

Victims

Vulnerability

Violence

Visibility



## The Seven Policing Priorities to Protect Essex

- **More local, visible and accessible policing**
- **Crack down on anti-social behaviour**
- **Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse**
- **Reverse the trend in serious violence**
- **Tackle gangs and organised crime**
- **Protecting children and vulnerable people**
- **Improve safety on our roads**



# Maldon Performance Summary

- ❖ Crime is down by 4.9% (184 less offences) - rolling 12 months to February 2021, a similar trend across Essex
- ❖ ASB is up by 71.8% (568 more incidents) - predominately COVID breaches, whilst high it is similar compared with other districts in Essex, Maldon has been compliant
- ❖ Less opportunity to commit crime (reduced night- time economy/dwelling burglary)
- ❖ Areas of concern (Sexual Offences: 41.2%, Violence without Injury: 9.1%, Stalking and Harassment: 16.5% - linked to Domestic Abuse, and Hate Crime: 18.2% - steady increase since referendum)
- ❖ Percentages rates high but actual numbers relatively low since starting from low base rate
- ❖ Future use of Power BI (Business Intelligence)



# The Impact of Covid on Policing

- ❖ Operation Talla – huge demand on patrolling areas to ensure compliance to the COVID laws. These currently include but are not limited to: no mixing with any other household unless exercising with 1 other person from another household, face mask compliance. We cannot enforce social distancing as this is a recommendation not law.
- ❖ Overall crime reduced during the pandemic, as lockdowns ease demand on policing returns to pre-covid levels
- ❖ Effective response to issues: reopening of the town centre, licensing breaches, illegal raves and music events, anti-lockdown protests, supporting businesses to operate, concerns for welfare
- ❖ Supporting the vaccination sites that are setting up in the district
- ❖ Supporting victims of domestic abuse



# Local Community Policing Structure

- ❖ The community policing team are made up as follows:
  - Detective Inspector Kelly Thurston
  - Community Policing Sergeants Ps David Woods and T/Ps Matt Dalby run the 2 CPT shifts which include 9 Pcs and 2-4 PCSO's each
  - Town team is run by Ps Graham Thomas with 8 Pcs and 4 PCSO's. They cover Chelmsford City Centre, Maldon Town and South Woodham Ferrers Town
  
- ❖ Included within the team are 4 CYP officers, 2 MPLO's and 2 CSEO's and 1 SIM Pc.



# Recruitment Campaign

- ❖ The [We Value Difference](#) campaign is a part of our successful Fit the Bill recruitment drive.
- ❖ It focuses on dispelling the myths that you have to be a certain 'type' of person to be a police officer. At Essex Police, we know that the best way to maintain an effective, forward-thinking workforce is to continue to represent our county, and country, including the differences this can bring.
- ❖ We Value Difference predominantly focuses on nine strands of difference: personality, age, cultural background, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, language, education and faith.
- ❖ Our police officers and detectives are continuing to create equal opportunities for everyone. Almost 34% of our officers are female, and 3% are officers from BAME backgrounds. In July and August, our application rates in under-represented groups continued to grow, with almost 10% of our applicants from ethnic minority backgrounds and 30% of applicants being women.
- ❖ Essex is a diverse community and we want to reflect that in our policing.





# Maldon Policing Tactics

- ❖ Community policing – Being responsible for specific beats and areas of the community to enable officers to take control of the local impacts. Community policing is about being visible and responding to demand when appropriate and engaging with our communities through social media where appropriate. (FB and Twitter)
- ❖ Being more accessible – street meets, coffee with cops, WhatsApp, Facebook live, reporting online, digital 101 live chat and local newsletter. There will also be monthly updates going in some parish council papers/newsletters. COVID has obviously been a challenge for community engagement, and it has made us think about how we can interact. Currently we hold FB live sessions and are considering other ways to digitally engage.
- ❖ Ensuring that we have the capability to support our rural areas and working with partners – NHW, Farmwatch, active citizens, Rural engagement team.
- ❖ Role of community safety engagement officers – PC Rosie Smith (Maldon) and PC Chris Major (Chelmsford)



# Maldon Police Operations

- ❖ Committed to Community Safety Hub, joint tasking and problem- solving approach
- ❖ Violent crime and drugs – Operations Sceptre and Overwatch, effective use of stop and search powers aimed at drugs and weapons
- ❖ Vulnerability – Operations Enlightenment (schools) and Henderson (transport hubs)
- ❖ Local issues – we frequently run small localized specific operations intrinsically linked to a small specified area



# QUESTIONS?

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