

Questions and Answers, Parish Clerks Forum, 5 July 2016

The following questions and answers were raised at the meeting of the Parish Clerks Forum on 5 July 2016. Inspector Andy Sawyer from Essex Police was in attendance.

1. A lack of police presence in Great Totham – the Local Policing Teams provide 24/7 emergency response cover to the county of Essex. They and supporting departments such as the Dog Section, Roads Policing and Armed Policing are nearly all in marked vehicles and wearing uniform. In the course of their duties they will transit through any area en route to incidents requiring an emergency response. The Community Policing Team are capable of providing a ‘police presence’ as part of a pre-planned deployment resulting from a specific problem identified as carrying a significant amount of potential harm or risk to the community. As mentioned yesterday, resources are finite and we, with partners would look to identify the cream of the crop to focus our attention on.
2. **FAO Casualty Reduction Section:** Speeding on the B1022 at Totham North – Essex Police have a Casualty Reduction Section (currently based at South Woodham Ferrers), who look at specific road related issues – again focussing on areas or individual roads where casualty figures are high or the nature of the nuisance caused is such that the wider community is overwhelmingly affected. I’ve copied this to the Casualty Reduction Section although for future reference you can email them direct with your concerns:

‘speeding.complaints@essex.pnn.police.uk’
3. Inconsiderate parking, adding danger to the junction, at the B1022 end of Hall Road – if vehicles are on yellow lines etc, this falls to the local authority.
4. Escalating rural crime and lack of resources and strategy to combat it (please find attached an email from Cllr H Bass looking for answers) – answered separately via email to Cllr Bass (by the District Commander). My presentation hopefully covered the fact that there is a strategy, it is under review by the Deputy Chief Constable, there is a Rural Crime Forum (run by the OPCC and next meeting on 13 Jul 16), we do have a Special Constabulary Rural Crime Team (directed by the force rural and wildlife officer) and I will be identifying and appointing a Rural Crime Single Point of Contact from within the CPT.
5. When the police dispatch a recovery company to remove damaged cars after an accident could they ensure that all the debris is removed – this is the responsibility of the recovery agent and ECC Highways should be contacted with similar concerns.
6. Is there an equivalent to the weekly crime reports that used to be posted to <http://maldondistrictnhw.co.uk/> (which haven’t been updated since March)? - With the considerable reduction in staff numbers, we no longer have the capacity to generate such reports. There is work underway with NHW Coordinators, seeking to better engage with them and exploit (in a nice way!) their considerable talent and existing network, to get relevant news out to the community. Detailed information about local crimes are now available at:

http://www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Essex_Police

<https://www.police.uk/>

7. How does Essex Police propose to communicate crime awareness now that the local pages have been removed from Essex Police's website? The Essex Community Messaging web site doesn't have the same sort of content – hopefully covered in my presentation yesterday. ECM is being overhauled, District based information only (making it more relevant) and an ability to attach documents and links. The website still has the details of the Local Community Meetings which CPT members attend on a monthly basis if members of the public have a query they wish to make face to face.

8. Does Wickham Bishops have a neighbourhood police officer? It has been many months since the last communication from PCSO Hayden and PC Keene – No individual parish or wider area has their own PCSO or Neighbourhood Officer specifically tasked with that geographical area. The CPT resource level simply doesn't make this workable. As per the presentation, if Wickham Bishops has an issue, whether that be a problem individual, or a location that needs police attention because the threat, risk and/or harm levels to the community have been identified as high, you would receive a proportionate response from the wider team. Concerns could be passed to us using the generic email address on the website.

9. *N. Fambridge Parish Council asked how the Police would cope with call outs on the Dengie when they are based at Chelmsford and what is their response time?*

Inspector Sawyer commented that there would be a Maldon base and that this was currently being negotiated but at present was commercially sensitive.