

### Dear Rochford Community

It has certainly been a strange year for all, the most recent lockdown continued to present a challenge, placing additional burdens on the Police and other emergency services, however in the main, most residents complied with COVID-19 regulations. So a big **Thank You** to everyone who has done 'their bit' to keep us all safe.

COVID aside, we have been working on some exciting things:

We have developed a questionnaire which has, with the support of Rochford District Council, been sent to all homes in the Rochford Parish. We hope to see returns which will help us increase our understanding of what matters most to you. Please do not panic if you do not live in Rochford, we will work towards seeing this rolled out across the whole district.

I am hoping the results of this will help

us, as we develop and examine strategies surrounding the longer term reduction of Anti-Social behaviour, being a larger scale project we currently have in hand.

Additionally, we have been working with the U3A, regarding a fascinating and informative online presentation for our seniors to give an insight, in a bid to try and prevent fraud offences taking place.

If you are a senior member of our community, retired, or have a family member that fits the bill, with access to Microsoft Teams (App), and there is interest in participating, please email me.

Rochford District is a low crime District, and my focus is fully fixed on helping to keep it that way.



**During the month of November**, as a Community Policing Team, we have: continued to worked with Andy Parkman of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and other supporting Teams, such as the Operational Support Group (OSG), the Dog Unit, and Roads Policing to address matters together.

We have attended to 10 missing persons, 15 mental health related incidents, 155 ASB matters, 21 Road Traffic Collisions, stopped & searched 36 people, submitted 119 intelligence reports, attended 147 domestic abuse investigations and solved 74 crimes within the Rochford District.

During November, we also participated in Remembrance of our fallen, focussed on matters surrounding fireworks, held an online

In respect of the Independent Advisory Group, we are still looking for volunteers, mainly of the young kind, ages 11-19years. We want local people of diverse race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, faith to share their views on local policing and be our 'critical friends'

If you know someone to whom this may apply, why not put them in

Q&A session regarding our Independent Advisory Group and continued to provide crime prevention advice based on fraud matters and scams, theft from vehicles and property. In addition, I have promoted our 'darker nights' campaign and the need to consider leaving a light on.

Every day, I post up-to-date information to our Facebook pages, and I would really welcome new followers to this, in order that we can keep you informed.

Please visit and follow us at:

[www.facebook.com/EPRochford](http://www.facebook.com/EPRochford)

Communication is key to keeping you fully appraised, in addition, it gives me the opportunity and a way of hearing your thoughts and ideas too through comments posted.

touch, it is a great opportunity and fantastic for any CV!

Talking of opportunities, I would like to take this one, to wish you and all your families, an amazing, safe and wonderful Christmas time, filled with peace and joy and all the very best of wishes for the New Year.

**Stay Safe, Warren.**



**Darker evenings** can provide perfect cover for burglars, who can easily spot an open window in an unoccupied room. They may be able to see your valuables through open curtains or blinds, or try their luck with an unlocked door while you are distracted.

Fortunately, we see low numbers of this crime, but as the nights draw in, we must not let this change by becoming complacent.

Please see, consider, and follow our simple steps of advice, to keep your home safe from burglary.

### Some simple steps you can take are:

- **Close and lock** all windows and doors every time you leave the house or go to bed. Make sure that the door is locked properly (lift the handle, turn the key and remove it — making sure it is easily accessible to you in an emergency).
- **Don't** leave items in open porches that could be used to enter your home, for example, curved-handled umbrellas to open doors or fish keys through letterboxes.
- **Mark your property;** U/V pens are readily available. Keep an inventory of your property including serial numbers & photographs. Consider recording on a property register such as immobilise.com
- **Leave lights on** timers, TV simulators or radios on in the rooms you use the most and use a burglar alarm, where possible, setting it every time you leave the house or go to bed.

Thank you for your time and support. If you would like to speak with me, I can be reached on 07980 711214 (office hours only please) or by email:

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**Kind regards**

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