



Essex Police NewsLine

Keeping Uttlesford's neighbourhoods safe

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All across Uttlesford district, neighbourhood policing teams, members of partner agencies and local people of all ages have spent the last week working together to enhance the quality of life in their communities. Their efforts were part of the Home Office-led initiative, named Not in My Neighbourhood.

Sgt Lindsay Beckman said: "We spent the week working with professionals from partner agencies and with local people of all ages, sharing details of all the important initiatives that have been running in Uttlesford during the past year, and providing help and advice to residents and visitors. It was great to see genuine community spirit in action, everyone pulling together for the common good."

On Tuesday, November 3, the Not in My Neighbourhood team descended on Saffron Walden Market Square, with the neighbourhood policing team, Essex Watch administrator Lindsay Baillie, members of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), representatives from Essex County Council Road Safety and Environmental Health, and members of the Housing and Tenants, Community Safety, Licensing and Alcohol & Drugs teams from Uttlesford District Council Housing all on hand to answer questions, offer advice and provide residents with details of how to join their local NHW schemes.

Using the mobile police station as a base, the same team was spreading the word outside Tesco in Dunmow on Wednesday, November 4. A key theme for police and Uttlesford's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) was the concept of Safer Doorstep Areas. Working in collaboration with NHW's Nominated Friends Scheme, the aim is to build on the district's success in reducing the number of bogus caller and rogue trader incidents.

The initiative is part of Operation Spice, and neighbourhood policing teams and Essex County Council Trading Standards officers travelled across Uttlesford throughout the week providing residents with details and help.

If you have a vulnerable or elderly relative who would benefit from a visit, please email: SaferDoorstep@essex.pnn.police.uk or contact Saffron Walden Police Station on 0300 333 4444 ext 65320.

For more information on Operation Spice and how to protect yourself or your loved ones from distraction burglars, please call Sgt Beckman or Uttlesford district Essex Watch administrator, Lindsay Baillie, on 0300 333 4444 ext 65431 / 65835.

