

Castle Point Public Meeting

27th June 2013

Briefing information

Canvey Island Police Station is open to the public from Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs to 18:00 (excluding bank holidays). The district Neighbourhood Policing Team operates from this police station seven days a week, between 08:00 and 24:00.

The Castle Point district has experienced a continued reduction in recorded crime and Anti-social behaviour in successive years since 2010.

Crime Data for Castle Point

Comparing reports for 1st June 2012 to 31st May 2013 with those from 1st June 2011 to 31st May 2012 the areas of note are as follows:

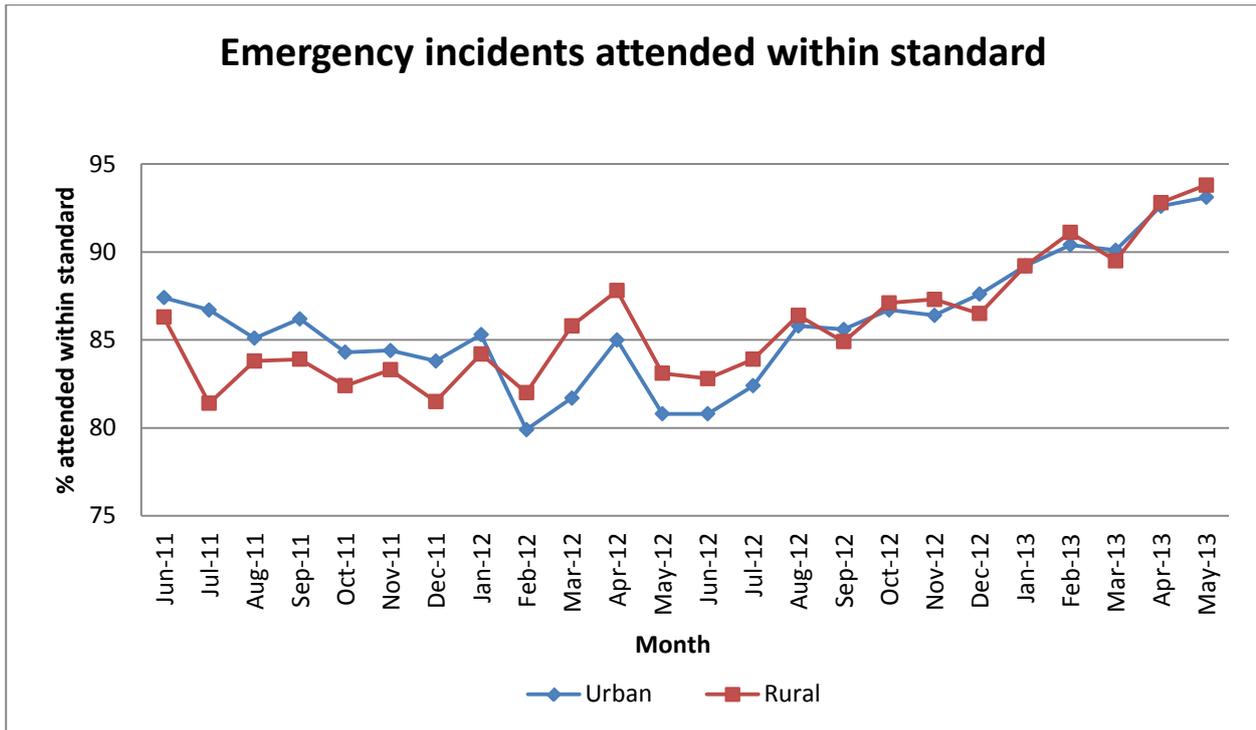
- 'All crime' has reduced by 15.1% (576 fewer offences)
- Criminal damage has reduced by 32.8% (237 fewer offences)
- House burglary has reduced by 1.9% (7 fewer offences)
- Burglary in other than houses (e.g. sheds, outbuildings) has reduced by 3.0% (7 fewer offences)
- Theft and taking of motor vehicles has increased by 6.0% (8 more offences)
- Theft from vehicles has reduced by 21.3% (71 fewer offences)
- Other violence against the person has reduced by 13.1% (94 fewer offences)
- Other theft and handling has reduced by 18.6% (73 fewer offences)
- Anti-social behaviour incidents have reduced by 10.2% (232 fewer offences)

1) Police response and visibility

Castle Point Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) operates from Canvey Island police Station. Each of the Castle Point neighbourhoods has a designated Neighbourhood Constable as a point of contact for the community. The NPT also has a dedicated youth officer serving the schools in the Castle Point district.

The Neighbourhood Crime Team that provides a 24/7 patrol and investigation function is based at Rayleigh Police Station. The team deal with a range of duties including local crime investigation, incident demand management, missing persons and crime and anti-social behaviour reduction patrols.

The response and patrol function that primarily provides emergency response cover to the district is based at the Laindon response hub. These officers are briefed and deployed from the police station to their patrol areas. Essex Police operates a system of deploying the nearest available unit to both emergency and priority incidents.



Essex Police aims to attend emergency incidents within standard response targets of 15 minutes for urban locations and within 20 minutes for rural locations.

A priority response will be provided where it is assessed that there is a degree of importance or urgency associated with the incident, but where an emergency response is not required. Priority incidents are attended within 60 minutes.

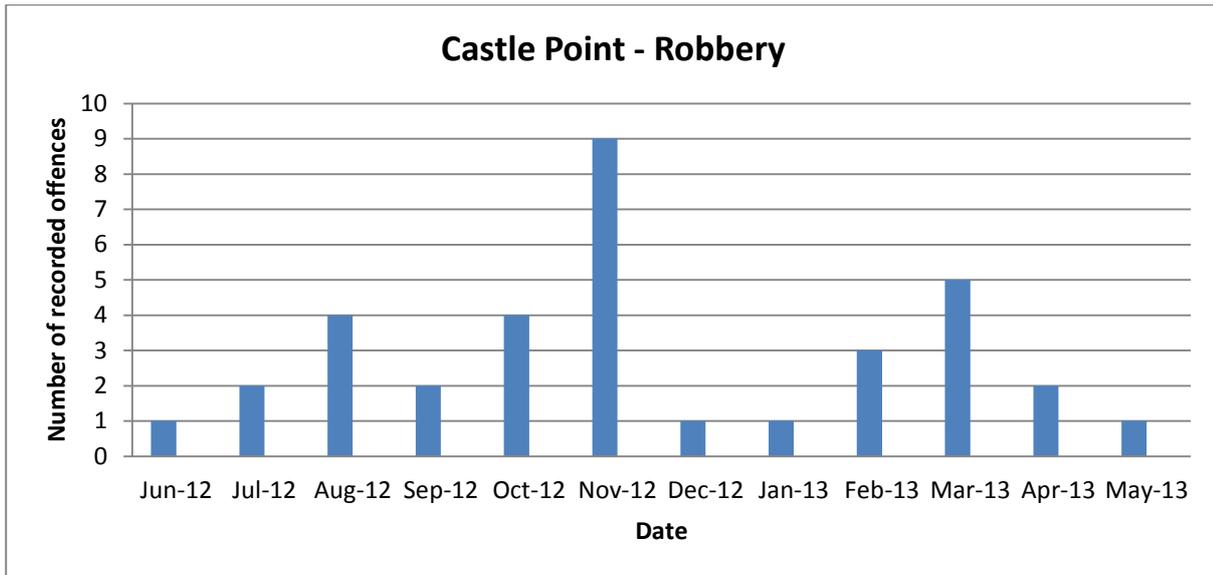
Figures for the period 1st April to 30th May 2013 show that Essex Police achieved the response target for 92.9% of urban emergency calls and achieved the response target for 93.3% of rural emergency calls. This is an improvement on the figures of 82.9% and 85.4% respectively, for the same period the previous year.

2) Street robbery and armed robbery

Robbery offences in the Castle Point district reduced by 16.7% during the period 1st June 2012 to 31st May 2013 (35 offences recorded) compared with the same period in the preceding 12 months (42 offences recorded).

Of the 35 offences during the period 1st June 2012 to 31st May 2013, 13 were the robbery of commercial premises. The other 22 offences were non-commercial and street robberies.

16 offences involved the use of a weapon. Of these incidents three involved the use of firearms and ten the use of a knife. There were also three further offences where the offender threatened to stab the victim but no weapon was seen.



The increase in robberies in November 2012 is due to a number of offences on Canvey Island during October and November 2012. Targeted local policing and robust investigation resulted in arrests being made. The number of offences has since reduced.

3) 'Cruisers', Roscommon way, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

December 2012, reports were received of drivers misusing Roscommon Way, Canvey Island, driving at excessive speeds and racing. Concerns were raised regarding the safety of other road users and large number of spectators attracted to these incidents.

As a result of these reports, a police operation was conducted on four successive weekends in January 2013. Specialist roads policing resources from the Essex Police Casualty Reduction Unit were deployed with specialist equipment to target the drivers of these vehicles, supported by local officers from the Castle Point Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Social media sites were also monitored and used to convey messages that the police operation was going to take place in an attempt to dissuade people from attending.

During the course of this operation, in excess of 100 vehicles were stopped and checks were conducted on their condition and the drivers of them. This operation has significantly reduced the number of reported incidents and such large gatherings have not occurred since the operation was concluded.

Comparing reports for 1st June 2012 to 31st May 2013 with those from 1st June 2011 to 31st May 2012 Anti-social behaviour incidents in the Castle Point District have reduced by 10.2% (232 fewer offences).

Your feedback is most welcome.

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The neighbourhood policing teams will always act on intelligence received from the community. If you have information regarding any criminal activity please either call your local team or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is an anonymous line where you can report any criminal activity.