

FIND OUT MORE INSIDE ABOUT ALLOTMENT WATCH AND HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF IT

To join, please return the completed form overleaf by post to:

**Essex Watch Liaison Officers, c/o LPSU,
Essex Police Headquarters, PO Box 2
Springfield, Chelmsford
Essex CM2 6DA**

You can also send it via email to:
essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk

DATA PROTECTION

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HOW TO REPORT INCIDENTS TO ESSEX POLICE

DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK FROM HARM

- For crimes in progress now or if life is in danger, always call 999
- For all non-urgent crime call 101 or report online at **essex.police.uk**
- Alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or online at **crimestoppers-uk.org**

WHAT DO POLICE NEED WHEN REPORTING AN INCIDENT?

- Report the incident as soon as possible, stating that it is a Allotment Watch crime incident report (when calling both 999 and 101)
- Include information such as incident location inc. landmarks or phone's GPS location
- Provide as much detail as possible about what you have seen and heard, such as descriptions of persons seen, vehicles (including make, model, colour, registration, direction of travel)
- Any dash cam footage or photographic evidence

USEFUL WEBSITES

- **The National Allotment Society**
www.nsalg.org.uk
- **Immobilise**
www.immobilise.com
- **Neighbourhood Watch**
www.ourwatch.org.uk

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CrimeStoppers. ESSEX WATCH

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100% anonymous. Always.



APPLICATION FORM

Interest in gardening and allotment growing has risen greatly in recent years and this is reflected by the long allotment waiting lists both locally and nationally. However, if you are lucky enough to have an allotment, growing your own fruit, vegetables or flowers can be an extremely rewarding experience as well as a good form of exercise.

In Essex, most allotments are owned by district, town or parish councils, but many are self-managed by a volunteer committee of allotment holders.

ALLOTMENT CRIMES

Allotments are often remote or poorly overlooked, and have numerous points of easy access (both official and unofficial), and of course there isn't anyone on site 24 hours a day. This makes them an easy target for thieves. All allotment holders have a responsibility to look after their own allotment and property, but also as part of a collective body, to keep a watchful eye over the site itself.

The most common offences are:

- Theft of tools, produce and equipment including compost, and fertilizers etc.
- Damage to sheds, greenhouses and other property or constructions on the site
- Anti-social behaviour such as under- age drinking, littering and general nuisance
- Fly-tipping (waste left on the land that then has to be cleared away and disposed of)

ALLOTMENT WATCH

Allotment Watch is a group organised and run by either Essex Police or the independent charity Neighbourhood Watch depending on the area in which you live. The aims are much the same.

- To encourage local Allotment Watch members to report any suspicious vehicles, persons or potential criminal activity in the area to Essex Police as soon as possible.
- To increase local awareness regarding crimes in the area and encourage participation in crime prevention and deterrent measures where possible.
- To improve communication and cooperation amongst allotment holders, by sharing good information regarding suspicious or potential criminal activity and good practice.
- To improve liaison between Essex Police, members and other partners such as the local authority.
- To improve the local environment to discourage crime and anti- social behaviour.
- Participating in a Watch scheme can increase feelings of safety and security, enhance the prevention and detection of crime, and help Essex Police bring offenders to justice and recover stolen property.

WHAT WILL ESSEX POLICE DO

- Liaise with Allotment Watch Members through a dedicated Essex Watch Liaison Officer.
- Provide members with information in relation to Allotment crimes.
- Provide advice regarding security measures.
- Engage with member Allotment Holders and partners through organised meetings where required.
- Work with key partners to tackle crimes on the allotment where possible.

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Media**



Name:

Full address (inc postcode):

Telephone:

Email address:

Plot number and allotment address:

Signed:

Name / Date:

Note: by signing above you are **consenting to the data privacy terms** as described overleaf