



Violence & Vulnerability Unit Newsletter

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Still time to apply for our Community Safety Grant

There is just over a month left for not for profit, voluntary or community groups to apply for up to £20,000 to deliver support and interventions for young people, children and families. The funding must support projects that have a positive impact on issues relating to crime and anti- social behaviour, violence and vulnerability.

We recognise that local organisations and groups really understand what is happening at community level and are already doing some amazing work to tackle these issues. The Violence and Vulnerability Community Safety Grant wants to help support this work and is looking to fund projects that can run during January 2022 to March 2023.

The closing date for applications is 29 October, with successful applicants noted by the end of November.

Please visit <https://ecvys.org.uk/funding-news/> for more information and to download an application form.

Listen again: PFCC for Essex, Roger Hirst on Chelmsford Radio

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, Roger Hirst was the invited guest on Chelmsford Community Radio on Tuesday evening to talk about the work of the VVU.

Listen again from 15:35 time stamp at <https://www.mixcloud.com/chelmsfordcr/monday-citytalk-270921-chelmsford-community-radio/> and hear his views on knife crime, staying safe and the dark web's role in drug gangs and County Lines.





Hot spot policing

Essex Police have been praised for their hotspot policing initiative which, due to its success following a recent trial in Southend, has now been funded by the Home Office and rolled out to 18 police forces across the country.

'Hot Spot' policing – or high visibility policing – is where data is used to identify the areas suffering with the highest levels of violent crime and where and when this crime occurs. The police presence in these areas is then increased and violent crime reduces.

Under the operational name "Grip", the Home Office has provided funding to roll out hot spot policing to other key areas across Essex.

The Violence and Vulnerability Partnership is supporting Operation Grip, working with Community Safety Partnerships to seek environmental changes in these high violent crime areas to further prevent and drive down offences.

These measures include CCTV, physical improvements, removal or repositioning of street furniture as well as commissioned diversionary initiatives for those living in the area who are most likely to commit these offences.

Hot spot policing also has a ripple effect on the areas immediately surrounding high violent crime locations, it doesn't simply displace it into nearby areas but diffuses it.

The results of Operation Grip have been so impressive that Policing Minister Kit Malthouse visited Southend to take part in a hotspot patrol with DCI Basford and officers from the Operational Support Group on Thursday 16 September.

Knife Angel vigil

A vigil to remember the victims of knife crime took place on Saturday 25 September underneath the sobering presence of the Knife Angel.

The "moment of reflection" was a private event where victims of knife crime, families and invited youth groups joined together to remember and reflect and make a stance against knife crime.



We were really proud to have helped support and fund this event and thank everyone who took part.

If you would like to find out more about any of the items in this newsletter please get in touch katie.canning@essex.gov.uk Visit our website www.essexvvu.co.uk or follow us on Twitter [@EssexVVU](https://twitter.com/EssexVVU)



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