

Thurrock District

August 2021

Partnership working

Our Community Policing Team have joined forces with Thurrock Council's Environment Enforcement Team and Housing Garage Services to respond to reports of antisocial behaviour involving vehicles in the Thurrock area.

We had received reports that a number of vehicles including cars, motorbikes and quadbikes, were being driven across the area antisocially and causing a nuisance to the local community. Officers conducted garage searches across the borough alongside our colleagues at Thurrock Council and seized two cars, six motorbikes and two quadbikes which were believed to be linked to the reports and were all being illegally stored in council garages without permission.

Leader of Thurrock Council and Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour, Cllr Rob Gledhill said: "Following resident reports and intelligence gathered by our officers we were able to target garages where we knew nuisance motorcyclists were storing their bikes and quads."

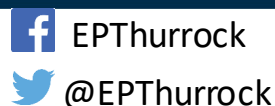
"Once again this shows how important it is that residents properly report these issue to us or to Essex Police either by calling 101 or using their Digital 101 service. Although they do not always lead to immediate actions every report we receive helps to build up a picture and enable us to better target resources and carry out operations like this which hit the people carrying out these offences where it hurts by seizing their bikes."

"As well as the nuisance these motorcyclists cause law-abiding residents these people were taking money from our council tenants by using empty council garages to store their illicit vehicles."

"This should serve as a warning to anyone else who brings their motorbikes into our borough to ride them illegally: we will take all possible action to stop their activities and confiscate the vehicles they use to carry out acts of anti-social behaviour."



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Operation Caesar



Riding or driving in an off-road vehicle on the road, bridleways, footpaths or open spaces such as quarry pits/forestry/common land can be both illegal and anti-social and may lead to prosecution and the seizure of the vehicle and transport vehicles. Essex Police in partnership with Thurrock Council has been and continue to run Operation Caesar throughout the year to tackle this problem across the district.

This is a proactive operation to tackle the riding of quad and scrambler bikes, both on and off road, across Thurrock. This operation also includes nuisance/illegal ridden mopeds/motorbikes. The intention of this operation is to deter criminal activity, antisocial behaviour, gather intelligence and to deal with offences appropriately.



Focused Street Meets



Join officers from our Community Policing Team who will be on hand to listen to your concerns about crime and antisocial behaviour and let you know about the work we're doing to help keep you safe and catch criminals.

Wednesday 25th August 2021

10:30-11:30 hrs @ Tilbury – Daisy fields.

13:30-14:30 hrs @ Chadwell St Mary - Orsett Heath.

Wednesday 1st September 2021

11:30-12:30 hrs @ Grays - Blackshots (car park).

14:00-15:00 hrs @ South Ockendon - Bonnygate wood.

Section 59 warning

If you are seen driving or riding in an anti-social manner, or causing an annoyance to the local community, Essex Police has power under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to seize and remove your vehicle or place a warning on both you and your vehicle which lasts for 12 months. This warning would apply to you and any vehicle you drive or ride, as well as your vehicle and anyone who drives or rides it throughout that 12-month period.

Report issues



You can now report non-emergency crime and antisocial behaviour via our website www.essex.police.uk (click on the 'report' button and then select 'antisocial behaviour') making it easier and more convenient for you to get in contact with us.

For more information about our online services available, including 'Live Chat' which allows you to send and receive real-time messages with our digital 101 operators, visit www.essex.police.uk/digital101.

You can also send us any photos or video footage of off road vehicles in the Thurrock area direct via email: Thurrock.Operation.Caesar@essex.police.uk



<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/dealing-with-anti-social-behaviour>

Thank you to everyone who continues to report their concerns to us. It's really important that you keep telling us what the issues are in your communities, so that we can work with our partners to take action. Only by your continued reporting are we able to direct additional council and police resources to the right location at the right time.

The Law

All motorised vehicles and their riders/drivers must be insured and hold a license for the class of vehicle they are using. The **ONLY** exception to this is when on private land that has no public access (permission from the land-owner is still required).

