

For horseriders!

As part of the Essex Police 'Active Citizens scheme,' the Horse riders initiative is currently to be introduced and trialled in Maldon and a couple of other areas. The idea being that Horse riders who are out and about, can also help by reporting anyone or anything suspicious to the Police. I have already voiced my interest in bringing this across to Epping Forest, Brentwood and Harlow, involving Epping Forest Riders Association, local liveries and equestrian centres and independent horse owners / riders.



I am looking to launch this in the Spring, around the same time as the new 'Dog Watch' initiative, and it will run under the umbrella of Essex Watch, and interlink with Neighbourhood Watch.

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Recently I have noticed some horse riders out on our country road, at nightfall, so here is a reminder about the Highway Code in relation to Horse riders:-

Rule 51 Highway Code

At night: It is safer not to ride on the road at night or in poor visibility, but if you do, make sure you wear reflective clothing and your horse has reflective bands above the fetlock joints. A light which shows white to the front and red to the rear should be fitted, with a band, to the rider's right arm and/or leg/riding boot. If you are leading a horse at night, carry a light in your right hand, showing white to the front and red to the rear, and wear reflective clothing on both you and your horse. It is strongly recommended that a fluorescent/reflective tail guard is also worn by your horse.