

DESIGNATION CARD

Powers exercisable by Police Community Support Officers under Schedule 4, Police Reform Act 2002.

Essex Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are designated by the Chief Constable of Essex, and may exercise the following powers when on duty:

- Abandoned vehicles - power to remove
- Confiscation of alcohol - persons under 18
- Confiscation of tobacco - persons under 16
- Power to search for alcohol and tobacco
- Power to seize drugs and require name and address for possession of drugs
- Cordoned areas - Section 36 Terrorism Act 2000
- Stop and search in authorised areas - Terrorism Act 2000
- Power to photograph persons away from a police station
- Control traffic - escorting abnormal loads
- Power to Detain
- Power to disperse groups and remove persons under 16 to their place of residence
- Entry to save life/limb
- Limited power to enter licensed premises
- Power to require name & address for relevant offence
- Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour
- Remove children in contravention of curfew notices to their place of residence
- Power to carry out road checks
- Seize vehicle used to cause alarm
- Stop vehicle for testing - Section 67 RTA 1988
- Stop pedal cycle - Section 163(2) RTA 1988
- Power to enforce byelaws
- Power to deal with begging
- Power to enforce certain licensing offences
- Power to search detained persons for dangerous items or items that could be used to assist escape
- Power to require name and address for road traffic offences
- Power to direct traffic for purposes other than escorting abnormal loads
- Power to place traffic signs

Powers to issue fixed penalty notices

- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for truancy
- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for cycling on a footpath
- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling
- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti and fly-posting
- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for littering

Power to issue Penalty Notices for Disorder under Chapter 1 Part 1 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act

- Sale of alcohol to a person under 18
- Purchase of alcohol for a person under 18
- Delivery of alcohol to a person under 18 or allowing such delivery
- Destroying or damaging property (under £500)
- Breach of fireworks curfew
- Possession of a category 4 firework
- Possession by a person under 18 of an adult firework
- Supply of excessively loud fireworks
- Wasting police time, giving false report
- Using public electronic communications network in order to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety
- Knowingly giving false alarm to a person acting on behalf of a fire and rescue authority
- Causing harassment, alarm or distress
- Throwing fireworks
- Drunk and disorderly behaviour
- Consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 or allowing such consumption
- Buying or attempting to buy alcohol by an under 18
- Sells or attempts to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk
- Trespassing on a railway
- Throwing stones at a train
- Drunk in the highway
- Drinking in a designated public area

Uniform

The Chief Constable of Essex has approved the following uniform for Essex Police Community Support Officers:

- Cap or bowler, with a blue band. The badge will display the words “Community Support Officer.” (or Essex Police cycle helmet when on cycle patrol)
- White uniform shirt
- Blue tie
- Blue epaulettes marked with “Police Community Support Officer” and personal identification numbers (PIN)
- Protective vest with ‘Police Community Support Officer’ on panels front and back, PIN on blue epaulettes.
- Fleece with ‘Police Community Support Officer’ on panels front & back, PIN on blue epaulettes.
- Hi-visibility jacket with panels on the front and back, marked “Police Community Support Officer”, PIN on blue epaulettes
- Standard police uniform trousers
- Black boots or shoes.

“ON DUTY” Status.

To be “On Duty”, and able in law to exercise the powers herein (as amended) an Essex Police Community Support Officer must;

Wear the approved uniform and

Be in possession of their official Essex Police Staff Identity Card and

Be in possession of this Designation Card.

In addition, this Designation Card must be produced on request to a member of the public.