

**ESSEX COUNTYWIDE  
TRAVELLER UNIT:  
Joint Committee Meeting  
Operations Report**



As we are reaching the end of our first 3 years of operation with their associated objectives and targets, this report will primarily revolve around the final outcomes of the current action plan/targets, with the future strategy covered in a separate item on the agenda

## **Action Plan**

Attached are the final targets as agreed at the beginning of the year, and the outcomes. These objectives/targets will be reviewed as part of the new strategy.

## Unauthorised Encampments

Indicator	Sub Division	Oct 13	May 14	Oct 14	May 15	Oct 15	Total	Target for Oct 15
% of encampments where ECTU are involved		66%	77%	50%	66%	90%	n/a	n/a
% visited within 1 working day		97%	96%	95%	92%	99%	n/a	97%
Number of encampments	Partner	44	50	78	73	97	342	n/a
	Non-partner	15	10	45	18	23	111	n/a
	Private	5	5	32	23	23	88	n/a
Number of encampments resolved	negotiated departure	41	32	45	23	45	186 – 64%	70%
	section 77 enforcement	3	16	33	34	17	103 – 36%	30%
% s77's complete within 10 working days		n/a	87%*	94%*	94%	100%	n/a	95%

Fire Safety									
Indicator	Sub Division	Oct 13	May 14	Oct 14	May 15	Oct 15	Total	Target for Oct 15	Total known sites/homes
Home fire safety Visit	by ECTU	36	126	9	35	7	213 52%	60%	App 400 homes
	Referred to ECFRS	1	10	0	0	0	11	n/a	
Smoke Alarms issue			174	17	72	7	263 67%	60%	
Site Fire Safety Visits	by ECTU	16	39	6	39	4	85 50%	40%	174
	Referred to ECFRS	24	0	0	0		24	n/a	
Note: Referrals are all concerns over location of/distance to nearest hydrant.									

Education						
Indicator	May 14	Oct 14	May 15	Oct 15	Total	Target for Oct 15
Number of Children accessing pre-school /school 2 – 16	148	99	84	77	438	200
Number of children transferring from primary to secondary	n/a*	35	n/a*	tba	35	40
Number of young adults accessing further education	13	18	9	4	44	40
Number/%of children referred to Home Education	28 (6%)	53 (7%)	55 (7%)	54 (7%)	54	Home Education is now self-monitoring. Travellers will be signposted to the ECC website and supported if required.

Health									
Indicator	Sub Div	May 13	Oct 13	May 14	Oct 14	May 15	Oct 15	Total	Target Oct 15
Facilitated to received primary Immunisation		50	130	38	53	34	4	309	200
	domiciliary team	11*	20	0	0	0	0	31	0
Facilitated to receive the flu jabs		291	n/a	73	38	1	4	407	100
Pregnant women facilitated to access Ante-Natal	<12 weeks	No report	0	1	0	0	1	2	*
	>12 weeks	No report	4	16	1	2	0	23	*
Identified Long Term Cond		8	45	33	3	22	14	36	25
LTC's receiving flu jab		5	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	5	n/a
Number assisted to register with GP	Permanent	13	3	32	9	6	20	83	30
	Temporary	1	0	2	0	1	1	4	
Health checks facilitated		No report	26	0	0	0	3	29	30
Number referred to stop smoking		No report	6	14	63	21	0	104	50
	Pregnant		0	0	0	1	0	1	*

## Adult Social Care

Indicator	Sub Division	Target for Oct 15
<b>Public Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Mental health & wellbeing	100% referrals when support need identified
	Healthy eating	Continue/report as part of main health activity
	Health Choices – smoking alcohol, drugs	Continue/report as part of main health activity
	Healthy Child	Promotion of reduction in Childhood Accidents, ongoing healthy eating promo etc.
	Getting Active	Ongoing promotion through our qualified Health Trainers
	Seasonal Health	Repeat Flu jab awareness campaigns – see Health
	Health Checks	Complete on select permanent sites dependent on available health resource
<b>Care for Adults</b>	At home	100% signposting of identified families to appropriate expert support
	Staying safe	Site and home fire safety checks to be completed – see fire. 100% signposting of identified families to appropriate support / benefit.
	Looking after someone	100% signposting of identified carers to appropriate support / benefit.
	Money and legal	100% signposting of identified families to appropriate support including support with ongoing comms.
	Work and learning	For statutory education and adult learning see 3 – Education plus support 100% of individuals requesting help to access work place.
	Going out	100% signposting of identified families to appropriate expert support

	Information for parents	100% signposting of identified families to appropriate information sources, plus additional support to overcome literacy issues.
<b>Care for Children</b>	Protecting vulnerable children	100% referral of identified vulnerable children through social care process. Ensure parents have access to necessary support
	Family support	100 % Provision of direct support where needed, or signposting to appropriate service.
	Children with disabilities or special needs	100% referral of identified vulnerable children through social care process. Ensure parents have access to necessary support

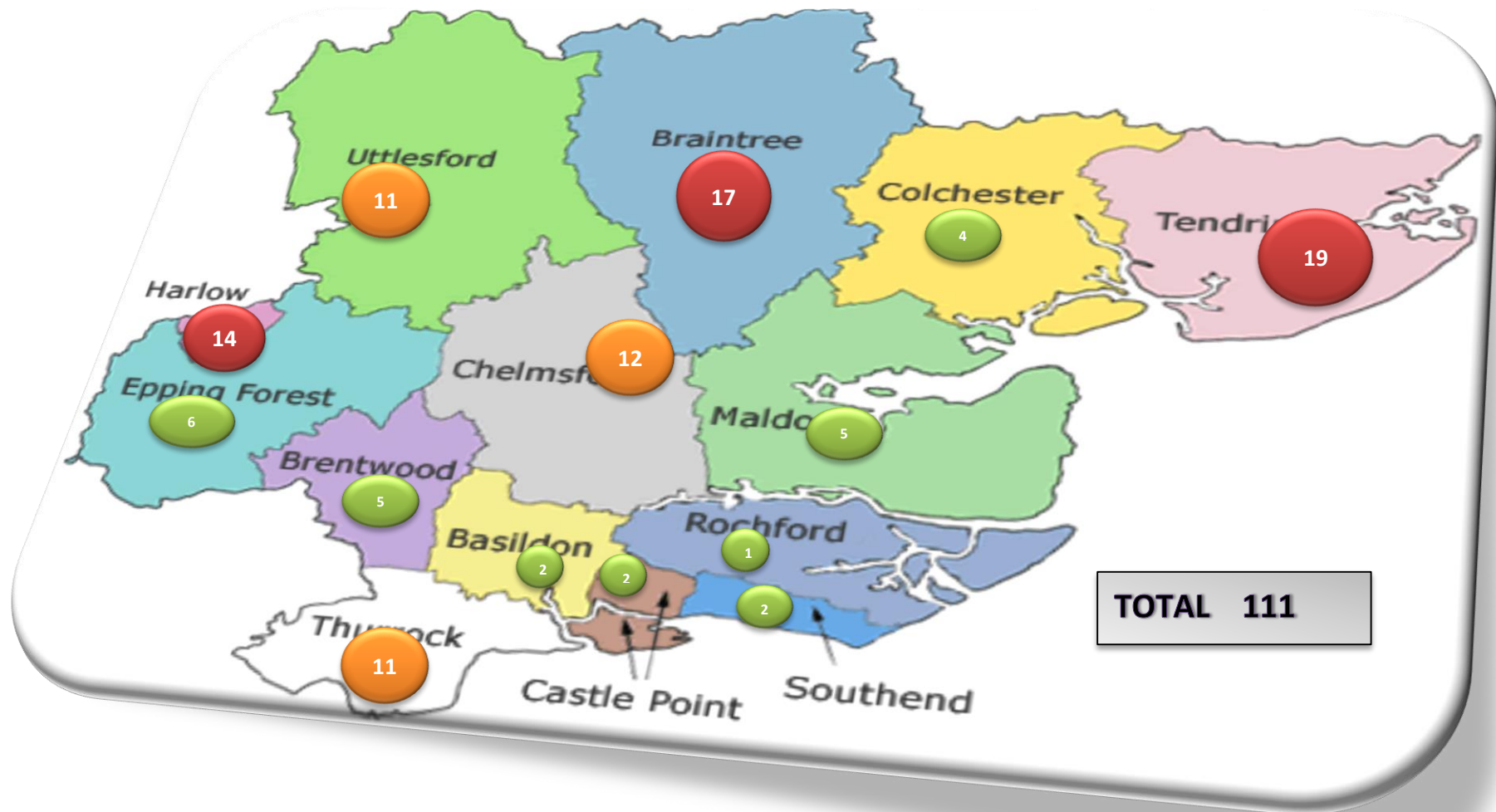
## Unauthorised Encampments

We have continued to be busy on across the county with encampments. Although the numbers are not as high in terms of individual encampments, as driven by the Harlow situation, there have been a large number of groups spread around the county, with some unusually large groups – ie the French Travellers with 18 caravans – moving around the county.

The following graphics give an indication of the where encampments have been over the past 3 years by borough, city, district, unitary. This does not show the spread within each area. Also non partner areas may be understated, as we do not necessarily get reports from these areas.

## 2013 UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS REPORTED TO ECTU.

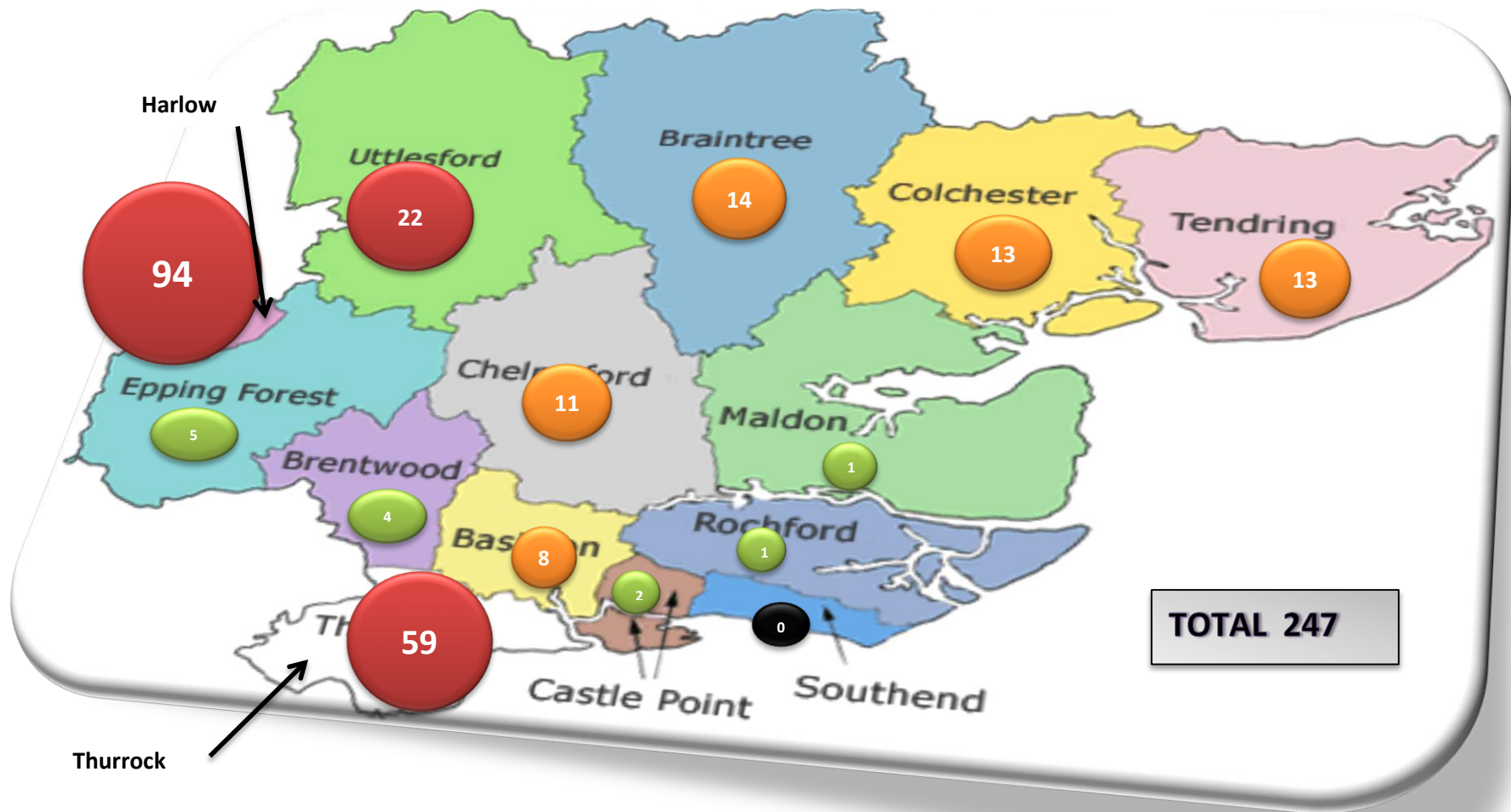
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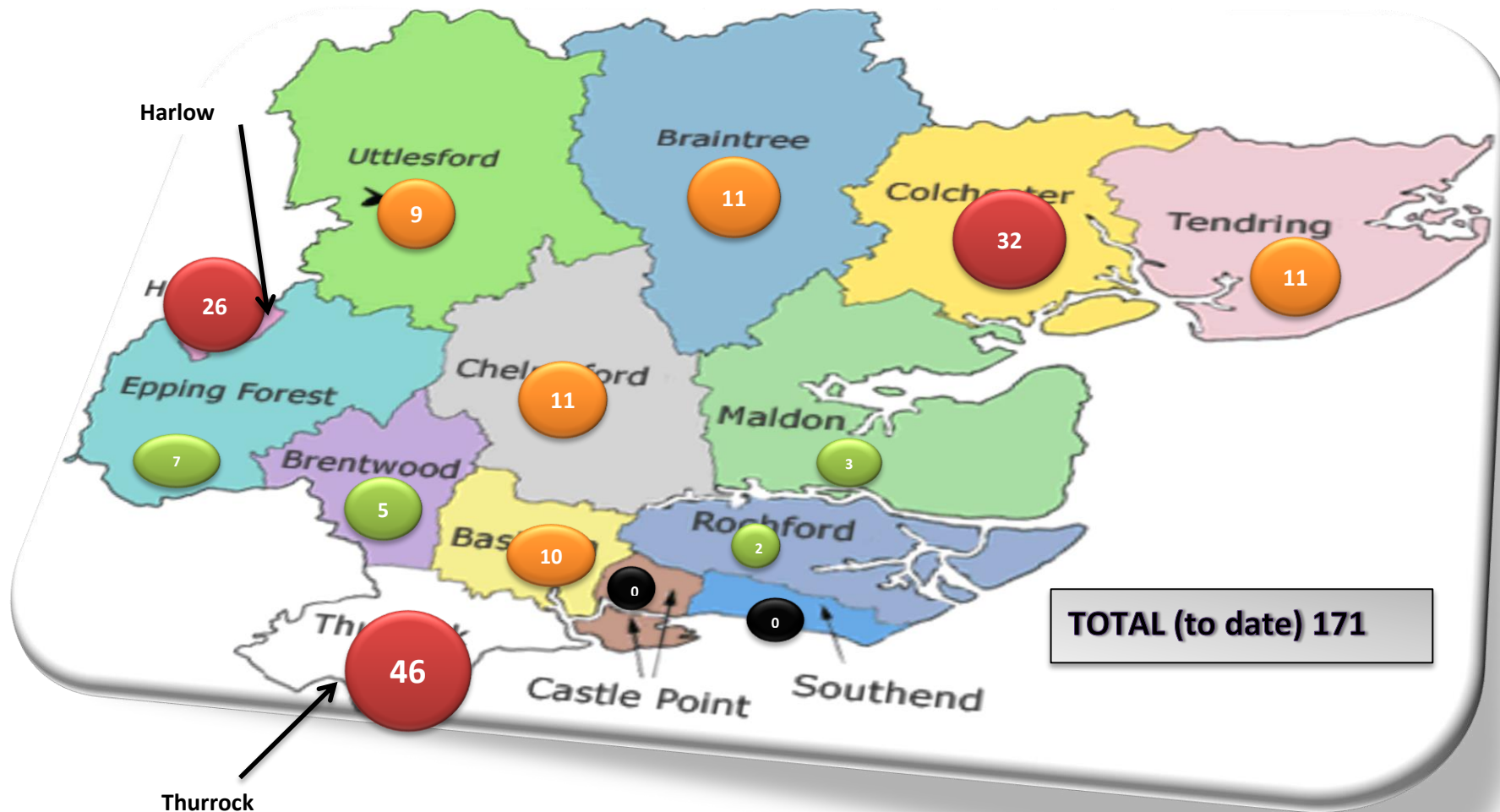
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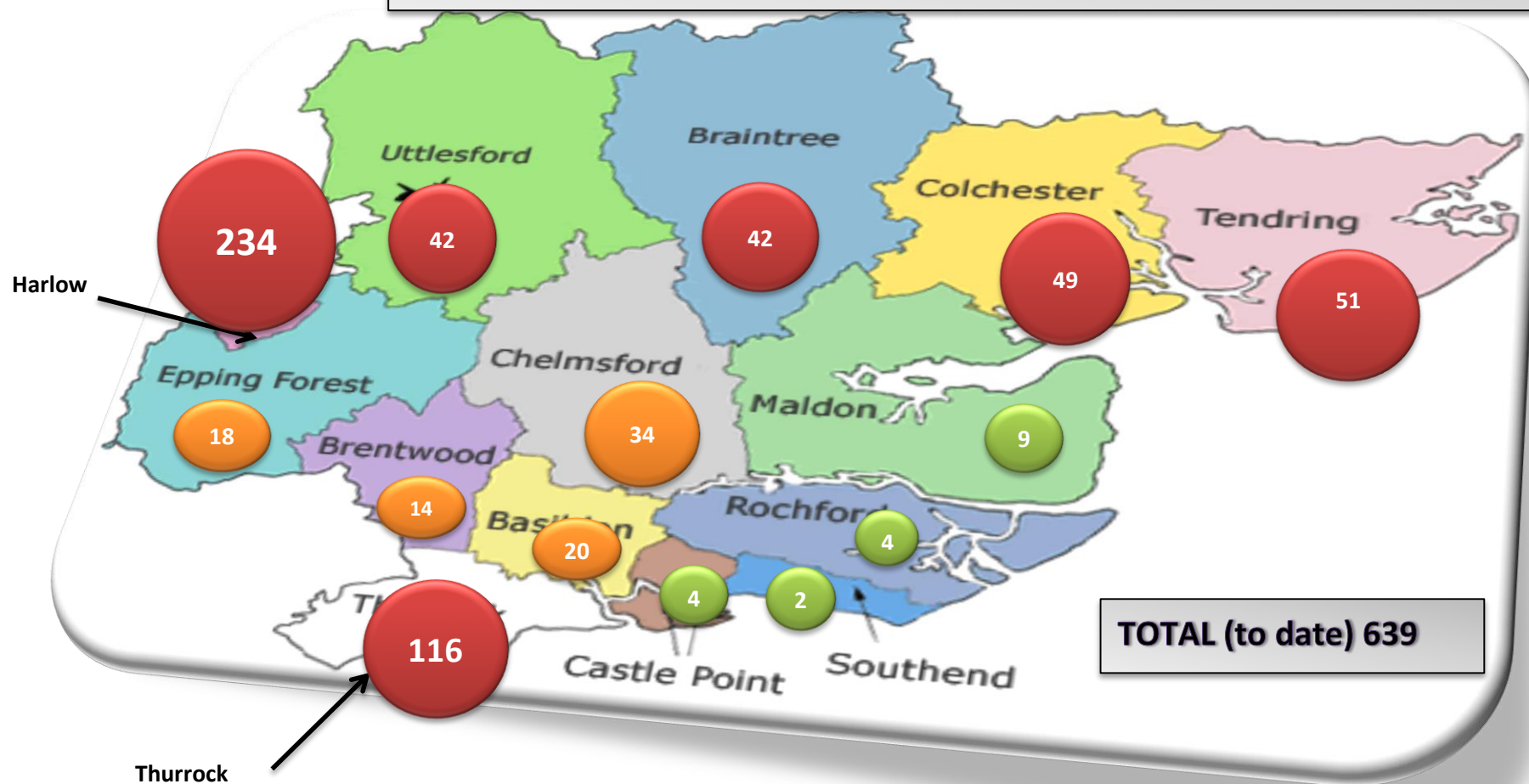
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## 2013-15 UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS REPORTED TO ECTU.

Stats relating to non-partner areas – Harlow, Epping, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Braintree and Southend are likely to be incomplete



## **Harlow Injunction**

Harlow are currently preparing the application for the full injunction, hence bringing statements up to date etc. We will advise partners once a date is known.

## **Police/PCC**

At the recent leaders/chief execs meeting, Nick Alston obtained agreement for a pilot programme of providing skips/portaloos to unauthorised encampments to reduce potential public health issues, and post encampment clearance costs.

He is currently seeking an authority to carry out this pilot, although, based on the time of year, this is likely to be driven by where we currently have Travellers moving around.

## **Police**

We will soon be saying goodbye to our seconded Police Constable, Paul Downes, who has successfully completed his Sergeants exams, and will be taking up his first Sergeants post in the New Year.

Paul would have been with the unit for 16 months, and in that time has made significant strides in ensuring a consistent and robust application of Police powers through delivering direct training to the key officers, and being constantly on hand to assist and advise officers when needed.

Paul has also made inroad into the challenging area of building relations within the community, and hopefully has sewn the seed for his successor. We would like to formally thank him for his time with the Unit, and wish him the best of luck in his move up the ladder.

The post has been advertised, and we are awaiting details of applicants/interview date.