

## Essex Police – Update for ECTU

In 12 months to October 2022 there were 70 unauthorised encampments. 28% (20) resulted in police powers of eviction being used. In the previous 12 months there were 170 unauthorised encampments. 10% resulted in the use of police powers (17) This has seen a substantial decrease of 51% year on year.

In comparing the time period since the legislation was changed (June 24<sup>th</sup> – October 17<sup>th</sup>) over this year and last year:

- 2022 saw 32 unauthorised encampments with 37% evictions (12)
- 2021 saw 49 unauthorised encampments with 8% evictions (4)

At this stage it appears to be consistent with the general decline in unauthorised encampments within Essex and an increase in the use of police powers. Whilst this has a limited data sample it does give early indications that since the legislation changes this has resulted in more use of police powers.

Within the evictions listed above, 2 occasions resulted in the use of the new policing powers in the conduct displayed was considered 'significant'. It's worth noting that the majority of times where the new policing power is used it will also be an offence under the previous S61 legislation.

The below table shows the geographic breakdown by district across the county.

Area	Number of UE's
<b>North</b>	<b>45</b>
Braintree	9
Brentwood	1
Chelmsford	8
Colchester	9
Maldon	2
Tendring	8
Uttlesford	8
<b>South</b>	<b>10</b>
Basildon	3
Castle Point	2
Southend	5
<b>West</b>	<b>15</b>
Brentwood	3
Castle Point	1
Epping Forest	9
Harlow	1
Southend	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>70</b>

Overall, this has been a significant reduction across Essex for another year.