



COMMUNICATION - WELFARE – SOCIAL

Dear Members

Welcome to our June Newsletter.

Retired Officers Police Records

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their details. I completed my initial spreadsheet and forwarded to Essex Police a few weeks ago. Since then, a small number of amendments and new submissions have been received and I will deal with those as soon as possible.

Branch AGM

Our Branch AGM was well attended and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Social Events

Pat Mahoney, our Social Secretary, works hard at arranging social events and we would like to see as many of you attending as is possible. I have highlighted some upcoming events below. Should transport be a problem for you, please let Pat know and we will do our best to assist.

Sunday 6 July Branch Summer BBQ at police headquarters Chelmsford

Friday 25 July Essex Police Garden Party at police headquarters Chelmsford (organised by Essex Police Sports Association with part funding by NARPO)

Monday 1 September College of Arms, London (a visit to the College of Arms near St. Pauls Cathedral London between 1800 and 2100 hours. Members will need to make their own way to the venue by public transport.)

You can contact Pat direct at: narposocialsec@gmail.com or by phone: 07935 400002

Bob

Robert Good - NARPO Chelmsford – Branch Chair

Dear Members,

Please see June newsletter from our Social Secretary and contact Pat directly if you are interested in any of the events.

Social Secretary Update

16th June 2025

Contact direct narposocialsec@gmail.com

Dear Friends.

I hope you are enjoying this glorious weather and I again promote the below events. Whilst a few weeks away it would help with the BBQ catering arrangements if you now wish to attend, just drop me a quick email.

Thank you to those who have already notified me.

Branch Summer BBQ Sunday 6th July

Being held for the third time this local event will find members, family and friends gather at the EPSA Clubroom between 12 noon and 4pm.

An American themed menu is available and the bar is open for alcoholic or soft drinks. No line dancing or country music this time.

A small prize to the guest with the best yankee look 😊

At a low cost of £10 per adult and £5 per child under 10 years towards the food with complimentary tea and coffee, a good deal in anyone's book.

The menu will be home made burgers, pulled pork, sausages, Brooklyn hot dogs, halloumi & mushroom burgers, chicken wings

(BBQ & Buffalo) potato salad, coleslaw and chopped salad.

Dessert will be New York Banana Pudding and Blueberry Muffins.

If you haven't already indicated your intentions to attend please let me know and the payment the method is as below,

The preferred method of payment is via BACS (bank transfer) to the following account: The National Association of Retired Police Officers (Chelmsford) sort code 30-91-85 account number 01268114 quoting

BBQ as your reference (please use the full name of the account)

Essex Police Garden Party - Friday 25th July.

Again provided by our friends at EPSA and supported by all three Essex NARPO branches this annual event is a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues and friends.

A lovely buffet is provided free of charge with tea and coffee. The bar is open for soft drinks and alcoholic drinks at your expense..

If not already contacted by Joanne Brown the Club Steward please drop her an email at joanne.brown@essex.police.uk or on her extension of 130174 at Headquarters. Her cut off date was 2nd June so please reach out if required but I am sure a late notification will still be acceptable.

As previously mentioned if you require assistance or transport in getting to any event please feel free to contact me and I will make arrangements if possible.

College of Arms, London - Monday 1st September 2025

An evening visit to The College of Arms near Saint Pauls Cathedral between 6pm and 9pm with a guided tour. With its origin from medieval times this body is the heraldic authority for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and many Commonwealth countries.

Our guide will give a talk on the history of heraldry, the role of heralds, the history of the building and their practices. We will go to the records room and look at a selection of manuscripts going back to the fifteenth century.

Additionally I have asked if they could talk about the NARPO Coat of Arms only granted in 1999 and display the relevant manuscript.

The evening will finish with wine or a soft drink and the cost is £35.50p per person.

Using public transport the nearest underground stations are Blackfriars or Saint Pauls.

The actual college dates from the 17th century and therefore if you have restricted mobility issues this may not be suitable for you as the tour takes place over three floors with no lift available.

This event is limited to 20 attendees so an early bid for a place is recommended. I currently have 8 slots available.

Regards

Pat Mahoney
Social Secretary
NARPO Chelmsford
Contact Direct at narposocialsec@gmail.com

Dear Members,

Please see below from one of our welfare officers, regarding the National Narpo Welfare Hub which you may find useful

NARPO WELFARE HUB

Having recently attended a welfare conference in Birmingham, I was advised about the new NARPO Welfare Hub. I logged onto the site and was pleased to see a myriad of information relevant for NARPO members and their families. Scrolling down the front page you will see the heading Welfare Hub. This area is teamed with information on a variety of subjects

For easy reference you can go to the A-Z of welfare services where all of the organisations, plus their telephone numbers and email addresses can be found. These include bereavement, disability, mental health, LGBT, finances, homelessness and relationships to name but a few. NARPO have worked extremely hard to collate all of this information for its members, and I have to comment that I think it is a great success. This is the link to the site

[Welfare Hub - NARPO](#)

Anne Walker
Welfare Officer.

Dear Members,

Please find attached a link to Essex Police Benevolent Fund which I have been asked to circulate by our Narpo representative, who is the link for all three branches to the fund.

The Benevolent Fund is a registered charity dedicated to supporting serving and retired police officers and in some case their families during times of financial hardship.

This link will take you to the website where you are able to find out information regarding the fund, and donate if you would like to <https://essex-police-benevolent-fund.sumupstore.com/>

If you need any assistance in submitting a claim please ensure you contact us and our welfare team or benevolent representative will be able to assist you through the process.

Please be aware any application is subject to means testing.

As you are aware we had very late notice, this year regarding the date for this very important event.

I assured you at the time that I would publish next year's date as soon as I could confirm it had been set.

I can now confirm Essex Police Memorial Date will be held on **Wednesday 6th May 2026 at HQ, probably 1100hrs** but I will confirm further details to you as they are arranged.

This is just early notification for you to save the date if you wish to attend

Please see below invite to The Pensioners Garden Party at HQ on 25th July 2024.

If you wish to attend please email Joanne.Brown@essex.police.uk with the details she is asking for at the end of the email

The Essex Police Pensioners Garden Party 2025

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Chief Constable, B J Harrington, I am pleased to announce that this year's annual Pensioners Garden Party will be held at the Essex Police Sports Association Sports Pavilion, Police Headquarters, Chelmsford on: -

Friday 25th July 2024 at 1 pm for 1.30 pm

NARPO have again generously offered to sponsor this event, which means there will not be the usual £5 admission fee.

In addition to enjoying the traditional afternoon tea whilst meeting former colleagues and renewing old friendships, you will have access to the club bar throughout the afternoon.

This year's event will be held in conjunction with our Big Family Weekend, and you are welcome to stay on into the evening.

We also have lots of events planned for all the family over the weekend which are free for EPSA members, families, and friends. If you would like more details, please feel free to contact me.

Parking for the Garden Party guests will be available on the sports field adjacent to the Pavilion.

I do hope you will be able to join us.

If you wish to attend, please complete the questions below and return this e-mail as soon as possible, no later than Monday 2nd of June 2025. (N.B. Press 'reply' before completing your details). If you have any queries, please contact me on Joanne.brown@essex.police.uk

Remember – this is an open invitation to anyone in receipt of a police pension – however we do need to know approximate numbers for catering purposes.

Joanne Brown Event Organiser - Garden Party Committee (07871 519618)

----- Name:

Name to appear on badge (if different from above):

Year of Retirement:

Will you be accompanied by spouse/partner/guest? (Full Name Required)

Will you require any special arrangements? (If so, please give details)

Kind Regards

Sue Heaton

Secretary Narpo

Chelmsford Branch

Obituaries

- Michael Blackwell who retired as the divisional commander of Colchester in 1992 and served with Cambridgeshire police, Suffolk police before transferring to Essex where he served at Grays, Hadleigh, FSU, Communications, Chelmsford and Colchester. He passed away on 4th March 2025 aged 90 years.
- Robert Wager who retired as a sergeant in 1984 and served at Tiptree and Kelvedon. He passed away on 13th March 2025 aged 92 years
- Brian Lewis who retired as a sergeant in 1977 and served with the Southend Borough and Basildon. He passed away on 1st April 2025 aged 92 years.
- John Coyle who retired as a Chief Supt in 2002 and served with the Southend Borough, HQ and Chelmsford. He passed away on the 7th May 2025 aged 78 years.
- Ivor Williams who retired as a Chief Insp in 1984 and served with the Metropolitan police before transferring to Essex where he served at Harlow, Chelmsford, Police college, Basildon and Grays. He passed away on 25th May 2025 aged 87 years.
- Richard Day who retired as a constable in 2003 and served at Shoebury and Southend. He passed away on 25th May 2025 aged 76 years.
- Americo Watkins (Eric) who retired as a constable in 1982 as a result of injuries sustained whilst on duty in Southend. He passed away on 29th May 2025 aged 68 years.
- Peter Taylor who retired as. An Inspector in 1988 and served with the Southend Borough , Basildon and Southend. He passed away on 3rd June 2025 aged 88 years.

May they all rest in peace

Gary Sanderson – Newsletter editor