



Appeal for missing man

POLICE are appealing for help to find a missing man.

Nigel Clack, 60, was last seen on Sunday and his family and police are concerned for his welfare.

He is described as 5ft 6in tall, slim build with long, greying brown hair and has a number of facial tattoos.

Nigel, who is from the Harwich area, is believed to be wearing a three-quarter length leather jacket with badges on the lapels and burgundy tracksuit bottoms. He has links to Ipswich.

A spokesman for Essex Police said: "We would ask Nigel to contact home to reassure his family he is OK."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting incident 258 of January 10.

HEY BABY! COLCHESTER ZOO WELCOMES NEW YOUNGSTER



ZOOKEEPERS have shared their joy after welcoming a baby L'hoest monkey.

The new arrival made an appearance at Colchester Zoo in November and since then has been kept close by mum, Casey, and dad, Kane.

L'hoest monkeys are from the tropical forests in the Democratic Republic of Congo, western Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

A spokesman for the zoo said: "The youngster is doing extremely well, growing bigger, stronger, and more confident with both parents being attentive."

"Mum Casey is 12 years old and was born here at Colchester Zoo, she is an experienced mum having previously welcomed four other offspring."

"Dad Kane is also 12 years old and arrived from Budapest in July 2018 to join the group, the pair have been together ever since."

■ Arrival - the baby L'hoest monkey born at Colchester Zoo recently

Picture: Tom Smith

Armed thugs in balaclavas spray man with 'acid'

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A GANG of thugs broke into a home armed with machetes and hammers before spraying a substance in a man's face and beating him.

Three men wearing balaclavas allegedly forced their way into a property in Epping Close, Clacton, at 8pm on Tuesday.

Once inside, having kicked down the door, the trio of crooks was confronted by a man who they left temporarily blinded after spraying liquid in his face.

The man's wife, who was shaken by the incident, said her husband was then pushed into a corner by the men and threatened with weapons.

Speaking anonymously, she said: "He was not even meant to be there, so I obviously do not think it was my husband they wanted."

I am hoping they catch the men responsible because they are absolute scumbags

"They kicked him and threatened him with the machete and kept spraying him with this acid and then left the scene before anyone turned up."

"I panicked when I heard what had happened."

"I did not have a clue what had happened and he had only left me ten minutes beforehand."

After the attack, the man's wife said the police were called and he was taken to Colchester Hospital for treatment, but has now returned home.

In photographs taken after the attack, which have been seen by the *Gazette*, the man's face can be seen stained with a yellow substance.

The images also show him struggling to open his eyes and sections of skin on his eyelids appear to be singed and sore.

His wife added: "He has been lucky because it could have been much worse."

"His eyes and mouth are burnt, but I think he will be OK."

"The police are now involved so I am hoping they catch those responsible because they are absolute scumbags."

The shocking attack comes days after a 22-year-old was also sprayed with an unknown substance in Clacton and assaulted.

Essex Police and the East of England Ambulance Service were contacted for comment, but had not responded at the time of going to press.



Essex Health & Social Care Awards 2021

The Essex Health & Social Care Awards are driven to recognise the hard work, dedication, innovation, and care delivered across the health and social care sector. With focus on the individuals and their stories, it is the people who make the different. If 2020 was anything to go by we know the people of Essex will show their support for the Newsquest Essex Health & Social Care Awards by nominating someone they know who truly deserves it.

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- The Care Hero Award
- The Care Home Worker Award
- The Domiciliary Care Worker Award
- The Good Nurse Award
- The Care Trainer Award
- The Dignity in Care Award

The judging panel will be made up of business experts from across the local area who will have the prestigious task of selecting the winner of their category and presenting the award on the Black-tie presentation evening.

The event will be held on April 23rd 2021. Closing date for all nomination will be 21st February 2021.

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