



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

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THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

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MESSAGE FROM

Martin Richards Braintree District Commander



As the year came to a close, we thank you for staying connected with us through Dispatch. This year, our team has focused on community engagement - being visible, available, and ready to listen to your local concerns.

We will continue this commitment in the new year. Neighbourhood Policing Teams have grown, and together we've achieved a big success: burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime offences are down compared to last year.

This has been possible thanks to extra patrols in high-risk areas, crime prevention advice for residents, and using community intelligence to identify and stop offenders.

We've also given out more free DNA marking kits. Speeding continues to be a key concern for many of our communities.

To address this, we've conducted more than 100 speed checks throughout 2025, working closely with and supporting our dedicated Community Speed Watch volunteers.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a safe and enjoyable 2026..

ROBBERIES AND THEFT FROM PERSONS

WITHAM Chipping Hill & Powers Hall End

Thursday 25th December 19:14hrs

Suspect unknown robbed a person of items...

BRAINTREE Plaiters Way/Lie Field Close

Saturday 27th December 22:30hrs

Suspect unknown robbed a person of items...

BRADWELL/CRESSING/BLACK NOTLEY

Friday 26th December 16:00hrs

Suspect unknown took items from a person...

ATTEMPTED DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARY

BRAINTREE ChurchEnd/Kynaston Road

Wednesday 24th December 03:10hrs

Suspect unknown attempted to enter a dwelling house...

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

HALSTEAD

Between Monday 22nd December 22:00hrs

And Tuesday 23rd December 06:30hrs

Suspect(s) unknown removed a motor vehicle

BRAINTREE Plaiters Way

Fridat 26th December 19:31hrs

Suspect(s) unknown removed a motor vehicle

BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES

WITHAM Chipping Hill/Powers Hall End

Friday 26th December

between 09:00hrs & 13:00hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises..

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH ESSEX POLICE AS AN ACTIVE CITIZEN TO HELP REDUCE CRIME IN BRAINTREE DISTRICT ? ESSEX POLICE ARE RECRUITING NOW PLEASE SEND YOUR FULL NAME, POSTAL ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS TO active.citizen@essex.police.uk

Or contact PC James Draper Braintree Community Safety & Engagement Officer Mobile 079809 17130



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CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

CORNISH HALL END (Two occasions)

Wednesday 24th December

between 09:09hrs and 09:10hrs

Wednesday 24th December

between 08:58hrs and 08:59hrs

BRAINTREE Lie Field Close

Wednesday 24th December

between 09:30hrs and 09:50hrs

HALSTEAD

Thursday 25th December

between 00:01hrs and 00:04hrs

CRIMESTOPPERS IN ESSEX

Crimestoppers is an independent charity which takes information about crime anonymously, online or by phone. We don't take names or any identification, just listen to what you know and pass it on securely, 100% anonymously.

There's no police contact, no witness statements, no courts. Information is taken in more than 150 languages.

Online forms at www.crimestoppers-uk.org and calls on 0800 555 111 are untraceable. Calls won't show on phone bills.

We're open 24/7, 365 days a year. Crimestoppers passed over 7,500 crime reports to Essex police last year.

See how it works at <https://youtu.be/TV5k3QFBI3U>



BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS GUIDE:

I am delighted to advise you that the Members Guide has been sent to the printers.

It will be available to you all mid January also as an email version **but on request**

If you are a Co-ordinator **YOU** can add your contact details on the back page of the hard copy .

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

This newsletter covers:

Acton, Alphamstone, Ashen, Belchamp St. Paul, Belchamp Otten, Belchamp Walter, Bocking, Borley, Bradwell, Braintree Town areas, Bulmer, Bures, Burtons Green, Castle Hedingham, Coggeshall, Colne Engaine, Cornish Hall End, Cressing, Earls Colne, Fairstead, Feering, Finchingfield, Foxearth, Gestingthorpe, Gosfield, Great Henny, Great Maplestead, Great Notley, Great Yeldham, Great Waldingfield, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Hatfield Peveral, Hundon, Kelvedon, Lamarsh, Liston, Little Henny, Little Yeldham, Little Maplestead, Long Melford, Middleton, Ovington, Panfield, Pattiswick, Pebmarsh, Pentlow, Radwinter, Rayne, Rivenhall, Shalford, Sible Hedingham, Silver End, Stambourne, Stisted, Stoke by Clare, Sturmer, Sudbury, Terling, Tilbury Juxta Clare, Toppesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, and Witham.

Clive Stewart

Braintree District NW Chairman

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