



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

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ROBBERY OF A PERSON

BRAINTREE EAST

Saturday 8th November pm

Suspects unknown robbed items from a person...

DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES

BRAINTREE EAST

Thursday 13th November pm

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house...

BRADWELL, SILVER END & RIVENHALL

Thursday 13th November pm

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house and stole their mail...

HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD

Monday 10th November am

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house...

HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS

Saturday 8th November pm

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house

GOSFIELD & GREENSTEAD GREEN

Thursday 13th November pm

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

WITHAM SOUTH

**Between Monday 10th November pm
and Tuesday 11th November am**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

THREE FIELDS

Thursday 13th November between am & pm

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

HALSTEAD TRINITY

Saturday 8th November pm

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

BOCKING NORTH

Sunday 9th November pm

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY :CALL 999

BOCKING Lammas Drive

November 5th Wednesday



**Suffolk Police are asking to be called on 999
if anyone sees this van registration NK650FT.**

This small white Citroen van has been cited many times in reports of scrap touting (sometimes for use in a "sculpture") over many months .

Latest sightings were around:-

Clare at 08:00hrs 12th November

and Great Saxham 14:15hrs 13th November..

Suffolk Police say" We would like to speak to the driver ."

Presumably the Police have been unable to find the driver at the registered address (a common occurrence amongst vehicles used for criminal activity) .

If you see the vehicle call 999 immediately (do not put yourself at risk) .

Please quote the vehicles's registration number and say "You understand it is of interest to Suffolk Police" Then the Police have the opportunity of intercepting the van and speaking to the driver"

If you would like to make an anonymous report you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers, by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.

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MAN SENTENCED FOR SHOPLIFTING



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A man who assaulted a police officer who caught him shoplifting in **Braintree** has been sentenced.

A man, 44, of no fixed abode pleaded guilty to two counts of shop theft and assaulting an emergency work after he was stopped in B&M on the **3rd October**.

Detective Sergeant Gavin Tuck had been on a hotspot patrol of the town when he responded to a report of a shoplifter. He quickly apprehended the man inside the store, but the man attempted to escape and began to fight, grabbing D/Sgt Tuck by the throat. The man was then restrained and arrested.

He was sentenced to a 12-month Community Order with the requirement to attend 30 days of rehabilitation activity, and to enter drug rehabilitation with Open Road. He was also fined £80 and told to pay £100 compensation.

Essex Police say "In the 12 months to 31 October, our officers made 1,446 arrests for shop theft across Essex. During the same period, they solved 986 more shop theft offences compared with the previous year. D/Sgt Tuck was on patrol as part of Operation Guardian which seeks to reduce incidents of ASB, knife crime and violence through high-visibility foot patrols by uniformed officers in areas, and at times, that research shows incidents are most likely".

D/Sgt Tuck said: "The offender's actions were totally unacceptable. He was brazenly stealing from the store but I was in the right place at the right time to stop him, which shows the value of hotspot patrols. No police officer comes to work to be assaulted but once I'd got hold of him there was absolutely no chance he was getting away. Shoplifting feeds into other forms of criminality and we are working with retailers across Essex to target and arrest those responsible."

FLY TIPPER

STAMBOURNE Robin Hall End (behind Oak House)



November 18th 07:45hrs

A builder, not regular traveller fly tipper in a **late model Ford Transit Custom 2018 with full size roof rack and non-standard silver locks on the doors which is unique to this van and the near side light is out**. The driver travelled from **Finchingfield** towards **Stambourne** and spotted the lane entrance, turned around, drove down the lane, unloaded builder's waste materials, wood, ceramic floor tiles, etc, left in a hurry heading towards **Stambourne**. **Driver wearing white T shirt.**

Any information please telephone Essex Police 101 or do it online or if you would like to make an anonymous report you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers, by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.

THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BRAINTREE SOUTH

**Between Saturday 8th November pm
and Sunday 9th November am**

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

BRAINTREE CENTRAL

Thursday 13th November pm

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

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CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

SUDBURY Borehamgate Precinct

**Between Thursday October 16th 16:00hrs
and Friday 17th October 09:00hrs**

Police are appealing for information after an incident of criminal damage .It occurred near the bus station after a brick wall was damaged

Please telephone Suffolk Police 101 or do it online or if you would like to make an anonymous report you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers, by visiting their website or by calling 0800 555 111.

Please quote reference number 37/59910/25

**Between Saturday 8th November
and Friday 14th November**

**WITHAM SOUTH (2) WITHAM NORTH (2) HATFIELD
PEVEREL (2) HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS, CRESSING &
STISTED, BRAINTREE EAST, BRAINTREE CENTRAL ,
BALCK NOTLEY & TERLING**

ABOUT 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>

Nearly 5,000 reports about crime in the county were given to the independent charity during the first six months of this year – 1,000 more than the same period the previous year. The information about crime was given by 3,400 people - some gave information about more than one crime.

In September 498 people contacted Crimestoppers with information compared with 512 the previous September. All reports were sent securely to Essex police and other law enforcement agencies.

During the first six months of this year 4,905 individual crime reports were securely sent by Crimestoppers. Again, the highest number of reports were about drug manufacturing, trafficking and supply. More than 85 per cent of reports were given online These increases are again thanks to all partners who promote the services the charity offers to help keep communities safer.

THEFTS FROM GARAGES OR SHEDS

UPPER COLNE

**Between Friday 7th November am
and Saturday 8th November am**

Suspect unknown removed items from a shed or garage.

HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD

**Between Sunday 9th November pm
and Monday 10th November pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a shed or garage.

HALSTEAD TRINITY

Wednesday 12th November pm

Suspect unknown removed items from a shed or garage.

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THEFTS AND BURGLARIES OF COMMERCIAL PREMISES

UPPER COLNE

**Between Tuesday 11th November pm
and Wednesday 12th November am**

Suspects unknown stole items from a business premises..

HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD

**Between Friday 7th November am
and Wednesday 12th November am**

Suspects unknown stole items from a business premises..

COGGESHALL & NORTH FEERING

Monday 10th November am

Suspects unknown stole items from a business premises..

BRAINTREE

**Between Sunday 9th November pm
and Monday 10th November am**

Suspects unknown stole items from a business premises

GREAT NOTLEY & BRAINTREE WEST

Friday 14th November pm

An employee stole stole items from a business premises..

SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

Already we are receiving emails asking to have hard copies (which are being acknowledged with thanks) which are delivered to your home in January .They can distributed from January, you have six months.

There is of course an email version which many of you have received already .

Please I need to know any more numbers for the print run by 26th November..

Look forward to hearing from you.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

OK ...I am sure that there are a few who wonder why there reports of incidents outside Braintree District which are in the newsletters and asking for any information too.....

Well I know I don't need to explain to anyone that as Neighbourhood Watch members, where ever we live, that we do travel out of our Districts "on occasions" and we may see something suspicious or see Essex/Suffolk even Norfolk Police want us to look out for. So if we do we can report what we see and hear..(not putting yourselves at risk of course) and also we can give any "information " to Crimestoppers ...

We, as traditional Neighbourhood Watch, never "switch off" do we. So I hope that it is understood that this newsletter publishes more than "on your doorstep" for a reason....

So if someone asks you why this newsletter covers such information you can explain..

This newsletter covers: Acton, Althamstone, 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.

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