



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending Monday 25th May 2026

Number: 849 FOUR PAGE ISSUE email: thenwnewsletter@btinternet.com



MAN CHARGED FOR BURGLARIES

HALSTEAD Chapel Street

Saturday 9th May 17:20hrs

Detectives from Braintree CID have secured charges against a man in connection with a number of burglaries in Halstead.

We received a call at **around 5.20pm on 9th May** that an elderly resident had found a man inside their address in Chapel Street.

Officers responded, while we also received similar calls from people living in the Kings Road and Beridge Road areas.

A search was carried in the area and an hour after the initial call a man was arrested.

A **34 year old man**, of Colne Valley Close, Halstead has now been charged with **three counts** of burglary and appeared at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court yesterday (Monday 11 May). He is next due to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on 8th June.

ESSEX POLICE SEIZES LARGE CANNABIS PLANTS



STURMER, New England

Friday 15th May

Sharp-eyed Braintree neighbourhood officers have seized a large cannabis grow. The cannabis plants – 180 mature plants and 240 younger plants – were located in an abandoned former pub on the A1017, at its junction with the B1054. Officers from Braintree Neighbourhood Policing Team entered the building to remove the plants, which will be safely destroyed.

No arrests have yet been made but our inquiries are continuing. Sergeant Andy Christian, of Braintree Neighbourhood Policing Team, says: "This is a large cannabis factory. "The trade in any illegal drugs is not victimless. It is closely linked to violence, exploits vulnerable people, and causes significant harm to our communities.

"Our investigation is continuing to locate and arrest those responsible for the cannabis grow and we appeal to anyone who may have information to contact us, quoting incident 622 of 14 May 2026."

"If you have information about anyone who may be cultivating or dealing drugs, you can contact us online or by ringing 101. UK Power Networks were called to attend the premises to make the building safe because of the wiring which had been installed to abstract electricity help grow the crop."

DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES

BRAINTREE CM777

Thatchers Way, Wainwright Avenue, Elder Field, Avenue West

Saturday 16th May 16:33hrs

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

SUDBURY CO108

The Paddocks, Melford Road, The Columbines, Pentlow Drive, Lower Street, Water Lane

Friday 15th May

Between 22:03hrs & 22:30hrs

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending Monday 25th May 2026

Number: 849 FOUR PAGE ISSUE email: thenwnewsletter@btinternet.com

Suspects unknown robbed items from a person



ESSEX POLICE ARREST A MAN
RE: THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE



BOCKING High Garret

Thursday 5th May 09:00hrs

A man has been arrested in connection with the theft of a Nissan Navara. Officers stopped the pickup on High Garret after suspecting it had cloned number plates. Further checks confirmed the vehicle had been reported stolen from Southend the previous week. **A 59-year-old man** from **Halstead** was arrested on suspicion of car theft. He has since been released on bail until July. We have seen an increase in the theft of Nissan Navara and Land Rover Discovery vehicles across the county. We are asking residents to stay alert and report any suspicious behaviour or vehicles that don't feel right.

THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES
WITHAM CM82 (two occassions) Maldon Road,
Saturn Road, Newland Street. Pippin Croft

Between Tuesday 12th.May 17:00hrs
and Friday 15th May 19:30hrs

AND

Between Wednesday 13th May 22:00hrsv
& Thursday 14th May 07:00hrs

Suspects unknown removed motor vehicles...

WITHAM CM81 Newland Street. Bridge Street,
Purcell Road

Between Wednesday 13th May 21:00hrs
& Thursday 14th May 09:30hrs

Suspects unknown removed a motor vehicle...

BRAINTREE Bradfords Court, Bocking End,
Kingfisher Gate, Canes Mill Court

Between Wednesday 13th May 21:20hrs
& Thursday 14th May 01:31hrs

Suspects unknown removed a motor vehicle

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

BRAINTREE CM778

Hadfield Drive, Coggeshall Road Kings Lane

Friday 15th May

between 01:30hrs and 05:30hrs

Suspects unknown removed items from a motor vehicle

ROBBERY OF PERSONS

BRAINTREE

CM778

Hadfield Drive, Coggeshall Road Kings Lane

Tuesday 12th May 16:18hrs

Suspects unknown robbed items from a person

CM71

Driberg way, George Yard Shopping Centre,
Tortoiseshell Way

Wednesday 13th May 22:46hrs

BURGLARY OF A BUSINESS PREMISES

WITHAM CM81

Newland Street. Bridge Street, Purcell Road

Between Tuesday 12th May 16:30hrs
& Saturday 16th May 06:30hrs

Suspects unknown entered 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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending Monday 25th May 2026

Number: 849 FOUR PAGE ISSUE email: thennewsletter@btinternet.com



Essex Police: We're asking the public to help us reunite some jewellery with their owner. We'd ask the public to look at the images to see if they can identify the jewellery items as theirs or know who they might belong to.

The jewellery was recovered in a plastic container and may have been taken as a result of a burglary. Items include rings, cufflinks, necklaces, and a pocket-style watch: some items are engraved with personal messages. (See pictures below)

If you recognise any items, or can help us locate their owners, please let us know by emailing 42078358@essex.police.uk or you can let us know by submitting a report on our website.

You can contact independent charity Crimestoppers, calling 0800 555 111. Please quote reference 42/MR/14446/26 when providing any information to make sure it gets to the right person as quickly as possible.



HATFIELD PEVEREL

Wednesday 13th May 12:22 hrs.

Officers have been carrying out evening patrols in Hatfield Peverel following reports of anti-social behaviour, particularly around the library and nearby fields in the west of the village.

Essex Police say "We understand the impact this behaviour can have on the community, and we've focused our patrols at the times you've told us incidents are happening.

Being visible in these areas helps us deter anti-social behaviour, speak with those involved, and - we hope - reassure residents that we are listening to their concerns and taking action.

If you have concerns or information, please continue to report it to us through our website

NEXT WEEK

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026

GREAT NEWS

INSPECTOR PHIL JACKSON BRAINTREE POLICE

WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

DOORS OPEN : 14:00HRS FOR 14:15HRS AT MAURICE ROWSON HALL, GOSFIELD

Where parking is brilliant !!!

PLEASE ADVISE THIS NEWSLETTER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND

It would be great to see so many of you and to meet with Inspector Phil Jackson

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending Monday 25th May 2026

Number: 849 FOUR PAGE ISSUE email: thennewsletter@btinternet.com

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>

CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM CO93

**Sheepcot Road, Great Maplestead Road,
Sudbury Road**

Tuesday 12th May

Between 18:12hrs & 18:19hrs

HALSTEAD CO91

The Lindens, Mount Hill, Monkslands Court

Wednesday 13th May

between 08:30hrs & 15:30hrs

BRAINTREE

**CM778 Hadfield Drive, Coggeshall Road
Kings Lane**

Friday 15th May 20:20hrs

**CM71 Driberg way, George Yard Shopping
Centre, Tortoiseshell Way**

Sunday 17th May 01:00hrs

BRAINTREE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

You may note that I am able to publish more local crime details in recent weeks. I have extended my sources that provide reliable information..This newsletter information from Essex Police HQ covers 11th May to 17th May...

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 Peverel, Hundon, Kelvedon, Lamarsh, Liston, Little Henny, Little Yeldham, Little Maplestead, Middleton, Ovington, Panfield, Pattiswick, Pebmarsh, Pentlow, Radwinter, Rayne, Rivenhall, Shalford, Sible Hedingham, Silver End, Stambourne, Stisted, Stoke by Clare, Sturmer, Sudbury, Tilbury Juxta Clare, Toppesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, and Witham.

**Clive Stewart, Chairman, Braintree District NW
Telephone 0750 8057636**

**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**