



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

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CCTV FOLLOWING A BANK ROBBERY

BRAINTREE Great Square

2nd January 08:55hrs



Detectives investigating a robbery at a bank in Braintree are in a position to release an image of a man they want to identify. A man, with what has been described as a handgun, entered the Halifax bank in Great Square shortly after 8.55am on Friday 2 January. He demanded money from staff and left with an amount of cash. Through extensive CCTV enquiries, officers believe the man then left the town centre via Market Street before going down St Michaels Lane, and Notley Road. He then enters the John Ray Park from Flicht Way through the entrance near the allotments.

Detective Inspector Frazer Low said: "I appreciate this image does not clearly show the man's face but I believe someone will have seen him. "Since the incident we have explored a number of lines of investigation and continue to make a series of enquiries. "I am asking the public, especially those living in the areas surrounding the park to check any CCTV from 9am onwards. Equally anybody who recognises the man pictured, his clothing, or the bike. If you have any information, CCTV, dash cam or other footage in relation to this incident, then please get in contact with us. Please quote the crime reference number 42/873/26. You can let us know by submitting a report on our website or by using our online Live Chat service which is available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week.

THEFT FROM A PERSON

BRAINTREE

Weavers Close/Rana Court/Old Michaels Drive

Thursday 15th January

between 13:10hrs & 14:10hrs

Suspect unknown removed a person's mail



ESSEX POLICE SEIZE VAN AS DRIVER MADE OFF

BRAINTREE

Monday 12th January

Officers seized a van after it failed to stop when requested. The driver was seen acting suspiciously and then drove in a manner that could have endangered other road users. The vehicle was later abandoned nearby and is now in our possession while we continue our investigation.



Essex Police say "A reminder about Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 If a vehicle is used in a way that causes alarm, distress, or annoyance — or is driven carelessly or inconsiderately police can take action and it can even be seized.

You can help us reduce collisions and casualties and make roads across Essex roads even safer by reporting instances of poor and dangerous driving by submitting video footage to Extra Eyes - link in the comments

We take dangerous driving seriously to keep our roads safe. Thank you for your continued support in reporting suspicious activity.

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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**THEFTS AND ATTEMPTED THEFTS
FROM AND OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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Suspect unknown removed motor vehicles
Weavers Close/Rana Court/Old St.Michaels Drive

Between Monday 12th January 03:00hrs
& Tuesday 13th January 11:55hrs

Coggeshall Road/Kings Lane/Hadfield Drive

Between Monday 12th January 23:00hrs
& Thursday 13th January 08:15hrs

Wednesday 14th January between 18:15hrs &
18:45hrs

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Suspect unknown removed or attempted to
remove items from motor vehicles

Plaiters Way/Lie Field Close/Jacquard Way

Between Tuesday 13th January 18:00hrs
and Wednesday 14th January 08:28hrs

Between Friday 16th January 18:00hrs
& Sunday 18th January 11:00hrs

Between Friday 16th January 18:00hrs
& Saturday 17th January 10:40hrs

Between Friday 16th January 06:45hrs
& Saturday 17th January 08:50hrs

Jackmans/Thisteldown/Kynaston Road

Friday 16th January
between 00:00hrs & 07:00hrs

TERLING :

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

Between Tuesday 13th January 20:00hrs
& Wednesday 14th January 07:00hrs

HALSTEAD:

The Lindens/Mount Hill/Monkstead Court

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

Between Wednesday 14th January 18:00hrs
& Thursday 15th January 09:30hrs

DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARY

BRAINTREE Driberg Way/Tortoiseshell Way

Between Friday 16th January 21:00hrs
& Saturday 17th January 01:00hrs

Suspect unknown entered dwelling houses.....

BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES

WITHAM Eastways/Freebourne Road/

Wednesday 14th January 22:30hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a business
premises..

THEFT FROM A GARAGE

HALSTEAD

Ridgewell Road/Baythorne End/The Bungalows

Tuesday 13th January 19, 2026
between 20:14hrs & 20:20hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a garage.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

BRAINTREE

Lie Field Close

Monday 12th January 15:12hrs

Jackman/Kynaston Road

Saturday 04:49hrs

Plaiters Way/Lie Field Close/Jacquard Way

Saturday between 01:17hrs and 01:29hrs

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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 SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Most if not all of you have received your six monthly newsletters to distribute and the good news is that you have six months to do so..

If you want the email version again please let this newsletter know

ESSEX POLICE CRIME REPORTS PLEASE NOTE

Essex Police advise in their crime reports when the crime occurred .The day and time or between days and times ..

But where the crime has been committed is advised now by a postal code or part postal code So this newsletter will give an indication of the areas by looking up the postal codes or part postal code.

BRAINTREE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

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, 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.

IF for any reason you no longer want to receive this newsletter in 2026 please reply with the words "Unsubscribe"..(which will be acknowledged) no reason needs to be given and your email address will be deleted from the bcc list..

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Telephone 0750 8057636

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