

## BRAINTREE AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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**THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER TWO PAGE ISSUE**

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### ROBBERY AT A SHOP

HAVERHILL A B's Mini Market Queensway



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 06:05hrs and 06:10hrs**

Police are appealing for witnesses and issuing images of a man they would like to trace, following a knifepoint robbery at a convenience shop. A man entered a shop brandishing a knife and demanded that the shop keeper emptied the till. He then made off having stolen a quantity of cash. See above the CCTV images of a man who Suffolk Police Officers would like to speak to in connection with the incident. He is described as white and was wearing a dark-coloured hooded jacket with a white hooded top underneath – with both hoods up. He was also wearing a black face mask. This person was wearing a long puffa jacket. Detectives would also like to trace a potential witness who was standing outside the shop just before the incident at around 6am and was spoken to by the suspect. Officers would like to hear from any potential witnesses, including anyone who was driving in Queensway between 5.45am and 6.15am yesterday morning and may have captured any relevant dashcam footage. Any residents in the local area with a doorbell camera are also asked to review their footage. Anyone who believes they recognise this man, or who has any information regarding the incident, is asked to contact West CID at Bury St Edmunds Police Station, quoting reference: 13226/21. Website – [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update)  
Email – [Rachel.Francis@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Rachel.Francis@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

Phone – Call 101

Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### ROBBERY OF PERSON

WITHAM Armond Road

**Between March 13<sup>th</sup> 20:32hrs & March 14<sup>th</sup> 13:35hrs.**

Suspect unknown confronted and punched the victim on the side of the head, as he was cycling beneath the railway arch. .

When the victim regained consciousness his pedal cycle, phone and jewellery valued £2,500 were missing.

### DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARY

BURY ST.EDMUNDS



Police issued images of men they would like to trace after two burglaries and during the incidents the offenders purported to be police officers.

The first incident occurred at appx 13:10hrs on **Thursday 11 March**, in Mill Road South.

Two men entered the property via the front door and were then discovered in the living room by the victim. When she challenged them, they claimed to be police officers investigating reports of suspicious persons in the garden. The victim asked them for identification which they failed to produce and at this point their behaviour became more threatening.

One of the offenders was brandishing a screwdriver and told the victim to be quiet, before they left the address. The police were called immediately afterwards and officers searched the local area, assisted by the police dog unit, but the suspects were not located. The victim later found the men had been in the bedroom and stolen a quantity of jewellery and cash. At total of four males were seen in the vicinity of this incident, with **two who were inside the property both described as being aged in their 20s or early 30s, of slight build and under 6ft tall.** Suspect one – wearing a dark woolly hat, pale blue shirt and jeans. He also had on gardening gloves with orange palms and a surgical facemask. He was carrying a long screwdriver with a red handle. Suspect two – wearing dark clothing, a woolly hat, dark gloves and a surgical facemask.

Detectives are linking this crime with another burglary which took place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March around 20 minutes prior to this incident, at just before 12.50pm at a house in Mayfield Road. The lock on the back gate was broken and entry was gained to the property via the back door whilst the victim was sleeping upstairs, but upon waking up heard noises in the spare room and so called out, at which point the suspects then left. It is not believed anything was stolen. **Two suspects were seen at this property, but there is only a description of one as follows: white, aged in his 20s, not very tall and wearing a black baseball cap.**

Any information contact West CID at Bury St Edmunds Police Station, quoting reference: 12033/21 or Email [peter.gray@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.gray@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

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#### SHED BURGLARIES

##### FOXEARTH

March 12<sup>th</sup> between 04:00hrs and 08:38hrs.

Suspect unknown broke into sheds and stole a quad bike & gardening equipment valued at £4,000 and made off unseen.

##### GREENSTEAD GREEN Gledfen Hall Road

Between March 15<sup>th</sup> 00:00hrs & March 16<sup>th</sup> 17:34hrs.

Suspect unknown broke into a wooden shed in a back garden and removed assorted garden machinery

#### THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

##### SIBLE HEDINGHAM Christmas Field

March 17<sup>th</sup> between 23:00hrs and 23:03 hrs

Suspect unknown stole the catalytic converter from a silver Honda.

##### BRAINTREE

Broad Road: Between Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 00:00hrs & March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:41hrs. Suspect unknown removed the front and rear index plates from a grey Renault Master.

##### Clockhouse Way

Between March 13<sup>th</sup> 19:00hrs & March 14<sup>th</sup> 11:09hrs.

Suspect unknown removed a catalytic converter from a Volvo 940.

##### Church Street

Between March 14<sup>th</sup> 23:00hrs & March 15<sup>th</sup> 08:45hrs

Suspect unknown removed rear number plate from a grey Audi A3

##### EARLS COLNE High Street

Between March 9<sup>th</sup> 00:00hrs & March 14<sup>th</sup> 16:50hrs.

Suspect unidentified removed a catalytic converter from a Vauxhall Vectra

##### WITHAM Windsor Close

March 16<sup>th</sup> between 09:57hrs and 15:40hrs. Suspect unknown removed a catalytic converter from a grey Toyota Prius-this was the second time this vehicle has been targeted in fourteen weeks !

##### HAVERHILL

Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> between 20:00hrs and 20:25hrs

Clements Witnesses reported seeing **three unknown males wearing balaclavas** who jacked up a Lexus and removed the catalytic converter and **left in a black Audi Saloon.** *Any information contact Suffolk Police quoting reference 12751/21*

Hollands Road : A Mercedes had a catalytic converter stole (*Suffolk Police ref 12753/210*)

Crowland Road : A Honda has its catalytic converter taken (*Suffolk Police ref 12757/21*)

Moon Hall Lane: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 20:00hrs Number plates were stolen from a black BMW which it is thought were used on the Audi vehicle ( see above).

#### THEFT FROM PERSON

##### WITHAM Ebenezer Close

Between Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 00:00hrs and March 18<sup>th</sup> 14:36hrs

Suspect unknown stole victim's ring valued at £6,000

#### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE

##### CASTLE HEDINGHAM St. James Street

March 17<sup>th</sup> between 09:10hrs and 10:17hrs.

Suspect unknown stole a Mercedes.

#### TO ALL IN BRAINTREE DISTRICT

If you would like a "No Cold Caller" sticker for your front door and/or a Neighbourhood Watch Wheelie Bin sticker please email to this newsletter your full name and address and they will be posted to you - they are FREE

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR:-

*Due to an increase in Neighbourhood Watch membership in Braintree District this week more have been added to the distribution list.*

*Please note that this newsletter is a summary of crime incidents in Braintree District, also information from Suffolk/Norfolk/Essex Police including Twitter & Essex Police Facebook.*

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