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THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 13th MAY 2025
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**IAN JOHNSON
GREAT MAPLESTEAD
NW CO-ORDINATOR
RECEIVING A WELL EARNED
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
At BRAINTREE DISTRICT AGM**



At the Braintree District NW AGM on 30th April we were delighted to present to three NW Co-ordinators awards for being Neighbourhood Watch Members of the Year. It recognises not just what they have actioned in the past twelve months but also over more than twenty years..more photos next week. This week we are acknowledging Ian Johnson who was presented the award by Sarah Wright Essex Police Citizens in Policing Commander Local Policing Support Unit.

This Certificate of Appreciation is in recognition of Ian being involved with Neighbourhood Watch for more than twenty years as the Great Maplestead Co-ordinator . Ian keeps everyone in the area notified of events with up to date local Neighbourhood Watch information from reliable sources ie Essex Police and is responsible for despatching the weekly and six monthly newsletters. Without doubt Ian Johnson is a great example to others as an excellent and very dedicated Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and is much appreciated for his efforts and actions by those who locally receive the Neighbourhood Watch information.

ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AND THEFTS FROM PERSONS WITH VIOLENCE

BOCKING Church Street

Between May 5th 14:00hrs and May 6th 11:55hrs
Suspects unidentified removed victim's wallet after distracting him by kicking his walking stick and stole a black leather "Arsenal" wallet , cash and keys..

**Any information contact Suffolk Essex Tel 101
Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/61315/25**

BRAINTREE Charter Way

Between May 5th 17:40hrs and May 6th 19:38hrs
Suspects unidentified demanded victim's phone behaving in a threatening and agressive manner
Suspects descriptions: One: 18 to 25 male , mixed and multiple ethnic groups wearing black clothing
Two: 18 to 25 male , mixed and multiple ethnic groups wearing black clothing

**Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101
Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/61558/25**

CASTLE HEDINGHAM Pye Corner

Between May 8th 18:00hrs and May 9th 12:44hrs
Suspects unknown removed a cast iron floor-standing post box from a driveway

**Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101
Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/62956/25**

WITHAM

Cressing Road

Between April 11th 03:15hrs and April 15th 12:40hrs
Suspect unknown removed a parcel from outside a property ,

Hamble Close

May 7th between 08:19hrs and 17:10hrs
Suspect unknown removed a parcel, that contained vehicle paint and two silver/grey paint pens, which had been hanging out of a letter box ..

THEFT FROM A GARDEN

SIBLE HEDINGHAM Church Street

Between May 9th 09:00hrs and May 10th 16:27hrs
Suspects unknown accessed a garden and removed garden tools and a silver mountain bike.

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THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SILVER END Casement Close

Between May 5th 22:00hrs and May 7th 05:14hrs

Suspect unknown removed a blue Alfa Romeo Stelvio Auto from a driveway BUT was recovered
CRESSING Mill Lane

Between May 5th 17:00hrs and 7th 10:456 hrs

Suspect unknown removed a black Nissan Juke part registration BL19....

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

LONG MELFORD Chadburn Road

Between April 25th 18:00hrs and 26th 09:00hrs

Police are appealing for information following a theft of hand tools from a vehicle

Any information contact Suffolk Police Tel 101

Or Do it Online quoting reference 37/22748/25

GREAT NOTLEY Rujerford Park

May 6th between 00:021hrs and 07:30hrs

Suspect unknown remove six wheels from two white Ford Transit mini buses

Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101

Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/61209/25

ESSEX POLICE ARRESTS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM

Two people were arrested and drugs and firearms seized when officers executed a warrant.

The warrant, which was led by Braintree and Uttlesford neighbourhood policing team and supported by specialist and armed officers took place in the early hours of **Thursday 1st May**.

Once the arrests were made, a thorough search of the property took place, with officers uncovering:

A cannabis grow, large quantities of pre-packed cannabis, a quantity of cocaine and crack cocaine four firearms, which are now being tested, and 9mm ammunition, a butterfly knife..

Inspector Phil Jackson, of the Braintree and Uttlesford Neighbourhood Policing team

SUSPICIOUS PERSON AND ACTIVITY

Multiple sightings in the last few days in and around Hundon of possibly the same dodgy character(s)/vehicle.

A man with scarf covering the lower part of his face knocked very loudly at a front door and when the occupier answered the door he asked for directions to Sudbury (a highly improbable proposition given the location of the house).

Although the registration is invalid, his red van is plated as AV06 GWK.

Note: loud knocking can be used as a way to check whether there are dogs present even if an owner is absent.

Another Hundon resident reports arriving home to find a van, possibly the same vehicle as in the above incident, turning round in their drive and then driving off at speed.

In addition, two statues of sitting greyhound type dogs were stolen from a garden about half a mile away from Hundon during the week, (most likely during the day on **Wednesday 7 May**).

The victim has been advised to report the theft to the police. **IF you see the person and van as described above please contact your local Essex/Suffolk Police .**

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THEFTS OF PLANTS

CRESSING Braintree Road

Between April 25th 23:45hrs and May 6th 09:44hrs
Suspects unknown removed plants and trees from a site

BOCKING Marriott Way

Between May 1st 20:15hrs and May 6th 11:09hrs
Suspects unknown drove a van on to a site and dug up and stole a crate of plants

Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101
Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/61451/25

NEWSLETTER NOTES

At the Braintree District NW AGM on Wednesday 30th April and re-elected were Clive Stewart Chairman & Treasurer, Simon Attwood Deputy Chairman, Louise Smith Secretary and we have added three new persons to the Steering group which was brilliant.

It was an excellent AGM with more attending than we expected ..so we thank everyone for their support..it is only once a year

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.

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CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

SUDBURY Ferriers Lane

Between April 23rd 00:01hrs and May 7th 18:10hrs
Two suspects unknown gained entry to a quarry and damaged plant equipment.

Suspects description:

One : White male youth

Two: Black male youth

Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101
Or Do it Online quoting reference 42/62006/25

BOCKING Arnhem Grove

Between May 7th 00:01hrs and May 8th 09:12hrs
Suspect unknown damaged a rear gate by breaking it off its bottom hinges .

It is unknown if someone was trying to get out of the garden rather than into the garden ..

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WITHAM High field Road

Between May 9th 10:00hrs and May 10th 10:44hrs
Suspect unknown broke a plant in a front garden

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