



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE CRIME!

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THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2025

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THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

STOUR VALLEY

Between Thursday 25th September pm

And Saturday 27th September am

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Between Saturday 20th September
and Friday 3rd October.

BOCKING NORTH, HALSTEAD TRINITY

BUSINESS PREMISES BURGLIED

BRAINTREE CENTRAL

Between Tuesday 23rd September pm
and Wednesday 24th September am

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle.

WITHAM CHIPPING HILL & CENTRAL

Thursday 25th September between am & pm

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle.



ESSEX POLICE

AND HEDINGHAM PARISH PARTNERSHIP NEWS

“Our local Police officers meet regularly with Parish Council representatives. They have asked us to share an alert regarding villages being targeted by suspects from London in a blue Toyota Avensis, always has false plates, committing burglaries on outbuildings.

Any sightings of a suspect vehicle please report location and time seen to the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.



BRAINTREE

St.John's Avenue

Tuesday 30th September
between 10:30hrs and 11:00hrs

“We are appealing for any information, witnesses, doorbell or dashcam footage following two armed robberies of delivery drivers. A delivery driver was robbed by three suspects. All three had their faces covered and one was reportedly carrying a knife.

Wednesday 1st October
between 09:30hrs and 10:30hrs

Keeble Way

Then another delivery driver was robbed by five suspects. These suspects were all wearing black, one was reportedly carrying a knife and **they left the scene in a silver Lexus.**

Several parcels were taken in the incidents.

We have launched an investigation and are now appealing for the public's support. Officers want to hear from anyone with information about these incidents, as well as any doorbell or dashcam footage.

Quote incident number 427 of 30 September, or 364 of 1 October. 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.

Visit our website to find out more about our online reporting services. Alternatively you can call 101. 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.

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 IF SO 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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ARRESTS FOR SHOPLIFTING AND DRUG DEALING

30th September

BRAINTREE TOWN CENTRE

Officers of the Braintree Town Centre Team arrested three individuals in connection with shoplifting offences, one was for failing to appear, and two were arrested for suspicion of possession of drugs with the intent to supply ..

Essex Police say "Thanks to proactive patrols and close collaboration with local partners, reports of shoplifting across the district are down by 45% over the past three months compared to the same period last year.

We are committed to keeping communities safe - but we need your help.

Please report to us so we can track trends and use that information to make sure we're in the right place at the right time.

Did you know that you can report crime, Anti-social behaviour, road collisions and more online, see the link in the comments for more information [#ProtectingAndServingEssex](#)



ARRESTED

WITH BEING IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE

A man has been charged after information given by the public led officers to find a knife.

On **Wednesday 1 October**, officers carried out a search and found a large kitchen knife in a backpack.

A 26-year-old man from **Braintree** was arrested and charged with being in possession of a knife in a public place. He is due to appear at Colchester Magistrate's Court in November.

Essex Police say "Our officers will continue to be in our neighbourhoods, listening to the community, responding to concerns and keeping everyone safe. If you see or hear something that doesn't feel right or causes concern, please tell us.

Your information could help protect others or prevent a crime. Let us know through our website (link in comments). If someone is seriously hurt, in danger, or a crime is happening right now, call 999. You can also report things 100% anonymously and thoroughly independent charity Crimestoppers."

ESSEX POLICE ADVICE **THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**



Mobile phones, change, sunglasses, medication & other quick cash earners are irresistible to opportunist thieves.

The cost of replacing a window is often much more than the things stolen.

For more advice visit our link in the first comment.

[#WeValueOurNeighbourhoods](#)

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ESSEX POLICE: BURGLARS



Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed. They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable.

Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property.

Go to www.essex.police.uk then read "Protecting your home from crime"

Neighbourhood Watch advice :

Never open doors to any one you do not expect..Keep a chain on the door too.

However you can use the Nominated Neighbour Card which prevents you from speaking to any unexpected visitors .

You just show it through the window and they will telephone your Nominated Neighbour who will talk to them . These are available FREE (with full instructions for you and your neighbour) from this newsletter Please send your full name and postal address..



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>

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE FOR NEWSLETTER

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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