



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

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ROBBERY AND THEFTS FROM PERSONS

BRAINTREE SOUTH

Wednesday 29th October apm

Suspects unknown robbed items from a person...

BRAINTREE CENTRAL

Wednesday 29th October am

Suspects unknown stole items from a person...

GREAT NOTLEY & BRAINTREE WEST

Thursday 30th October pm

Suspects unknown stole items from a person...

**DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES
AND ATTEMPTED DWELLING HOUSE
BURGLARIES**

WITHAM SOUTH

Thursday 30th October between am & pm

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house...

UPPER COLNE

Between Friday 24th October pm

and Monday 27th October am

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house...

HALSTEAD TRINITY (2)

Between Tuesday 28th October pm

and Friday 31st October am

Suspects unknown entered two dwelling houses...

HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS(3)

Between Tuesday 28th October am

and Thursday 30th October pm

Suspects unknown entered two dwelling houses
and also attempted to enter another dwelling house
but was unsuccessful...

BRADWELL, SILVER END AND RIVENHALL

Saturday 1st November pm

Suspects unknown attempted to enter a dwelling
house...

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

BRAINTREE EAST

Between Thursday 30th October am

and Friday 31st October am

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle...

BRAINTREE CENTRAL

Between Friday 24th October am

and Monday 27th October am

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle...

BRAINTREE SOUTH

Between Friday 24th October am

and Monday 27th October am

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle

WITHAM WEST

Between Saturday 25th October pm

and Monday 27th October pm

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle

UPPER COLNE

Between Friday 31st October pm

and Saturday 1st November am

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle..

THREE COLNES

Between Thursday 30th October pm

and Friday 31st October am

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor
vehicle

ATTEMPTED THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BRAINTREE EAST

Friday 31st October am

Suspect unknown attempted to remove a motor
vehicle...

BRAINTREE SOUTH

Between Friday 31st October am

and Sunday 2nd November pm

Suspect unknown attempted to remove a motor
vehicle...

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THREE ARRESTS FOLLOWING DISPERSAL ORDER



WITHAM

While policing the dispersal order Halloween night, officers carried out two separate stop searches, each resulting in the recovery of a knife.

In the first incident, a 15-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of possessing an offensive weapon. In the second, a 23-year-old man was arrested under the same suspicion.

Both individuals were taken into custody and interviewed.

These incidents are not linked, and no one was injured.

Enquiries remain ongoing.

Separately, on **Saturday 1st November evening**, a third individual—a 16-year-old boy—was arrested and has since been charged with possession of a knife.

He is due to appear at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court later this month.

That's three more knives off our streets.

Essex Police say "If you have any information about knives or other weapons in our community, please report it to Essex Police or anonymously with Crimestoppers."

THEFTS FROM SHEDS

It is worth advising you what a local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator said to me this week. "(Thefts from) outbuildings/garden sheds is a good indication of low level crime in the neighbourhood. If they've tried your shed , you can bet they've also checked to see if your back door has been left unlocked" ..

A recent shed burglary local to him had chainsaws, a hedge cutter, angle grinder etc..stolen all valued at £1,000...by going through the back gardens .

My knowledge of such thefts also include checking that the back panels of a shed are secured too, as it has been discovered that the panels have been taken away and items stolen and it was not noticed a until the doors were open.....

UPPER COLNE

**Between Monday 27th October pm
and Thursday 30th October pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a shed ...

THREE FIELDS

**Between Tuesday 28th October pm
and Wednesday 29th October am**

Suspect unknown removed items from a shed

FURTHER SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY HUNDON AND SURROUNDING AREAS AGAIN

Friday 31st October 11:30hrs

Another gravel tout in a **white Renault Master (Transit style/size)** with an open-side load space on the back lorry registration **ML63UJF** with a wheel barrow visible was making the rounds.

As before it may help to let such callers know that their visits are not unexpected.

So please keep a watch and protect those who may feel vulnerable and could be taken in by over priced proposals that could leave a mess of their drive if the gravel is laid on an unsuitable surface..

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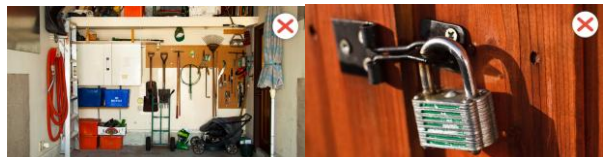
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ESSEX POLICE ADVICE :SHED BURGLARIES

There have been quite a few shed burglaries locally in the past week or two ...So first check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed from theft.



Think like a thief..Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. **And keep it locked at all times.** **Alarm it:** Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren. **Lock it, hide it or mark it :** Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime.

Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain. Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed .. It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view. Never leave your shed door unlocked if you're not around. Keep the door closed between uses so that no one can see what's inside. Property mark your items and take photographs of them. Some tools can be painted with your name or postcode and forensic marking is also an option.

You can also register any item that has a serial number with **Immobilise**. A locksmith belonging to the **Master Locksmiths Association** can advise you on the most secure shed security. They can also help you install it. Most also provide full home security surveys. **The top five most common items stolen from sheds are Bikes, Mowers, Sports equipment, Power tools, Garden tools**

CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND ARSON INCIDENTS

**Between Monday 27th October
and Sunday 2nd November**

**WITHAM SOUTH, WITHAM CHIPPING HILL &
CENTRAL, HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD,
HATFIELD PEVEREL, HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS (2)
GREAT NOTLEY & BRAINTREE WEST,
BUMPSTEAD, BRAINTREE CENTRAL AND
BOCKING & BLACKWATER**

**(ARSON) HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD AND
HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS...**

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>

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NO COLD CALLER STICKERS



These are FREE from this newsletter.

If you would like to receive any please email this newsletter with your full name and postal address

Please say how many you and your neighbours would like..(*that is important*) they will be posted to you ..(*not being rude!*)

SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER **JANUARY TO JUNE 2026**

So everyone has seen the email version and I am waiting to hear how many are keen to distribute copies and how many they would like to be delivered to your door in January ..

If you have not seen it please let me know by sending me an email to the newsletter..

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES FOR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter covers:

Acton, Althamstone, 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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