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**BRAINTREE Coggeshall Road**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**COCAINE DEALER ARRESTED  
BY SHARP-EYED NPT OFFICERS AND IS JAILED**



A cocaine dealer was arrested after our Neighbourhood Policing Team officers spotted him in acting suspiciously in Braintree has been jailed for one year and 10 months. He had previously admitted possession of cocaine with intent to supply. The Court heard that the Officers caught up with the 35-year-old Northampton man in Stisted and promptly arrested him. Subsequent police searches led to the seizure of a large quantity of cocaine and some cannabis. Inspector Phil Jackson says: "This arrest is a great example of our officers noticing something that was out of place while out on patrol and acting on instinct. Drugs damage our neighbourhoods in all sorts of ways and we take a dim view of anyone coming here to deal drugs and causing harm to our communities. This arrest is a great example of our officers noticing something that was out of place while out on patrol and acting on instinct. Drugs damage our neighbourhoods in all sorts of ways and we take a dim view of anyone coming here to deal drugs and causing harm to our communities." The court also made several orders: for the man to forfeit £450 cash seized; for the destruction of drugs seized; and for the man to be deprived of a car, a phone and a bank card. A second charge of possession with intent to supply cannabis was ordered to lie on file.

**ROBBERY AND THEFTS FROM PERSONS  
BRAINTREE CENTRAL**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a person...**

**WITHAM NORTH**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a person...**

**HATFIELD PEVERAL**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a person...**

**DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES  
AND  
ATTEMPTED DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES  
BRAINTREE CENTRAL**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from dwelling house...**

**HALSTEAD ST ANDREWS**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown attempted to enter a dwelling house....**

**KELVEDON**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from dwelling house...**

**WITHAM WEST**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from dwelling house...**

**THEFT FROM GARAGES OR SHEDS  
BOCKING NORTH**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a shed or garage....**

**CRESSING & STISTED**

**Between Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November pm  
and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November am**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a shed or garage....**

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### **THEFTS AND ATTEMPTED THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **BLACK NOTLEY & TERLING**

**Between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November pm  
and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November am**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

#### **BOCKING SOUTH**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

#### **BRAINTREE SOUTH**

**Between Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November pm  
and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

#### **BUMPSTEAD**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

#### **WITHAM CHIPPING HILL & CENTRAL**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November m**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

#### **CRESSING & STISTED (2)**

**Between Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> pm  
and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November pm**

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...

**Between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 26<sup>th</sup> pm  
and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November am**

Suspect unknown attempted to remove items from a motor vehicle...

#### **KELVEDON (2)**

**Between Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November pm  
and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November am**

Suspects unknown attempted to remove items from two motor vehicles...

### **THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**



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

Replacing a window is often much more than the things stolen...

### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS**

**Between Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**BELCHAMP ST. PAUL Nr. Mashey Road  
and SIBLE HEDINGHAM**

#### **GRAFFITI**



Substantial graffiti on a wall of a warehouse and various other areas. It has been reported to Essex Police and Braintree District Council are aware..

Any information contact Essex Police telephone 101 or Do It Online or contact Crimestoppers

**BOCKING SOUTH, BRADWELL, SILVER END AND RIVENHALL, BUMPSTEAD (2) RAYNE (2) WITHAM WEST. Other areas with criminal damage**

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**THEFTS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**

**WITHAM SOUTH**

**Saturday 29th November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle**

**ESSEX POLICE CRIME REPORT UPDATE**

*As most of you have noticed that the information from Essex Police HQ of weekly automated crime reports has been minimal since the Essex Watch Liaison Officers were made redundant.*

**However since that time NW has had several meetings and communications with Essex Police and from 31<sup>st</sup> December there will be more information as follows:-**

*There will be a date and time of the crime incident rather than Monday to Friday am or pm ....*

*There will be a partial postal code showing the first three digits plus the first number of the last three digits ....*

The reports will be available from Mondays covering the previous weeks Monday to the Sundays .There will be a report of the previous four weeks of information as well ...

**Although not covering all of the NW needs for specific information it is a way forward...**

**BUSINESS PREMISES BURGLARIES**

**BUMPSTEAD**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**Between am & pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises**

**RAYNE**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises**

**WITHAM CHIPPING HILL & CENTRAL**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> pm**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises**

**ESSEX POLICE AWARENESS**



**CUCKOOING**

Cuckooing is when criminals take over someone's home to use it as a base for crime. The victim's home may be used for: dealing drugs, storing weapons, sex work, other illegal activities .By using the victim's home, the criminal hopes they can avoid the police.

**Victims of cuckooing**

Criminals usually target vulnerable people.

This may be: someone with a drug or alcohol problem, someone with money troubles..someone with a mental health issue or disability, or an elderly person.

**How it happens**

The criminal often gives the victim something first.

This could be money, drugs, or help.

Later, they convince the victim to let them use their home. They may do this through intimidation or as part of a friendly relationship.

Once inside the home, the criminal usually becomes more aggressive.

They take control, and other criminals may visit or stay there. The situation may become so bad that the victim no longer wants to be in the home. The criminal may try to make the victim do things, like sell drugs.

The victim may feel too frightened to tell anyone.

They may still care about the criminal and see them as a friend.

**Signs to watch for**

Some of these things could be a sign of cuckooing.

The victim may show: a change in mood, a change in behaviour, for example, less contact with family, friends or neighbours, a change in routine, a change in appearance, for example, an injury, weight loss or not taking care of how they dress, At or around the home, you may notice ie: lots of visitors, bikes and cars always arriving or parked nearby, antisocial behaviour, graffiti or damage, litter such as alcohol bottles or cans, drug-related items such as syringes, foil or cling film.

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**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](http://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 COMMENTS**

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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