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**MAN ARRESTED IMITATION FIREARM**

**WITHAM**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

A man has been arrested and charged following an incident involving an imitation firearm. Information was passed to us by members of the community, which allowed officers to act swiftly and ensure the community remained safe.

As a result of this investigation, a **55-year-old man** was arrested and later charged in connection with the incident.

He was taken straight to court on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** where he was remanded in custody. His next hearing is scheduled for January at Chelmsford Crown Court.

*Essex Police say "We want to thank everyone who came forward and shared vital information.*

*Your vigilance and support play a crucial role in helping us keep our communities safe.*

*If you see something that doesn't feel right, please report it this can be done either to the police directly or anonymously via Crimestoppers.*

*Together, we can make a difference."*

**DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES**

**RAYNE**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December am**

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

**KELVEDON**

**Between Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December pm**

**and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December am**

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



**CRESSING**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Braintree Neighbourhood Policing Team and officers from the Braintree Neighbourhood Policing Team, supported by specialist colleagues, arrested a man as part of an ongoing investigation into five separate reports relating to dog offences.

As part of the investigation, a dog has been safely removed and is currently being checked by veterinary professionals to ensure its welfare.



Essex Police say "Alongside our partners at Braintree District Council and Eastlight Community Homes, we are taking steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the local community. The man has been released on bail while enquiries continue.

Our team remains committed to thoroughly investigating these reports and ensuring the safety of both the community and animals involved."

**ROBBERY AND THEFTS FROM PERSONS**

**HALSTEAD TRINITY**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December pm**

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

**BRAINTREE CENTRAL**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December am**

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

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### **MAN ARRESTED FOR SUPPLYING COCAINE** **LITTLE BRAXTED Kelvedon Road**



A man was arrested by officers by keen-eyed Maldon Neighbourhood Policing officers and has been sentenced for supplying cocaine. The man aged 24, was spotted by the officers in Kelvedon Road on 11 June 2025 and they stopped him shortly afterwards in Carters Lane.

As they caught up with his car, the man was seen throwing a package out of the window into undergrowth at the side of the lane. The officers recovered the package, which contained £400 of cocaine in deal wraps, and a search of the car revealed two mobile phones and £215 in the msn's wallet. At a previous court hearing, the man of Green Lane, Wixams in Bedfordshire, admitted possession with intent to supply cocaine and he was sentenced on 27 November at Chelmsford Crown Court.



Officers in Braintree are looking to trace the owner of some distinctive items, believed to have possibly been stolen from a burglary.

The items, pictured below, were found by a member of the public in the garden of a licenced premises on Coggeshall Road, Braintree on the evening of **Saturday 29th November 2025**.

If you have any information on these items, please contact us via the Essex Police website or on 101 quoting incident reference EP-20251129-0092.

You can also provide information anonymously via Crimestoppers.



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**THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**RAYNE Shalford Road**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December early hours**

**Suspect(s) unknown removed a red monkey bike ( small motorcycle) ) and tools ....**

**Any information contact Essex Police Tel 101 or Do it online or via Crimestoppers..**

**BRAINTREE CENTRAL**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December am**

**Suspect(s) unknown removed a motor vehicle ..**

**HALSTEAD ST.ANDREWS**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December pm**

**Suspect(s) unknown removed a motor vehicle ..**

**THREE COLNES (2)**

**Between Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December pm**

**and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December pm**

**Suspect(s) unknown removed a motor vehicle..**

**BUSINESS PREMISES BURGLARIES**

**BUMPSTEAD**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December between am & pm**

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

**HATFIELD PEVEREL**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December am**

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

**WITHAM WEST**

**Between Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December pm**

**and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December pm**

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

**THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

**HATFIELD PEVEREL**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December am**

**Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle...**

**HEDINGHAM & MAPLESTEAD**

**Between Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December pm**

**and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December am**

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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>

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**CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS**

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**BRAINTREE CENTRAL, BRAINTREE SOUTH,  
GOSFIELD & GREENSTEAD GREEN, HALSTEAD  
ST.ANDREWS, HALSTEAD TRINITY , KELVEDON,  
WITHAM CHIPPING HILL & CENTRAL, WITHAM  
WEST(3) GREAT YELDHAM  
**ARSON** BRAINTREE EAST**

**BIG NEWS UPDATE**

Some weeks ago I advised you that there was to be ( for the first time ever) a Braintree District Neighbourhod Watch Members Guide which will not only explain what Neighbourhood Watch is all about but also the responsibilities of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators.

In addition there are pages from Essex Police Braintree District Commander, Essex Police, Deputy Chief Constable Rachel Nolan , Essex Police Friends against Scams ,The Braintree District Community Safety Partnership, Braintree District Council's "How to report Anti Social Behaviour", Essex Fire & Rescue Service , Crimestoppers and much more...

This Members Guide will be published by email in early January and also have a large print run for those who would like copies.

Braintree District's Community Safety Partnership has contributed 50% towards the print run which is very much appreciated..

**So please look out for more information just after the New Year...**

**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.



**Clive Stewart Braintree District NW Chairman  
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