



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HELPS TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CRIME!

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THE WEEKLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER Week ending **MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026**
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WOMAN CHARGED
FOLLOWING SHOPLIFTING INCIDENT
BRAINTREE VILLAGE

**Between Saturday 3rd January
to Sunday 4th January**

A 38-year-old woman has been charged after reports of shoplifting .

She faces charges of:

Shoplifting (valued at around £200)

Going equipped to steal after a foil-lined bag was found .

Assault after a security officer was punched during the incident,

The woman was remanded in police custody and appeared in court, where she was given strict bail conditions, including not entering Braintree.

She is due to return to court at a later date.

Essex Police say..

Reports of shoplifting in Braintree are down 27% compared to last year, but we continue to work closely with local shops and security teams to reduce this even further.

DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES
HALSTEAD (Two occasions)

**Wednesday 7th January 12:00hrs
and Monday 5th January
between 19:38hrs & 19:47hrs**

Suspect unknown entered dwelling houses...

WITHAM Newland Street

Thursday 8th January

Between 16:30hrs & 22:45hrs

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house...

ROBBERY OF A PERSON

WITHAM Maldon Road/Newland Streret

Thursday 8th January between 14:30hrs & 15:30hrs

Suspect unknown robbed a person..

THEFTS AND ATTEMPTED THEFTS
FROM AND OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BRAINTREE

Weavers Close/Rana Court

Monday 5th January between 03:00hrs & 05:00hrs

Mace Avenue/St.Michaels Drive

Monday 5th January 05:59hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle

Mace Avenue/St.Michaels Drive

Tuesday 6th January between 02:05hrs & 02:12hrs

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

Meadows Close and Thistledown

Between Wednesday 7th January 16:00hrs

and Thursday 8th January 03:20hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle

Bocking End

Friday 9th January 03:53hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle

Bradfords Court/St.Peter's Road

Friday 9th January 02:00hrs

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

Liefield Close/Parnell Place/Plaiters Way

Saturday 10th January 21:56hrs

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

HALSTEAD (Two occasions)

Mount Hill/Willow Way

Monday 5th January between 03:00hrs & 05:00hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a motor vehicle

Mount Hill/Willow Way

Wednesday 7th January between 09:30hrs & 1:30hrs

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle

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 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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RISING TREND: NUMBER PLATE THEFTS

"We've seen an increase in number plates being stolen from cars across the district. While this isn't a new crime, we want to raise awareness and help you protect your vehicle.

Why do thieves steal plates?

Stolen plates are often used to disguise vehicles involved in crime, such as fuel theft or avoiding speed cameras. Occasionally, they're even taken for unusual reasons—like being used under skateboards.

How to reduce the risk:

- Use anti-theft screws or security bolts for your plates.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas or a secure garage whenever possible.
- Consider CCTV or dash cams for added deterrence.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to the police."

CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

BRAINTREE

Bocking End

Wednesday 7th January 01:00hrs

Coggeshall Road

Monday 5th January between 11:50hrs & 15:41hrs

WITHAM Newland Street (two occasions)

Wednesday 7th January 14:16hrs

Thursday 8th January 13:53hrs

BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES

HALSTEAD High Street

Thursday 8th January between 03:00hrs & 04:00hrs

Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises..

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 NOTES

PLEASE NOTE

Essex Police advise in their crime reports when the crime occurred but where the crime has been committed is by a postal code or part postal code so this newsletter will give an indication of the areas by using the postal codes or part postal code.

SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Most if not all have received your six monthly newsletters to distribute them and the good news is that you have six months to do so..

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. If for any reason you no longer want to receive this newsletter in 2026 please reply with the words "Unsubscribe"..(which will be acknowledged) no reason needs to be given and your email address will be deleted from the bcc list.

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