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#### **JAIL FOR DRUG DEALER**



#### **BRAINTREE**

##### **Court and Convicted News**

**20<sup>th</sup> January**

A man has been jailed for drugs offences following a vehicle stop by two sharp-eyed Neighbourhood Policing Officers in Braintree.

They spotted the car, being driven by a 36 year old man, in Coggeshall Road, while they were out on a targeted patrol on 7 October 2025.

A search of the car under section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act located multiple bags of white powder in a panel in the car, plus £370 in cash. The cocaine was estimated to have a value of up to £800 if it had been sold on the street. The man admitted possession with intent to supply cocaine and acquiring, using or possessing criminal property was jailed for a total of two years and three months when he appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on 15 January.

Investigating officer PC Aris Sahin said after the case: "We will continue to target those like this man who think they can profit from drug dealing, ensure they are brought before the courts and prevent drugs from reaching our communities and causing untold harm." The court also made orders for the forfeiture of the cash and for the forfeiture and destruction of a mobile phone and the drugs. The man of Wiford Drive, Romford, was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge.



#### **DRUG WARRANT EXECUTED**

#### **BRAINTREE**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10:30hrs**

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team executed a drugs warrant at a house.

A man has been arrested and is currently in police custody on suspicion of drug and weapons offences. Enquiries are ongoing.

Essex Police say "We rely on information from the public to tackle criminal activity in our communities.

You never know — that piece of information you pass on could be the missing piece of the puzzle.

If you have information and would prefer to remain anonymous, you can contact Crimestoppers.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Braintree safe".



#### **PROACTIVE POLICING**

#### **WITHAM**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

As part of ongoing plain-clothed patrols around the district, officers observed some suspicious activity.

A car was stopped and officers found approx £500 worth of what is believed to be Class A drugs.

A man has been arrested and enquiries are ongoing.

We carry out regular plain-clothed patrols across the district, focusing on areas highlighted by community information and intelligence. Essex Police say "Your information really does help us target where we go and what we focus on. If you have information you'd like to pass to the police but don't want to provide your name or address, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously. Together, we can continue to protect our communities..

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#### **HATFIELD PEVEREL Arla Mews area**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

We are aware of reports involving a group of youths knocking on doors and asking for someone named "Albie", who residents have confirmed does not live locally. The group has also been seen:

Attending the area at similar times in the evening  
Checking whether residents are home  
Looking into driveways, carports, and between garden fences.

**This behaviour has caused concern within the local community.**

**Description (for awareness):** The group is described as white males aged approximately 14–16.

One is described as having fair, curly/bushy hair. The other has short hair, a medium build, & is appx 5ft 8.

**What we need from you:**

If you live in or around Arla Mews and have any information that may assist us, please email: [braintreenpt@essex.police.uk](mailto:braintreenpt@essex.police.uk)

If you have CCTV, doorbell, or dashcam footage, please upload this using the link in the comments.

You can also provide information anonymously via Crimestoppers. Your information helps us identify patterns and keep the community safe.

Thank you for your continued vigilance and support.



#### **MAN CHARGED WITH COCAINE OFFENCE**

**RAYNE Old Challis Rise**

**January 22nd**

A Cambridge man has been sent for crown court trial accused of possession with intent to supply cocaine in Rayne. The man 18, of Akeman Street, was arrested by a Braintree Neighbourhood Policing Officer. The man who has not yet entered a plea, is to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on 20th February for a plea and trial preparation hearing. The man was charged with cocaine offence.

#### **DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES**

#### **& ATTEMPTED DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES**

**GESTINGTHORPE Church Street,**

**Early hours of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Suspect unknown tried to move the door handle of a front door of a house. The householder had been told of the same thing happening, a week before, to a property in Audley End, Gestingthorpe.

**HALSTEAD CO94**

**The Bungalows, Ridgewell Road, Mill Road**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**between 04:00hrs and 05:00hrs**

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

**BRAINTREE**

**CM75 Thistledown, Meadow Close**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 23:00hrs**

Suspect unknown attempted to enter a dwelling house

**CM32 Terling Road, Hatfield Road**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 16:25hrs**

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

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#### **BRAINTREE/STISTED :**

**CM778: Coggeshall Road, Hadfield Drive**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 23:35hrs**

Suspect unknown attempted to remove a motor vehicle

#### **BRAINTREE:**

**CM79: Bradfords Court, Bocking End,**

**Kingfisher Gate**

**Thursday 22nd January 03:40hrs**

Suspect unknown attempted to remove a motor vehicle

#### **WITHAM:**

**CM82 Maldon Road, Saturn Way,**

**Pippin Croft, Newland Street:**

Suspect unknown removed a motor vehicle...

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 05:53hrs**

### **BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES**

#### **WITHAM**

**CM81 Newland Street, Purcell Road, Bridge Street**

**Between Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 16:15hrs**

**And Thursday 22nd January 07:30hrs**

Suspect unknown removed items from a business premises..

### **ESSEX POLICE CRIME REPORTS**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Essex Police advise in their crime reports when the crime has occurred. The day and time or between days and times ..But where the crime has been committed is advised now only by part postal code.

So this newsletter will give an indication of the areas by looking up the part postal code as described by the Post Office and this issue will also show the part postal codes advised by Essex Police too....

### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS**

#### **BRAINTREE:**

**CM79: Bradfords Court, Bocking End,**

**Kingfisher Gate**

**Between Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 22:00hrs**

**and Thursday 22nd January 09:00hrs**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 18:19hrs**

**CM778: Coggeshall Road, Hadfield Drive**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January between 15:41hrs & 18:15hrs**

**CM75 Thistledown, Meadow Close**

**Thursday 22nd January**

**between 10:00hrs & 11:38hrs**

**CM71 George Yard Shopping Centre,**

**Tortoiseshell Way ,Driberg Way**

**Thursday 22nd January**

**between 11:05hrs & 17:08hrs**

### **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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#### **ESSEX POLICE RECOMMENDED**

#### **IMMOBILISE**

#### **AT A RECENT BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW MEETING**



By registering valuables on *immobilise.com* owners can put details of their prized possessions on a national database that police can access and compare against items that have been found or recovered from suspected criminals.

The online service is totally free and is quick and easy to use. Items marked as being registered with Immobilise are less likely to be stolen, and households displaying Immobilise stickers are less likely to be targeted by burglars.

**Website : [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)**

#### **BRAINTREE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

**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, Finchfield, Foxearth, Gestingthorpe, Gosfield, Great Henny, Great Maplestead, Great Notley, Great Yeldham, Great Waldingfield, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Hatfield Peverel, 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, Topesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, and Witham.



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Chairman  
Braintree District NW  
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**DATE IN YOUR DIARY**  
**BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**AT MAURICE ROWSON HALL**  
**GOSFIELD**  
**Where parking is brilliant !!!**  
**14:00HRS**

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