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JAIL FOR DRUG DEALER



BRAINTREE

Court and Convicted News

20th 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 Wideford Drive, Romford, was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge.



DRUG WARRANT EXECUTED

BRAINTREE

Wednesday 21st 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 22nd 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 23rd 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

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 23rd 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 21st January

between 04:00hrs and 05:00hrs

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

BRAINTREE

CM75 Thistledown, Meadow Close

Monday 19th January 23:00hrs

Suspect unknown attempted to enter a dwelling house

CM32 Terling Road, Hatfield Road

Thursday 22nd January 16:25hrs

Suspect unknown entered a dwelling house

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BRAINTREE/STISTED :

CM778: Coggeshall Road, Hadfield Drive

Tuesday 20th 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 21st January 05:53hrs**

CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

BRAINTREE:

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

**Between Wednesday 21st January 22:00hrs
and Thursday 22nd January 09:00hrs
Sunday 25th January 18:19hrs**

CM778: Coggeshall Road, Hadfield Drive

Friday 23rd 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**

BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES

WITHAM

CM81 Newland Street, Purcell Road, Bridge Street

Between Wednesday 21st January 16:15hrs

And Thursday 22nd January 07:30hrs

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>

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....

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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

DATE IN YOUR DIARY

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026

AT MAURICE ROWSON HALL

GOSFIELD

Where parking is brilliant !!!

14:00HRS

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, Finchingfield, 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, Toppesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, and Witham.



Clive Stewart

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Braintree District NW

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