

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

Six Monthly Newsletter - May to November 2022



From left to right

:Terry Fowles, Paul Harris and Kevin Blake

Let us introduce ourselves, we are The Three Wisemen or better known as Essex Watch Liaison Officers (EWLO's). One of our roles is to liaise with NHW throughout the County.

On a weekly basis we send out the Crime Reports for each of our areas and at times we send out Crime Prevention Advice, especially if we become aware of a specific trend, for example, if there has been a spate of shed break-ins, or catalytic converters being stolen. We each cover specific areas with Terry covering Braintree, Chelmsford, Maldon Tendring and Colchester. Paul covering Brentwood, Harlow, Uttlesford and Epping Forest. Kevin covering Southend, Castle Point, Rochford, Basildon and Thurrock. Quite often we are the person in the middle when it comes to queries from NHW members, and we are able to direct them in the right direction or give Crime Prevention advice ourselves. We can also contact the relevant officers in regard to their issue. The one thing to point out here is that we are not to be contacted to report a crime, that has to be done via 999, 101 or online.

We are working well with the Community Safety and Engagement Officers that have been introduced and we use them for advice when needed and vice versa We circulate their newsletters when asked.

We attend many community events throughout the year, or at least we did before Covid-19, like the Clacton Air show, Young Farmers show, Ernest Doe Show, Barleylands and RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show which is a five-day event, and all these are very well attended. We tailor each event to its needs so that we are hitting the specific target.

This is where we again are able to give advice on many issues and also recruit members of the public to particular specialised Watch schemes that we run. We all believe that it's important to see a Police presence at these events. We also cover local events in our specific areas. These include events like local hospice fetes, coffee with cops, community awareness days, dog awareness days and many others. We have all completed a three-day basic course in crime prevention and problem solving which allows us to do site visits to households and give out good sound crime prevention advice. We also reach out to vulnerable groups and give talks to them, to make them feel safer in their homes. Groups include Stroke Victims, Visually Impaired, U3A, WI, and Dementia groups. Again, we make sure that when they leave the event they feel safer and better about themselves and not more frightened. Hopefully we will be back out there very soon.

The EWLOs also have many other Watch schemes that we run on behalf of Essex Police and which NHW members may not be aware of. Each of these Watches receive a weekly update similar to the Crime Reports but county-wide and specific to the Watch title and again we add relevant information to those members. The Schemes we run on behalf of Essex Police are: Dog Watch, Rural and Farm Watch, Caravan Watch, Heritage Watch, Business Watch, Allotment Watch and Marine Watch. Each of these Watches receive a weekly update similar to The Crime Reports you receive but County wide and specific to the Watch title and again we add relevant information to those members. If you would like to join any of them please email us at

essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk

For more information visit the Essex Police Website and search for "Essex Watch".

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I hope that you will find this six monthly newsletter interesting. It is great to advise you that little by little we are increasing our Co-ordinators and members in Braintree District whether they have access to a computer/smart phone/internet/social media or not - we welcome everyone. We try very hard to keep in touch with you all even though you may not have an email address so please let me know who you are by sending a letter /note to me via a family member/neighbour or friend via email first and I shall be in touch.

This year we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch in the UK - see the new logo in the top of the newsletter. This proves that Neighbourhood Watch has been successful in helping to reduce the opportunity of crime and has excellent working relationships with Essex Police, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioners, Crimestoppers and Victim Support.

If you would like to have the weekly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter which is a summary of Braintree Police crime reports that week which is by email only then please send a request to braintreenwsg@btinternet.com. If you do not have access to a computer please contact me on 01787 278007 if you would like to receive any Neighbourhood Watch items which are window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, No Cold Caller stickers, contactless card protector wallets. Nominated Neighbour Cards, promotional pens and key rings, Members guides and valid Neighbourhood Watch Members badges..

Clive Stewart Chairman, Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND PARTNERS

You may not know that Essex County NW Association have signed Partnership Agreements with Essex Police, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioners, Essex Fire Rescue Services and Victim Support to distribute each others information. WE also have an agreement with Crimestoppers to distribute their information too. These organisations work with us to reduce the opportunity of crime and keep our communities safe.

DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ?

Have you are recently become, or have been for years, a local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and you distribute information to your group by email or sometimes by hand, especially to those who have no access or need for a computer or the internet! As you know it is very important to keep in touch with everyone whatever their age so they feel part of Neighbourhood Watch (even without a computer) .

It always raises the profile of Neighbourhood Watch and reduces the opportunity of crime together!

So maybe you would like to join the Braintree District Neighbourhood Steering Group?

We meet every three months and we hear what everyone actions to cover their areas over a very social meeting. If you are interested please send an email to me on braintreenwsg@btinternet.com and I will advise you of the next meeting date .

We always meet The Maurice Rowson Hall, Gosfield as parking is so easy and it is usually at 14:00hrs.

You may like to know that our Annual General Meeting is Tuesday 14th June and if you would like to attend please let me know.

Look forward to hearing from you

Clive Stewart

Chairman Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch

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