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Welcome to the second Halstead Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

We have started the Safer Streets Campaign by funding many extra items to provide to all Neighbourhood Watch new members and also current members who can help raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch in Halstead.

So it would be very much appreciated if you could again send this newsletter to everyone you know who lives in Halstead

If you are already involved with Neighbourhood Watch that is great but you may know someone who wants the information to be part of Neighbourhood Watch where they live so please advise them to contact this newsletter with their full name and postal address.

As you know we only distribute information from reliable sources who are our partners ie: Essex Police, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Crimestoppers and Victim Support and we often use information from Essex Police Facebook and Twitter.

**Please remember that for those who do not have a computer or have no need or have access to the internet that we are here to do our very best that they receive information in a format that can be of use to them.**

Also do look at Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association's website [www.essexnwa.co.uk](http://www.essexnwa.co.uk) click on the main menu and "Taking Part" and scroll down and there is a video for those who are hard of hearing saying that Neighbourhood Watch is available to everyone!

So what do you need to know about Neighbourhood Watch?

**Well firstly membership is FREE.**

Yes there are no subscriptions or fees or even payment for any of the Neighbourhood Watch items.

What is available to anyone interested ?

We provide a weekly newsletter, by email and is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year every week and is a summary of Essex Police local crime report, a six monthly newsletter hardcopy and by email, an Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Members Guide (by email too), a valid members badge, promotional pens, No Cold Caller stickers, window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, TV Simulators, (which you switch on and it gives an impression someone is watching television when you are not at home) personal alarms, that are attached to your bags/purses so if anyone tries to snatch a bag the alarm will sound, purse bells and cables to protect your bag/purse, UV pens to mark any personal property so if they are stolen and recovered by Essex Police they will have a good indication who are the owners, contactless card protector wallets, a pack of special screws to secure most motor vehicle's registration plates, Defender Signal blockers (for Smart phones and devices for cars without keys), Nominated Neighbour Cards (to prevent those who may feel vulnerable (whatever their age) opening their doors to unexpected callers) these are free! **Want to join Neighbourhood Watch and receive some of these items? Please contact this newsletter for an order form with your full name and postal address.**

Neighbourhood Watch has reduced the opportunity of crime since 1982. Please note that membership has not only increased in Braintree District but also throughout Essex. We are always here to help those who may feel vulnerable by assisting them in protecting their own property.

Neighbourhood Watch works locally with all Neighbourhood Policing Teams to ensure that we distribute quickly any urgent information which helps to reduce crime. Finally we always keep everyone's contact details confidential (emails are sent out bcc) and we never use the Neighbourhood Watch database to promote any business..

It is hoped that the Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group, many have been involved with Neighbourhood Watch for more than 30 years) can be of help and service to anyone who contacts us.

So we look forward to hearing from you.

Clive Stewart, Chairman, Braintree District NW