

BRAINTREE AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Welcome to our six monthly newsletter in 2020.

This Newsletter covers from March/April to October 2020 however most of you receive the weekly newsletter which is a summary of crime incidents in and around your communities. If you do not receive it please send an email to nwnewsletter@btinternet.com and you will be added to the distribution list.

This six monthly newsletter brings to your attention what Neighbourhood Watch achieves and how we work with Essex Police, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner of Essex, Crimestoppers and Victim Support to reduce the opportunity of crime in Braintree District which includes Witham, Halstead and Braintree.

Neighbourhood Watch membership in Braintree District is slowly increasing year on year. This is due to the excellent support and hard work by so many Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and their members as their dedication is very much appreciated.

At our Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch meeting in January many of the Co-ordinators were thanked by presenting them with a special Neighbourhood Watch badge which acknowledged the 25th Anniversary of Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association.

We also presented to PCSO Terrie Johnson a special badge to thank her for her continued excellent support for Neighbourhood Watch in Braintree District.

We do have new Neighbourhood Watch members badges they are bigger and are only available from Braintree District NW Steering Group they are not available from any website. They confirm that those who wear these new badges are genuine Neighbourhood Watch members.

IF you would like this new large badge please contact me via this newsletter with your full name and address and the name of your Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Finally may I thank each and everyone of you for all your support for Neighbourhood Watch as it does reduce the opportunity of crime.

ESSEX POLICE: REPORTING A CRIME?

Dial 999 to report a crime in progress or there is a danger to life. To report any other non emergency crime dial 101 or "Do it Online".

If you want a guide as to how to complete the information online please send an email to this newsletter and the simple instructions (agreed with Essex Police) which show copies of the screens will be sent to you.

Neighbourhood Watch Street Signs-great news!



In February I was successful in receiving a grant from Essex Community Foundation of £500 towards the purchase of Neighbourhood Watch Street signs. These funds were in fact awarded from the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Charitable Fund.

They will help raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch more in Braintree District.

The signs and fittings are available on request by any Braintree District approved and established Neighbourhood Watch Groups just email Clive Stewart, Chairman of BDNWSG your full details of your Neighbourhood Watch Group to braintreenwsg@btinternet.com.

However before receiving the signs there are forms to complete to send to Essex Highways who will approve the placing of the signs on appropriate posts.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that you are covered under the National Neighbourhood Watch Public Liability Insurance to place the approved signs, which are plastic and plastic ties, on posts. Each of these signs show the Braintree Community Safety Partnership logo which supports Neighbourhood Watch in Braintree District.

ARE YOU A TWITTER USER?

If you can become a Twitter user it would be very beneficial knowing what your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams action and achieve daily.

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER AS AN ACTIVE CITIZEN AND WORK WITH ESSEX POLICE TO REDUCE CRIME?
PLEASE SEND YOUR FULL DETAILS AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk**