

BRAINTREE AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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I feel very honoured to be asked to be part of this newsletter as I have had the privilege of working with Neighbourhood Watch for the last 15 years and look forward to many more years to come.

I have worked for Essex Police since January 2007 starting in the Control Room.

In November 2008 I had the privilege of changing roles looking after the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, working with Police Support Volunteers, our fantastic Essex Watch Liaison Officers and of course Neighbourhood Watch.

Since 2017 my portfolio grew to work with Volunteer Police Cadets and Collaboration work with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and in 2020 with our amazing Special Constabulary who work so hard to support our communities.

I have the best job in Essex Police as I get to work with many amazing Volunteers and partner agencies who support Essex Police every day.

In December 2021 I was awarded the British Empire Medal for my services to volunteering and the community.

It was a total surprise and very unexpected.

In June 2022 I took my mum to the Queens Garden Party which again was an honour and a very special day that I will never forget.

WELCOME!

To the second six monthly newsletter 2023!

You may like to know that regularly, as Chairman of ECNWA I have meetings with Jenny Brouard who is the main contact in Essex Police with Essex Neighbourhood Watch.

We work very well together to build a great relationship with Essex Police to reduce the opportunity of crime and make Essex a safer place to live. So opposite is an article on Jenny Brouard which I hope you will find interesting?

Clive Stewart, Chairman, Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch and Chairman of Essex County NW Association.

Crimestoppers : Stronger together

You'll know that Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up about crime – 100% anonymously. And like you, we believe everyone has the right to feel safe from crime, whoever they are and wherever they live. You may also know that Essex Crimestoppers volunteers work closely with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers helping to promote community safety across the county. Working together means that we can be stronger together to help keep our neighbours and our streets safer. Crime can be worrying, and some people refuse to speak to police or authorities for a host of reasons from fear of retribution to cultural expectations. That's where Crimestoppers can help. We take information about crime and criminals online or on the phone anonymously – we don't want to know who's giving the information just what they know. It's 100 per cent anonymous, always.

We're open 24/7, 365 days a year by phone 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

This year Essex Crimestoppers will have sent nearly 7,000 reports about crime to Essex Police and it will result in dozens of people being arrested and charged. The more people who tell us what they know about crime, then the quicker police can take action. It could even stop crime. If as volunteers we can help spread the message about what Crimestoppers does and what Neighbourhood Watch does, then we can all be safer. Tell your neighbours and friends about our organisations, ask them to join, to volunteer. The more people who join Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch, the stronger we are and the safer we are. Together we are stronger.

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THE BIGGER PICTURE

In 1982 Neighbourhood Watch began in the UK and at the time there were some people who thought less of it basically it was due to their not understanding what was the role of Neighbourhood Watch in their communities. Since that time many have recognised how useful and beneficial Neighbourhood Watch can be especially by distributing information from reliable sources eg Essex Police, Crimestoppers, Police Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office, Essex Fire & Rescue Service and Victim Support all of which work with Neighbourhood Watch to reduce the opportunity of crime.

Membership (which is FREE) has increased throughout Essex in that time too.

Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association has fourteen Districts each of which is managed by District Co-ordinators and they regularly keep in touch with their co-ordinators who then send information to their members.

This network has been recognised by Essex Police especially as many residents in various communities can now be aware of crime not only local to them but also those not on their doorstep. So it is hoped that everyone will take extra care in protecting their own property more effectively and also help those who may feel vulnerable (whatever their age) to do the same. Neighbourhood Watch is always available to everyone including those who may have difficulties in communication ie hard of hearing, visually impaired or deaf blind. We do our very best to ensure that everyone will receive information in whatever way is best for them.

Now over the years Neighbourhood Watch has changed .

As I said it started in 1982 and Co-ordinators used to receive phone calls from local police on crimes/messages and the co-ordinators wrote out the messages on slips of paper and popped them through their local neighbours doors. Even now regular newsletters are delivered to the door to many and which is appreciated.

However day by day or week in week out there can be urgent messages that the communities need to be aware of so now we use emails, WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook..

But not everyone needs to be on computer or have access to the internet and we recognise that fact. Yes although we live in the 21st Century we need to ensure that we can communicate to everyone as often as possible.

There is now a BIGGER PICTURE as Neighbourhood Watch is reaching out to more in all communities and is involved not only with distributing daily/weekly crime information and newsletters but now it is part of your local Independent Voluntary Group (who discuss with Essex Police their concerns), your local Community Safety Partnerships, involved with The Home Office Safety Streets Funding.

In addition with Essex Police help many are taking the opportunity to become Scam Ambassadors too with Friends against Scams.

We are also requested to update everyone on crimes against the person whatever their age. This ensures that more information is available to everyone on how we can be useful in reducing all crime. This shows how Neighbourhood Watch is continuing to be of benefit to all.

If you want to be part of Neighbourhood Watch or you know someone who is keen , why not look at www.essexnwa.co.uk and click on the District where you live (eg: Braintree) for more information and make contact with your local District Co-ordinator who will be delighted to hear from you.

That is the only way to be involved with Neighbourhood Watch locally.

You will receive (if to want them) window stickers, promotional pens, UV pens, wheelie bin stickers, No Cold Caller stickers, help you to create a local scheme so provide you with Street Signs and also have regular updates on local information too. We look forward to hearing from you

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