



The NEW Safer Brentwood Logo.

## Upcoming events

- Senior Safety Road Shows
- Keep Safe Shenfield
- Keep Safe Brentwood

## Our Partnership Promise

*To provide a meaningful platform for public and partners together, to address local problems, reduce crime and optimise quality of life in the borough.*

## Community Safety Questionnaire Update

It has now been 6 months since Brentwood Community Safety Partnership released the community safety questionnaire.

The Safer Brentwood questionnaire has been promoted via social media, emails, events, newsletters and more.

Key areas to report are that residents do not feel that violence, graffiti, domestic abuse and noise are an issue and that they feel safe.

Safer Brentwood is very lucky to have reached such a responsive audience and hope the responses keep coming in.

## Tackling anti-social behaviour

Due to an increase in anti-social behaviour in Brentwood High Street, the Police and Council are taking action against those responsible. The police have issued dispersal orders.

The dispersal orders enable officers to direct people to leave an area for up to 48 hours. If the trouble makers have committed an offence or refuse to leave the area, they can be arrested.

Any young person causing trouble will have to give their details and their parents will be visited to explain the situation.

Letters have also been issued to parents of young people who were identified in the High Street who may become involved in the unacceptable behaviour to warn them of potential consequences.

Further action has been taken against several young people involved in the

nuisance behaviour including Acceptable Behaviour Contract setting out standards of behaviour that the family and young person must consent to.

Sergeant Scott Kingsnorth said "We take reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage very seriously.

No one in the community should have to put up with abuse and harassment. These powers enable us to disrupt anti-social behaviour quickly and robustly."

Tracey Lilley, Brentwood Borough Council's Community Safety Manager said "It is important to tackle anti-social behaviour at the earliest possible stage to limit the damage that can be caused to communities. We are extremely lucky in Brentwood that we have excellent partnerships with the police and wider community safety partners. It's about taking fast and effective action and to send a clear message that bad behaviour will not be tolerated".



## Keep Safe Brentwood 2015



### Keep Safe Shenfield Launch

18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - Shenfield Library

### Keep Safe Brentwood Event

19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – The Baytree Shopping Centre

Keep Safe Brentwood has had a hugely successful 8 months, with approximately 19 venues supporting the scheme which currently has more than 400 members.

Keep Safe is a free scheme to help vulnerable people feel safer when they are out in towns across Essex - and in Brentwood we are the first borough to extend the scheme to the elderly and those with learning difficulties and mental ill health. The scheme works by specified venues displaying the Keep Safe sticker and offer the use of a telephone or will make a phone call for members of the scheme if they are in need. For example, if they lose their keys, telephone or wallet, or they are distressed in any way. The initial launch took place in Brentwood on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and with this year extending to Shenfield as well.

The Keep Safe scheme will be launching in Shenfield on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. The event will take place outside the library on Shenfield High Street.

Brentwood will hold a Keep Safe promotional event on Friday 19 June 2015 outside the Baytree Shopping Centre off of Brentwood High Street.



## Firebreak

Another hugely successful Young Persons Firebreak course took place 23-27 March. Students from local secondary schools took part in the week long course and gained an AQA award for their hard work.

The course was rounded off with a Pass Out Parade, where the families and friends of the students could watch an hour long exhibition of the skills and work they learnt during the week.

The Pass Out Parade, which took place on the Friday was also attended by the Mayor of Brentwood.

Following the parade, Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Vicky Davies said "It was an absolutely amazing event for engaging with young people. In five days school children became junior fire-fighters, and put on a very impressive display of the skills they had learnt.

Well done to the fire service for running such good Community based projects. I was really impressed and thoroughly enjoyed my visit".

This course has run in Brentwood for a number of years and always receives excellent praise. Firebreak makes a huge difference to the participants by helping them to overcome fears, learning to work as a team and increasing self confidence.

This financial year sees another two Young Persons Firebreaks taking place.



Brentwood's Young Students at the Firebreak Pass Out Parade.

## Youth Conference Success

The youth conference, focusing on crime, safety and awareness was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March at Doddinghurst Road Church on Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day. Students from local secondary schools attended and experienced a day full of shows, workshops and talks.

Essex Police gave a powerful presentation on hidden harm including a You Tube video on child sexual exploitation. Students also had the opportunity to watch the theatre performance of Last Orders, by Solomon Theatre Company. The performance looked at the consequences of binge drinking by two young girls. Based on true events, it is written in an accessible, hard-hitting style that immediately captured the attention and imagination of its audience.

Following the performance, specially designed workshops explored the themes of anti-social behaviour, illegal purchase (including the law on alcohol & age-restricted products), attitude to risk and sexual health (including unplanned pregnancy and STIs).

The students also heard from an ex gang member who gave a very real and straight talking glimpse of the life he had led and how that has affected him and his family.



Senior Safety Road Show team alongside Brian Leith from the Brentwood U3A.



Safer Brentwood would like to thank Peter Salmon & his wife Norma from Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch for going above & beyond what is asked of them. Pictured above is Peter & Norma at the High Sheriff awards.

## Quote of the Month

*“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at”*

**Stephen William Hawking**

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*Building a Safer  
Community Through  
Effective Partnerships*

## What's up next?

**Senior Safety Road Shows** will be taking place in 2015. The CSP will be visiting various residential homes, coffee mornings and other elderly groups to continue to help the Brentwood residents feel safer.

**Keep Safe** expansion is taking place in 2016. All the partners are getting together to discuss how best to expand the project and evolve it to meet the needs of the Brentwood residents. With this in mind a 'year on' event will be taking place in Brentwood High Street this June. Keep Safe partners are also looking to target the shops in Shenfield.

**Police Street Meets** are taking place on a regular basis. Please visit the Essex Police website for more information as to when street meets are taking place.

**Strawberry Fair** is on Saturday 13 June and Safer Brentwood will be making an appearance to help set up and run the event. There will also be promotional material available and any of the team will be willing to take any questions regarding your community.

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newsletter!



## Newsletter

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