



Extra tips to prevent burglary are important!

Crime Prevention Against Burglary

Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe and protecting against burglars.

In the majority of cases, the objective of burglars is to steal high-value items; typically tablets, cash or jewellery. On many occasions the bedroom is ransacked because burglars know that people often leave their jewellery on their dressing tables.

Although you may lock your doors at night, your home may still be more easily accessible to unwanted visitors than you think. Here are some steps to keep your home safe:

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked properly, also ensure that elderly relatives are aware of how to lock their doors properly. U-PVC and composite doors have a multi-point locking system and (on most) the door handle will need to be pulled up and the key turned to lock the door. Just pulling up the handle does not lock the door!
- When you are out of the house create the illusion of occupation. This can be achieved by using segment timers on lamps and radios or using devices such as 'fake TV'
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- If you hear a neighbour's house alarm going off don't ignore it. Does your neighbour know its going off?

Did you hear breaking glass or any strange noises before it started going off?

- Ensure the rear access to your home is secure, what does your garden back onto? Is it easy for someone to gain access into your back garden or your back doors/windows? Most of the dwelling burglaries we see are at the rear of the house so keep it secure!
- Keep wheelie bins inside your back gates, not outside. Don't give burglars a step up over your side/back gate by leaving them out the front.
- Start a neighbourhood watch or join an existing watch.

In an emergency call Essex police on: 999

In a non-emergency call Essex police on: 101



Upcoming events

- Firebreak
- Prevent
- Senior Safety Day 2
- Heritage Watch

Our Partnership Promise

To work together in partnership with the community to ensure that Brentwood remains a safer place for all, by reducing:

- Crime
- Reoffending
- Risk of harm
- Anti-Social Behaviour

Priorities 2015/16

- Protecting People from Harm
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Burglary
- Community Engagement



Senior Safety Roadshow

FREE SPECIAL FREE

Tuesday 29 March, Brentwood THEATRE

15 Shenfield Rd, Brentwood. Essex CM15 8AG

Join us for either a morning or afternoon session to learn about staying safe.

FREE to attend with FREE REFRESHMENTS

Each session will include presentations from Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch and others.

There will also be a performance from **Solomon Theatre Company** about **fraudulent trading**.

Sessions available to book:

10.15am-12.45pm or
1.30pm-4pm

To book your place please call the Box Office:

Box Office **01277 200305**

www.brentwood-theatre.org

Enquiries: **01277 312692**

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If you would like to book a place at this year's Senior Safety Roadshow Special please call the box office on 1277 200305 or visit - www.brentwood-theatre.org

Senior Safety Roadshow Special

Brentwood's Community Safety Partnership will be putting on its last Senior Safety Day of the financial year on Tuesday 29th March 2016. Brentwood Theatre will see host to the fantastic day that has been well attended over the last few years.

It has a slightly different format from last year's Senior Safety Day and will be a Senior Safety Roadshow special.

The day will be split in to two different sessions, a morning and an afternoon session. Each session will consist of an hour's worth of talks and presentations from Essex Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Essex Fire and Rescue and Essex Trading Standards.

Each session will also see a performance from Solomon Theatre Company about fraudulent trading.

All of the attendees will have a

chance to mingle with the presenters as well as other agencies and discuss any issues or ideas they have regarding community safety.

Each attendee will also receive a free goody pack with more useful information, contact information and other items.

If there are any agencies that would like to supply information regarding services they can provide for older people please contact Daniel Cannon by email - daniel.cannon@brentwood.gov.uk



Volunteer Essex Website

The Volunteer Essex website has been up and running for a few months and now holds details of more than 2,100 unique volunteering roles available to residents of Essex. In addition it promotes the work of over 1,000 community groups and charities active in the county. The official launch was on Thursday 14th January 2016 and has been held at the Brentwood Library at 10am. The Mayor, Cllr Mark Reed was present, to officially launch it..



What else is happening in Brentwood?

- Neighbourhood Watch are in the Brentwood Library on Wednesday 24 February 10am-12pm
- The Local Action Group are meeting on Thursday 25 February to discuss ASB in Brentwood
- The CSP will be attending the CVS Breakfast on Tuesday 1 March
- Legal High Training taking place at The Hermit on Wednesday 2nd March
- Firebreak Induction for parents and students is on Wednesday 2nd March

Community Engagement Days

The CSP took to the streets again on Saturday 30 January with some of its partners to engage with the community in Ingatestone.

The police-led initiative saw members of the Council, Neighbourhood Watch and Essex Police talking to residents of Ingatestone and offering safety advice.

The CSP will be engaging with the public on a monthly basis, visiting Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone and offering advice and updates regarding community safety in the Borough.

- Saturday 2 April – Brentwood High Street – 10am - 12pm
- Friday 29 April - Shenfield High Street - 10am -12pm
- Saturday 4 June – Ingatestone High Street - 10-12pm
- Friday 24 June – Brentwood High Street – 10am-12pm

Let's Talk About It

Social Media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, are a great way to connect with friends and family, share your thoughts and ideas and connect with like-minded people.

The internet and social media are also used by extremists and terrorists to promote their ideology and recruit or radicalise people. Take a look through these hints and tips to make sure you and your family stay safe online.

Dementia Action Alliance

Essex Police have joined forces with the Essex Dementia Action Alliance to help raise awareness, reduce the stigma and improve understanding of dementia.

As part of the initiative, officers and staff are being encouraged to become 'Dementia Friends' and improve their knowledge of Dementia to help support those affected by the condition.

It is estimated that over 850,000 people in the United Kingdom have dementia and that there are currently 20,000 people living with the condition in Essex, a number that is set to rise to 30,000 by 2025.

Essex Police officers and staff regularly come into contact with people living with dementia, or their friends, family and carers. This can be in a variety of circumstances such as missing person's incidents or as the victim, witness or suspect in a crime.

Over 155 officers and staff have already become Dementia Friends to help promote understanding of the condition. Dementia Friends are encouraged to turn their understanding into a practical action, which could be anything from offering help or support to someone affected by the illness to spreading the word to raise awareness.

Detective Sergeant Craig Wiggins said: "Essex Police have signed up to the Essex Dementia Action Alliance to show our commitment to strengthen our response to the condition. This will help ensure those living with dementia, their friends, family and carers receive both understanding and a good quality of service from Essex Police.

"While we are putting significant efforts into ensuring that our own officers and staff understand the individual needs of those with dementia, we also want to raise awareness in the wider community and ensure that we are all playing our part in looking out for vulnerable residents of Essex."



Quote of the Month

"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse"

Florence Nightingale



Do you know somebody who is carrying out criminal activity, but fear the consequences of being identified as the person who reported them? Tell Crimestoppers WHAT you know about any crime or criminal - not WHO you are and you may be eligible for a reward (up to £1,000 and paid anonymously). Crimestoppers never ask for your name or any personal details, your call cannot be traced and you won't need to provide a statement or go to Court. Just phone **0800 555 111 (or use our secure website)**. Your call is completely anonymous - only you will know that you called or contacted us.

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Community Through
Effective Partnerships*

What's up next?

Senior Safety Day will be taking place on Tuesday 29 March 2016 at the Brentwood Theatre. If you would like to book a place please contact the box office on 01277 200305.

Launch of Dog Watch, Heritage Watch and Active Citizens is taking place in Brentwood High Street on Friday 11 March 2016. Involving Essex Watch, Neighbourhood Watch and Brentwood Community Safety Partnership.

Senior Safety Road Shows will be taking place in 2016. The CSP will be visiting various residential homes, coffee mornings and other elderly groups to continue to help the Brentwood residents feel safer.

Firebreak is taking place during the week of 14th March and all partner agencies are welcome to attend the Pass Out Parade on Friday 18th March from 1:30pm at Ingatestone High Fire Station.

PREVENT is part of the Government counter-terrorism strategy. It's designed to tackle the problem of terrorism at its roots, preventing people from supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves. The Council will be submitting a bid for funding to be able to deliver PREVENT training to all frontline staff, Members, Schools and other partners. There will also be a conference in early 2016. Anyone interested in either attending the training or the conference can contact Tracey Lilley on 01277 312644 or email her at tracey.lilley@brentwood.gov.uk

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Newsletter

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