



Extra tips to prevent burglary are important!

Door Chain

The Door Chain project was a huge success having fitted nearly a hundred door chains thanks to the volunteers at men's shed. The free service, which is available to local residents, proved to be a resounding success. The aim is to provide extra security to elderly members of the public. Those who had their door chains fitted also received a free door chain pack, which included lots of useful information regarding safety from the police and fire service as well as goodies. For now, the door chain project will take a short break, however it will return in the summer.



It is hoped that the Door Chain project will help to increase the security and confidence of elderly members of the public who may not wish to open the door to strangers. The free packs that come with the door chain fitting provide information about what to look out for when answering the door, especially whether or not you should

trust the person. For example, a man who says he is from a gas company who arrives in a plain car or van is unlikely to be legitimate.

Keep Safe

We are excited to announce that Keep Safe is to unveil a new website very shortly! This also includes a mobile phone friendly version, which is being designed to support the whole network of users across the county.

This will help to make Keep Safe even more accessible for vulnerable people to join in your area, as well as enabling someone to know where the Keep Safe venues are in Essex and to plan a journey anywhere in Essex.

Keep Safe is a scheme which was set up to help vulnerable people in public. If a member of the public has mental health issues, feels unsafe, unwell or disorientated, they can visit any one of several shops around Brentwood which provide the Keep Safe service. Here, staff will calm down the person and arrange for them to be collected by a family member or friend.

Furthermore, the Keep Safe scheme has signed up shops in Ingatestone to be Keep Safe Venues. This will make Keep Safe a lot more accessible to the population of Ingatestone and therefore help those suffering from mental health issues to feel safer in Brentwood. The shops include Pieros, Patrick Greens, Kennadys and others.

Upcoming events

- Keep Safe Expansion
- Community Engagement Days
- PREVENT

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





Solomon Theatre performing at Brentwood Theatre during the Senior Safety Roadshow Special

Senior Safety Roadshow Special

The Senior Safety Roadshow proved to be a success once again with at least 60 people turning up to hear about the latest updates. The Roadshow promotes vigilance and community cohesion to protect against dangers such as burglary and scams. This is especially important for senior members of society as criminals persistently target them as they are deemed to be easier targets.

The event was presented by members of Essex Police, the fire service, neighbourhood watch and several other organisations. Attendees received tea and biscuits, as well as a free special pack including goodies and useful information. Essex Police spoke of the importance of having quality door locks in order to prevent burglars from getting in, as well as providing an insight into the mind of a burglar and how to make your home less appealing to them. On the other

hand, the fire service discussed the measures one can take to prevent a house fire and lessen the effects should one occur. For example, the importance of smoke alarms was stressed for both smoke and carbon monoxide.

The Senior Safety Roadshow also featured a play from members of the Solomon Theatre about the dangers of fraud which featured music and lots of useful information. This included information about scams, spam email and phone calls, as well as rogue traders. Also, the audience received information and advice on how to deal with them, such as organisations to contact such as The Chartered Trading Standards.

The attendees thoroughly enjoyed the play and how it highlighted the danger and effects of fraud, and what to do if you do become a victim of fraud. The performers noted that they were impressed with the audience in both sessions.

Firebreak

This March saw another Firebreak project which proved to be a great success. Firebreak aims to improve the attitudes and personalities of selected young people by introducing them to life in the fire service. Here, they learned important skills such as the importance of teamwork and putting in effort in order to achieve results. The final day of the Firebreak course was attended by the former Mayor of Brentwood, Mark Reed, who praised the increase in confidence of the students who all passed the course.



'The Power of Love', Life Choices

Students of St Martin's school were treated to a play titled 'The Power of Love' by members of the Solomon Theatre in March which helped to raise awareness of domestic violence. This covered not only the obvious physical abuse, but also emotional abuse which is unfortunately a realistic representation of some relationships. This play made students more clear as to what is and isn't acceptable at a stage in their lives where they may find themselves in relationships.

Life Choices was also active in March. The aim of Life Choices is to tackle youth offending through teaching. Here, teenagers are taught about the effects and dangers of alcohol and drugs in order to make them think twice before making the wrong choices in life. The youths appeared to be surprised by the negative effects these substances can have on both themselves and society as a whole.



Essex Police Story

An off-duty officer is being praised for coming to the rescue of a student trapped in his car after it skidded off the road due to icy conditions and landed upside down in a ditch.

Police Community Support Officer Matt Grimwood, based at Brentwood, was on his way to work when he was flagged down by a concerned motorist at around 8:15am on Monday, February 29 in Hammonds Road, Chelmsford.

A combination of mud and icy conditions had caused the driver, 18-year-old Sam Hooper, to lose control of the car whilst he was travelling to college.

Without warning, the black Ford Fiesta Zetec ploughed up a grass verge and into a ditch where it landed on its roof.

Seeing the overturned car, Matt leapt into action and waded through knee-deep water to reach the vehicle. He shouted for Sam to pass his keys through the window and worked to free him from the boot.

Sam's Mum, Julie James, has thanked PSCO Grimwood and praised his actions: "We are really grateful for Matt's help, he's a proper hero. Sam was shaken-up and bruised, but thankfully he's on the mend now. He's been telling all his friends at college that 'some Rambo guy' came to his rescue!"



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.

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Brentwood Figures & Stats - ASB

There were a total of 415 ASB incidents in this quarter and there were 431 last quarter, a total reduction of 3.7%. However, March saw a 17.8% (23) rise in comparison to February. There are 36 ASB types listed for this quarter and 26 incident types score 8 incidents or less.

The top 10 incident types account for 83.8% of the total incidents.

| Top 10 incident codes | Count |
|--------------------------|------------|
| DISTURBANCE | 87 |
| NUISANCE YOUTH | 65 |
| NUISANCE VEHICLE | 54 |
| ABANDONED VEHICLE | 49 |
| NUISANCE NEIGHBOUR | 25 |
| NUISANCE OTHER | 17 |
| INFORMATION | 14 |
| SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES | 13 |
| NUISANCE COMMUNICATIONSS | 13 |
| OBSTRUCTION | 11 |
| TOTAL | 348 |

*figures supplied from CSP Partnership Analyst



Quote of the Month

"Truth is like the sun.
You can shut it out
for a time, but it ain't
goin' away."

Elvis Presley

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**Building a Safer
Community Through
Effective Partnerships**

What's up next?

Keep Safe Launch is occurring on Saturday 25th June from 9:30 until 12:30. This event will be attended by representatives from the police, Neighbourhood Watch and Brentwood Borough Council.

Also, Keep Safe will go online shortly. This also includes a mobile phone friendly version, which is being designed to support the whole network of users across the county.

Senior Safety Roadshows 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 and more informed. Please contact the CSP if you would like a Roadshow.

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 the autumn of 2016. Anyone interested in either attending the training or the conference can contact Tracey Lilley on 01277 312644 or email [her](mailto:tracey.lilley@brentwood.gov.uk) at tracey.lilley@brentwood.gov.uk

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