



Brentwood's NHW volunteers making us proud.

Neighbourhood Watch raking in the awards

Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch has been an incredible asset to the Community Safety Partnership with hard work, dedication and support. Essex Neighbourhood Watch showed their appreciation by giving out 3 awards to Brentwood volunteers.

On Wednesday 12th July, **Colin Freeman** facilitated the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association's AGM and Conference, held in the Millennium Hall, Great Baddow.

The event was attended by more than seventy delegates from across the county, and the awards were presented by the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner and Assistant Chief Constable for Essex Police Andy Prophet, both of whom spoke during the conference.

Before Colin commenced the presentation of awards, he was taken completely by surprise by Clive Stewart, Chair of Essex County NHW Association, and was presented with an award for his work with Neighbourhood Watch during his time as an Essex Watch Liaison Officer, up until he retired in May. For once, he was almost lost for words!

Peter Salmon, Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator won a platinum award for going above and beyond for Brentwood. Peter has worked tirelessly with Brentwood's Community Safety Partnership and is a well-known face in Brentwood's community.

Basel Woods picked up the Gold Award and has been a NHW volunteer for as

long as anyone can remember. Basel who is based in the Shenfield area started his own 'Watch' many years ago advising just a handful of neighbours and this has grown to 100+ households.

Basel is now a young man of 94 years and has seen many changes in his time since starting his 'Watch'. Initially he would print off information and distribute to a few neighbours but this gradually grew into a sizeable number.

He has embraced the development of social media encouraging his "Parishioners" as he calls them to register for services such as ECM, whilst still advising those who do not have access to the Internet. At the same time, he is not afraid to question how ECM is developing making sure that the system operates to the benefit of its receivers.

Basel is a regular at some of the NHW sessions in the libraries and almost without fail attends, and questions in some depth, the Local Police Meetings and those held by the Police & Crime Commissioner. He has encouraged other residents to become co-ordinators thereby widening his distribution list.

The Community Safety Partnership would like to say their congratulations and thanks to Peter Salmon, Colin Freeman and Basel Woods. Without you we wouldn't be able to achieve what we do.

Upcoming events

- Community Engagement Days
- Life Choices
- Local Community Meeting
- Community Speedwatch Week

Our Partnership Promise

We are committed to delivering local solutions to local problems that have been identified by local people.

Priorities 2016/17

- Community Engagement
- Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime
- Protecting people from harm
- Burglary



Community Issues

PCSO Sarah Kelly @PCSOSar...

What do you call this group of bikes? Answer #Stolen 4 recovered this morning from #Hutton #nuisancebikes #asb



Dan O'Connell @SCDanOCon...

Routine stop check of sus vehicle in #Brentwood resulted in stolen M/C from @swpolice area being recovered. Eng's ongoing #SCMerritt



Nuisance Motorcycles

As residents will be aware the borough has experienced an increase in nuisance and criminal behaviour committed by young people on motorbikes and mopeds. Many of which are either stolen, using stolen plates or no number plates.

We are working with our partners to tackle this problem but it is one where we need the support of the community. These young people may be your neighbours, your friends, known to you or your family. We need you to help us to help you by reporting any information you have. This could include dash cam footage, photographic images, descriptions, addresses, names and any other intelligence to infomotorbikes@essex.pnn.police.uk.

There has been some frustration about the fact that Essex Police will not pursue anyone on a motorbike or moped if they fail to stop. This is due to the dangers faced not only to the rider, but also members of the public should a police chase ensue. This policy was adopted following

the death of a young man who crashed and died a couple of years ago. We have found that having an increased police presence in hotspot areas is not always the best use of resources as it can develop in to a game of cat and mouse, and we have experienced situations when young people have made off from patrol cars over pavements narrowly missing pedestrians and even parks where small children have been playing.

Nevertheless, this is a key priority for the partnership and we are using all tools and powers available to us to tackle those responsible. Recently, working together with the Council's CCTV, Housing and Community Safety Essex Police recovered 5 stolen motorbike and scooters from an area in Hutton. We are continuing to gather evidence through various means including CCTV cameras (not just Council owned), information provided by the local community and police intelligence. With your support we WILL act, options include:

- **Acceptable Behaviour Contract** - between an individual (and their parent/carer if they are under 18), the Council or Housing Provider, and the Police. Although not legally binding, the contract is a undertaking that the individual will not carry out certain acts which could be seen as anti-social. If refused or breached could lead to further action.
- **Injunction** which carries up to 2 years imprisonment or an unlimited fine if breached.
- Tenancy enforcement - (if a perpetrator is a social housing tenant) this could result in eviction in serious cases.
- **Community Protection Notice (CPN)** - failure to comply with a CPN without reasonable excuse is a summary offence carrying a maximum penalty on conviction of a fine of up to level 4 (individuals) or £20,000 (businesses). Alternatively, an authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for £80.
- **Criminal Behaviour Order** - obtained following conviction which will last for a fixed period of not less than 2 years, or an indefinite period. If breached it could result in a prison sentence not exceeding 5 years or a fine, or both
- **Section 59** – A 'one strike' warning which will result in any vehicle used in an anti-social manner, being seized and recovered at the owner's expense.
- **Driving Offences** – such as Dangerous Driving and Careless/Inconsiderate Driving. Drivers could be dealt with via a National Driver Alertness Course £100, 3 Points £100 fine, or Court action. There are other offences which can be considered such as, dangerous driving, racing on a highway etc. which will result in court

Unauthorised Incursions

So far, this year has seen fewer unauthorised incursions across the Borough than last year.

The incursions have occurred on Brentwood Borough Council land, Essex County Council land, private land, Conservators land and more.

Brentwood Borough Council and Essex Police have worked together servicing various notices such as Section 61 and have managed to move the travellers on each occasion. New bollards are to be erected around Shenfield Common shortly to hamper access for unauthorised incursions.



Keep Safe Website Launch

The brand new **Keep Safe Essex** website launched on 21st June 2017.

To mark the occasion, Keep Safe partners and guests attended a celebration event at The Ideas Hub, Chelmsford during Keep Safe Essex Week 2017, 19th – 25th June 2017.

The website provides lots of Keep Safe information at the click of a button, including a list of the Keep Safe venues across Essex. Keep Safe members will also be able to join the free scheme online, as well as plan a safer journey close to home or further afield.

Keep Safe is a community partnership scheme, open to people who have disability, mental health issues, learning disability and vulnerable older people, who may find themselves anxious or in trouble when they are out in a town centre or high street. By accessing an identified Keep Safe shop or business showing the Keep Safe sign, they can get safe access to a telephone to call a nominated trusted contact for help.

Katharine Washbrook, Partnership Support at Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services, who has been involved with the scheme since it started, said, "Keep Safe Essex is delighted to be celebrating the launch of its new website. The scheme is a great example of how all parts of the community can support others to feel one step safer when they are out and about".

To find out more about Keep Safe and to order a Keep Safe pack online, visit the new website on www.keepsafeessex.org.uk

Speedwatch

Speedwatch has had a new lease of life in Brentwood and is being trialled in new areas in Ingatestone, Warley and Pilgrims Hatch.

The Community Safety Partnership have organised a Speedwatch week to tackle issues of speeding and dangerous driving. These sessions will be taking place during the first week of the new school year. Please see below for dates, times and locations.

Monday 4th - Roman Road 15:00-17:00

Tuesday 5th - St Martins School 7:30-9:00

Wednesday 6th - Larchwood Gardens 14:30-16:00

Thursday 7th - Woodman Road 8:00-9:30

Friday 8th - Oliver Road 12:00-13:30 / Chelmsford Road 13:30-16:00

If you would like to become a Community Speedwatch volunteer or are available to assist please contact Daniel Cannon on 01277 312692 or daniel.cannon@brentwood.gov.uk



Peter's Points

Peter Salmon is the Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and these are his top tips for staying safe this month.

- Most Burglars break in at the rear of the house. Do not leave items around that they can use to force entry (bricks etc)
- Make sure the shed is secure and all equipment is locked away
- Keep your purse/wallet secure when shopping. Use a purse cable or purse bell available from Neighbourhood Watch/Crime Safety Partnership for FREE
- Possessions are still being stolen from unlocked cars on drives and in car parks. Double check yours
- Criminals are always looking for innovative ways to scam us. Always be extra wary of any unsolicited contact by phone, letter, email or at the door.
- Rogue Traders are around offering to clear gutters, tidy gardens cut down trees etc. Be extra wary if you did not ask them to call.

Quote of the Month

"The hardest part of ending is starting again"

Chester Bennington

Daniel Cannon

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What's up next?

Senior Safety Road Shows will be taking place this Autumn. The CSP will be visiting various residential homes, coffee mornings and other elderly groups to continue to help Brentwood residents feel safer and more informed. Please contact the CSP if you would like a road show in your area.

Life Choices started in July aimed at 11-16-year olds. The sessions will take place every week and there will be a total of 12 sessions.

Community Speedwatch Week is taking place at the start of September. If you would like to get involved or know more about the scheme please read the article on page 3.

Phoenix Radio will host various partners of the CSP on its radio show. These shows will take place fortnightly starting from 24th August, please follow our twitter for updates and changes.

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