



Gavin McKenna's Reach Every Generation Logo.

## Reach Every Generation

Gavin McKenna, from Reach Every Generation, has been working with Safer Brentwood since the start of this year and has extended his contract to the end of August.

Gavin is working with Safer Brentwood to deliver youth intervention, bespoke training sessions, project delivery and conferences.

Gavin started Reach Every Generation to help shape a better future for tomorrow's generation, winning back those caught up in gang culture. To do this, Gavin works with frontline staff that work with young people and their families on a daily basis, and gives them the skill set to empower and transform lives.

Gavin's vision is to instigate change, drawing on 'real-life' experiences.

He is well equipped with up-to-date knowledge on the issues affecting young people involved in gangs, and access to valuable resources that we know will make a difference to those lives.



## Life Choices

Safer Brentwood has committed to explore new and innovative ways in order to tackle issues in our communities, particularly those affecting young people. As part of this commitment we have commissioned Reach Every Generation to deliver a new and improved project called 'Life Choices' (LC) aimed at those young people who are at most risk from the following:

- Involvement in ASB
- Offending
- Gangs
- Concerns relating to drugs & alcohol
- Family issues
- At risk of exclusion
- Isolation/exploitation
- Low self esteem

The project will be aimed at two different age groups. There will be a session for ages 11-13 and a session for ages 14-16. The sessions will take place on alternative weeks and there will be a total of 12 sessions for each age group.

We are looking for young people aged 11-13 years who could attend a pilot session for approximately two hours on Wednesday 22 March and young people aged 14-16 years who could attend a pilot session for approximately two hours on Wednesday 29 March.

These pilot sessions will take place at the Hermit from 6pm-8pm, hot food will be provided.

## Upcoming events

- Community Engagement Days
- Life Choices
- Gang Awareness Training
- Power of Love

## 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 2016/17

- Protecting people from harm
- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Community engagement





## #Be A Voice

In 2016, the Serious Crime Directorate released the #Be A Voice for Victims Campaign, which helped to raise awareness of trafficking and modern slavery and how to recognise the signs of child victims. To find out more about this campaign, there is a dedicated Modern Slavery and Trafficking page on the Essex Safeguarding Children Board website, so please take some time to look at this.

We know that in any response to safeguarding concerns, it is crucial that we listen to the voices of children, young people and their families to better understand and plan approaches which can make a difference. Some key messages which came from our work in Essex with children, young people and parents during 2016 include:

- Schools and school staff have an important role to play in teaching children about child sexual exploitation and risks online; they are also an important source of

help and advice and someone that families can turn to if they have worries. Children and young people suggest that CSE should be embedded in their lessons but also that teaching should include creative ways to learn, such as using assemblies, plays, and presentations and learning from experiences of victims.

- Children will primarily seek help from their parents/carers, their school/teachers and the police.

- Parents have shared concerns about reporting child sexual exploitation, due to concerns that social care would become involved and a fear of their child being removed from the family home.

- The most common reason young people might not disclose or talk about child sexual exploitation is that they are worried about the consequences of telling someone.

## Gang Tasking and CST

Community Safety Tasking is a multi-agency forum which has been established to ensure that we work in partnership to support each other to reduce crime and disorder and manage community safety issues in the borough.

The CST has been formed to discuss those cases that would benefit from a multi-agency approach. If you have a case where you feel you have tried everything and would like additional support then why not make a referral. Please note: it is not a process to refer ALL cases of ASB, neighbour nuisance or nuisance behaviour. You will be expected to have tried to resolve the matter within your own organisation or agency.

The Gang Tasking Meeting (GTM) is a multi-agency forum which has been established in order to ensure young people and their families in Brentwood receive a holistic, timely, expert and specific approach when tackling crime, violence and gangs.

Brentwood CSP and Reach Every Generation have collaborated to create this forum, our aim is to reach young people aged between 11-16-years-old, who are either at risk of gangs and grooming, associated to gangs (known to has friends in or works with a gang) and affiliated with a gang (actively involved in a gang).

The main purpose of the GTM is to prevent young people from being groomed into the unfortunate glamourisation of gang culture, supporting the families to understand the signs and professionals to have the tools to offer change.

The group will ensure that action taken is proportionate, justified, audit trailed and necessary.

## Spring is on the Horizon

March can traditionally be the time for 'Spring Cleaning' so why not make sure your Home and Personal Safety are in good condition. Make a cuppa and check out [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) and click on 'Advice'. It should be a few minutes well spent.

Spring also brings the appearance of more rogue traders and distraction burglaries so be extra careful when you receive that unexpected knock at the door. The offer to "fix the roof/ tidy the garden" may not be quite what it seems!

Our area remains comparatively low on the burglary scale but one burglary is one too many so please remain vigilant and should you see anything suspicious don't hesitate to call the Police on 101, or 999 if the crime is happening now or the perpetrators are still in the area. On the subject of burglary there have been a few thefts from sheds so please make sure you have a suitable padlock etc on yours. It can also be worth chaining down inside the shed any high value items and of course marking them. Many folk use a product called Smartwater ([www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)) for property marking at a cost of £59.98 p/a but if you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch you can purchase direct from them for a one off lump sum payment of £25. Ask us for the NhW code to quote when you order.

Finally a gentle reminder that cyber crime is still on the increase so the information that Action Fraud provide can be invaluable. Go to <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news> for up-to-date scams.

## Youth Nuisance – Town Centre

There has been a rise in anti-social behaviour in and around Brentwood High Street of late.

Youths have been targeting Brentwood High Street, Coptfold Road multi-storey car park, The Baytree Centre and surrounding areas.

Youths have been witnessed throwing shopping trolleys, bottles and other objects as well as using abusive behaviour towards residents.

The Brentwood CSP have already drafted an action plan which contains a list of top offenders, this has been sent to police colleagues for agreement.

Below are the different types of enforcement that can be used to tackle these serious issues of anti-social behaviour;

- **Acceptable Behaviour Contract** which is a voluntary agreement to prevent further nuisance.
- **Tenancy Enforcement** (if a social housing tenant) which could result in eviction. This would deem them to be intentionally homeless and therefore you would no longer have recourse to social housing.
- **Community Protection Notice** which can result in a fixed penalty notice of £80 or if court action is taken for failure to comply a fine of up to £2500 can be levied.
- **Civil Injunction** which carries up to 2 years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine if breached.
- **Criminal Behaviour Order** 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.

If you would like any further information please contact Tracey Lilley, [tracey.lilley@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.lilley@brentwood.gov.uk)

## William Hunter Way Car Park

Brentwood Community Safety Partnership, Brentwood CCTV and Essex Police have done some fantastic work in regards to anti-social behaviour in William Hunter Way.

Approximately 20 vehicles have been identified as driving anti-socially or driving dangerously within the Council-owned car park.

By working in partnership, Safer Brentwood were able to obtain each vehicle's registered owner details and send each one a warning letter.

If nuisance drivers do not heed the warning, escalation in enforcement will take place in the form of a Community Protection Notice or having their vehicles seized.

William Hunter Way Car Park and residents were victims of similar behaviour last year. Action taken by the partnership resulted in warning letters sent to registered keepers and vehicles being seized by Essex Police.



## Peter's Points

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



1. When your utility company arranges to fit a Smart Meter for you give them a password to quote to you when the engineer visits.
2. Destroy unwanted documents using a shredder. Don't throw away bills, bank statements, receipts or unwanted post in your name without shredding it or cutting it up carefully first.
3. If you think your post is going missing or being stolen, report it to Royal Mail on 0845 740 740.
4. Be extra careful when using cash machines. Make sure nobody is hovering nearby and don't count your money in the street. Use the machine inside the bank if possible.
5. You can register your Smartphone, mobile devices, bike and home entertainment systems free of charge at [www.immobolise.com](http://www.immobolise.com) This is used by the Police to identify the true owners.
6. Encourage the younger generation to check out the Crimestoppers website <https://www.fearless.org/> Reporting is totally anonymous and contact details cannot be traced.

## Quote of the Month

“I believe that one defines oneself by reinvention. To not be like your parents. To not be like your friends. To be yourself. To cut yourself out of stone”

**Henry Rollins**

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## What's up next?

**Senior Safety Road Shows** will be taking place in 2017. 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** will be aimed at two different age groups. There will be a session for ages 11-13 and a session for ages 14-16. The sessions will take place on alternative weeks and there will be a total of 12 sessions for each age group. Life Choices is set to begin at the end of March 2017.

**Gang Awareness Training** for professionals will be taking place in March. Professionals will get an insight into the gang culture in your local area and receive training on how to tackle the issue

**The Power of Love** is going in to 3 schools on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. The Power of Love is a play about healthy relationships performed by 'Solomon Theatre'.

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