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MAN JAILED FOR MULTIPLE THEFTS

March 20th RIDGEWELL BURGLAR

A 21 year old man was jailed for four years and eight months for multiple thefts, living at **Green Lane Northstowe**.

He was stealing from addresses across **Essex and Cambridgeshire** so was jailed for a string of offences. He was charged with shoplifting, theft, burglary and dangerous driving, with six offences in villages in the **Braintree and Uttlesford** districts. He was accused of burglary, dangerous driving and driving without insurance in **Sturmer** on **7th December**, making off without payment in **Great Dunmow** on **10th December**, and dangerous driving and driving without insurance in **Ridgewell** on **16th December**.

*A month later, on **15th January**, he was traced to an address in **Ridgewell** and, when searched, he was found attempting to hide in the loft space.*

At Peterborough Crown Court on 20th January he pleaded guilty to the six Essex offences and 19 others (10 of burglary, four of attempted burglary, four of theft and one of theft of motor vehicle) from across Cambridge.

Detective Katie George said: "The man was committed to evading police and avoiding the consequences of his actions. He pleaded guilty because he knew he had no choice than to face the music once in custody. If you think you can get away with these crimes in Essex, think again"



WHAT YOU KNOW COULD BE THE MISSING PUZZLE PIECE WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We know that information held by our communities can help us to keep people safe and catch criminals.

We also know that our communities need to trust that we will listen to them and take action when we need to.

To find out what happens when you tell us about something, and how we use that information, click our link in the comments.

If you see or hear something that doesn't seem right or causes you concern, we want you to tell us about it. Submit a report on our website or report 100% anonymously to independent charity Crimestoppers..

CRIMESTOPPERS IN ESSEX

Crimestoppers is an independent charity which takes information about crime anonymously, online or by phone. We don't take names or any identification, just listen to what you know and pass it on securely, 100% anonymously. There's no police contact, no witness statements, no courts. Information is taken in more than 150 languages. Online forms at www.crimestoppers-uk.org and calls on 0800 555 111 are untraceable. Calls won't show on phone bills. We're open 24/7, 365 days a year. Crimestoppers passed over 7,500 crime reports to Essex police last year. See how it works at <https://youtu.be/TV5k3QFBI3U>

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THEFTS FROM PERSONS

BRAINTREE

**CM73 Plaiters Way, Lie Field Close, Parnell Place
Barn Mead, Fairfield Road**

Wednesday 18th March 22:00hrs

Suspects unknown stole items from a person..

**CM71 Driberg Way, George Yard Shopping
Centre, Tortoiseshell Way, Masefield Road,
Tennyson Close**

Wednesday 18th March

Between 12:00hrs & 13:00hrs

Suspects unknown stole items from a person..

DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES

AND ATTEMPTED DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARY

BRAINTREE

**CM75 Thistledown, Kynaston Road, Meadow
Close, Ketleys Close, Bell Lane**

Tuesday 17th March 15:15hrs

**Suspects unknown attempted to enter a
dwelling house**

CM73 (Two occasions)

**Plaiters Way, Lie Field Close, Parnell Place
Barn Mead, Fairfield Road**

Monday March 16th 08:00hrs

and

Thursday 19th March 16:00hrs

Suspects unknown entered dwelling houses...

CM74 Bovingdon Road, Braintree Road

**However please note that this part postal code
also covers**

GREAT BARDFIELD Brook Street

and WETHERSFIELD

Saturday 21st March 00:01hrs

Suspects unknown entered a dwelling house

THEFTS FROM AND OF MOTOR VEHICLES

WITHAM

CM82 (Five occasions)

Maldon Road, Saturn Way,

Newland Street Pippin Croft

Saturday 21st March 11:42hrs

And Between Monday 16th March 00:00hrs

& Friday 20th March 08:30hrs

And Between Tuesday 17th March 22:00hrs

& Wednesday 18th March 07:00hrs

And Between Wednesday 18th March 22:00hrs

& Thursday 19th March 06:23hrs

And Between Wednesday 18th March 17:00hrs

& Thursday 19th March 05:00hrs

CM81

Newland Street , Purcell Road, Bridge Street

Tuesday 17th March

between 01:00 hrs and 06:00hrs

BRAINTREE

CM77 Little Paddocks, Barnfield Road, Shalford

Road, Old Challis Rise , Foundry Way

Between Thursday 19th March 19:00hrs

& Friday 20th March 04:40hrs

CM79 (two occasions) Bradfords Court, Bocking

End ,St.Peters Road, St.Peters in the Field ,

Canes Mill Court

Wednesday 18th March

Between 04:00hrs & 04:30hrs

And 02:30hrs

**Suspects unknown removed items from motor
vehicles...**

CM75 Kynaston Road , Thistledown,

Meadow Close, Ketleys View, Bell Lane

Monday 16th March 23:23hrs

Suspects unknown removed a motor vehicle...

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CRIMINAL DAMAGE INCIDENTS

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CM71 Driberg Way, George Yard Shopping Centre, Tortoiseshell Way, Masefield Road, Tennyson Close

Monday 16th March 11:00hrs

HALSTEAD

CO92 (Two occasions)

Cherry Tree Close, High Street, The Centre

Between Tuesday 17th March 21:00hrs

& Wednesday 18th March 06:00hrs

And Thursday 19th March

between 12:00hrs & 14:00hrs

CO91

The Lindens, Mount Hill, Monklands Court

Between Thursday 19th March 15:00hrs

& Friday 20th March 09:30hrs

BRAINTREE CM73

Plaiters Way, Lie Field Close, Parnell Place

Barn Mead, Fairfield Road

Sunday 22nd March

between 20:00hrs and 21:00hrs

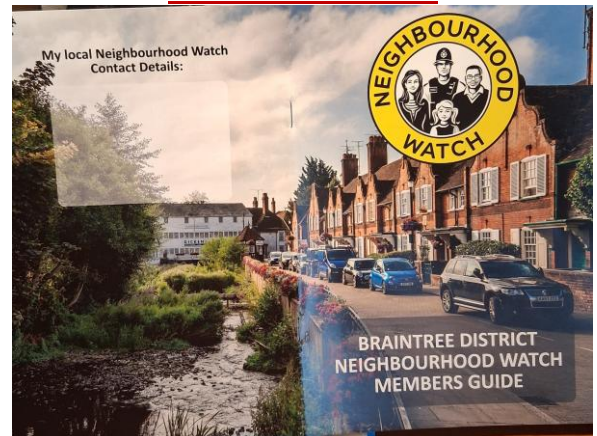
WHEELIE BIN STICKERS



These are free from this newsletter.

They indicate that there is Neighbourhood Watch in your area . You may have as many as you need just send to this newsletter your full name and postal address and they will be delivered to your home.

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
MEMBERS GUIDE**



The Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch Members Guide advises you what Neighbourhood Watch is all about and the responsibilities of the very important Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators...

There are pages from our “partners” who work with us to help to reduce the opportunity of crime together including Essex Police, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner’s Office, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Crimestoppers, Braintree District’s Community Safety Partnership, and Essex Police “Friends against Scams”.

Neighbourhood Watch Network is also in the Members Guides as they are responsible for Neighbourhood Watch throughout England and Wales.

So if you would like a copy by post please write to this newsletter with your full name and address.

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BURGLARY OF BUSINESS PREMISES

WITHAM

CM81

Newland Street , Purcell Road, Bridge Street

Monday 16th March 23, 2026 between 00)1hrs & 09:40hrs

Suspects unknown entered a business premises

DATE IN YOUR DIARY

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026

DOORS OPEN : 14:00HRS

AT MAURICE ROWSON HALL, GOSFIELD

Where parking is brilliant !!!

ADVICE ON HOW TO SECURE UPVC DOORS.

There have been dwelling house burglaries due to Upvc doors not being locked properly.

Some offences have occurred overnight and the method the suspect(s) are using is 'popping' UPVC doors which have not been double locked.

It is essential that if you have a UPVC door that you double lock it.

Your UPVC door will be vulnerable if it is just shut not double locked.



BRAINTREE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

PLEASE NOTE THAT

This newsletter information from Essex Police HQ covers 16th March to 22nd March inclusive..

This newsletter covers: Acton, Alphamstone, Ashen, Belchamp St. Paul, Belchamp Otten, Belchamp Walter, Bocking, Borley, Bradwell , Braintree Town areas, Bulmer, Bures, Burtons Green, Castle Hedingham, Coggeshall, Colne Engaine, Cornish Hall End, Cressing, Earls Colne, Fairstead , Feering, Finchingfield, Foxearth, Gestingthorpe, Gosfield, Great Henny, Great Maplestead, Great Notley, Great Yeldham, Great Waldingfield, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Hatfield Peverel , Hundon, Kelvedon, Lamarsh, Liston, Little Henny, Little Yeldham, Little Maplestead, , Middleton, Ovington, Panfield, Pattiswick, Pebmarsh, Pentlow, Radwinter, Rayne, Rivenhall, Shalford, Sible Hedingham, Silver End, Stambourne, Stisted, Stoke by Clare, Sturmer, Sudbury, Tilbury Juxta Clare, Toppesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, and Witham.



**Clive Stewart, Chairman, Braintree District NW
Telephone 0750 8057636**

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