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SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY TO DECEMBER 2024

WELCOME

To the second six monthly newsletter for 2024 which helps to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch where you live .

It brings to your attention all the LOCAL Neighbourhood Watch information you can receive and Neighbourhood Watch items (which are FREE) .

We do not just provide window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, No Cold caller stickers, promotional pens , Members valid badges , Members Guides but also personal alarms, 24 hour Timers, Defender Signal Blockers wallets, contactless card protector wallets, purse bells and straps, Nominated Neighbour Cards , which avoid those who may feel vulnerable to open doors to unexpected callers , and much more and all free...

The Braintree District NW weekly newsletter is by email every week and has been so for fifteen years and is a summary of the Essex Police weekly crime reports.

HOWEVER we never forget those who are not on computer or have no need to have access to the internet or may have difficulties in communication ie hard of hearing or visually impaired..We need to know what we can provide and will do our best to ensure that they are part of Neighbourhood Watch.

IF you have access to the internet look at Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association's website www.essexnwa.co.uk

Look the main menu and click on "Taking Part" scroll down to see the video as we reach out to everyone. Membership is gradually growing week on week in Braintree District and one reason is due to being involved with Braintree District Council's Safer Streets Campaign.

Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch has received funding to promote Neighbourhood Watch in many areas in the district ie Witham and Halstead which has helped to reduce the opportunity of crime.

There are people who have registered with Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN) , they were known as National Neighbourhood Watch, which is fine. So as I have access to the NWN database I make contact with those who do register with NWN and introduce Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch to them and hope that they will join Neighbourhood Watch locally.

Please note that if you do want to be part of Neighbourhood Watch where you live then it is your local Braintree Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators who will provide you with local Neighbourhood Watch information ie: the weekly newsletter and also FREE Neighbourhood Watch items.

So if you are receiving this newsletter for the first time and want to join Neighbourhood Watch please either contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (see the details at the bottom of this page) or send an email to me. As we are here to be of support and service on any Neighbourhood Watch matters .

Finally we only distribute information and crime prevention advice from reliable sources eg Essex Police, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office, Essex Fire & Rescue Service , Crimestoppers and Victim Support plus many of our partners of Neighbourhood Watch . As we work together to reduce the opportunity of crime and keep our communities safe. Finally our guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting on 30th April was Superintendent Naomi Edwards who received a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting Neighbourhood Watch ...



Clive Stewart, Chairman ,
Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch
Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association which is a registered Charity

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Essex Police and Neighbourhood Watch

At least once a month Clive Stewart Chairman ECNWA has a meeting with Sarah Wright..so this is an opportunity to know Sarah Wright .



With a police staff career spanning 24 years, I have had several interesting roles including Criminal Scenes Investigations, Warrants and Intelligence.

However, I moved over to the volunteer part of policing in 2017 and haven't looked back. My role involves me working with our diverse communities, our partners, volunteers, children, and animals!

The Citizens in Policing Commander role covers a wide spectrum but really is about involving the community in policing – we police by consent and therefore working with our public is key to this. My first role with volunteers was on the Specials Recruitment Campaign where we launched #MyOtherLife and recruited several hundred volunteer police officers becoming the second largest Special Constabulary Force in England and Wales with only the Met Police Specials larger than us. It was an exciting few years, and my proudest moment was when the Specials were awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service for their contribution to the people of Essex, getting special recognition for the work they did to support the Force during the pandemic. Moving over to the world of CIP in 2020, opened new doors for me in the volunteer world, where I started working with our lovely Volunteer Police Cadets and their Volunteer Police Cadet Leaders.

This group of young people aged 13-18 years, are an inspiration and I have had such fun getting involved in some of their activities, such as Summer Camp, and hearing some of their adventures especially during their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Before I joined the team, I wasn't a particular dog lover, never having one myself, but I have seen the power of dogs, how people love them and how they are incredible company and a comfort for people.

I am lucky enough now to work with our 3 wonderful Essex Watch Liaison Officers who run our various Watch Schemes Including Dog Watch.

Whenever I attend community events, I am the first in line to pet the dogs now especially our welfare and mascot dogs – Baloo, Claude, and Cassie.

I also saw the introduction of a new scheme for Horse Rider Volunteers – like Neighbourhood Watch but on horseback. This scheme has grown fast over the last few months, and we now have nearly 80 volunteers who are out and about most days, in rural communities, looking over hedgerows and generally being our eyes and ears.

I have had an exciting career with lots of opportunities including attachments with operational teams such as Traffic, a work trip in the Force helicopter, and waving to the late Queen and Duke of Edinburgh when they visited Police Headquarters.

One of my highlights was organising and taking a team of 30 special constables, officers, and staff on a 24-hour challenge to complete the UK's 3 Peaks for charity.

We didn't quite make the 24 hours, but we all completed the task as a team and raised thousands for charity.

It showed me the power of teamwork and how we all do better when we do things together.

Which is exactly what Neighbourhood Watch is all about – together you are a strong group who all have in common the welfare of your neighbourhoods and the drive to make them better, safer places to live, work and play in.

I feel honoured and privileged to be in the role of Citizens in Policing Commander and to work with you all to achieve this. Finally please do look at Essex Police "Dispatch" which is for people to sign up to it with:-

www.Dispatchnewsletter/EssexPolice

Sarah Wright, Citizens in Policing Commander
Local Policing Support Unit, Essex Police

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