

Braintree District

Dear All

Welcome to the new monthly police newsletter. We are always looking to improve and look for opportunities to engage with our community and I would welcome any suggestions on how to further engage with all of our community by emailing:

April saw further staged easing of coronavirus restrictions that allowed the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Gyms have also reopened, hospitality venues have been allowed to serve people outdoors. Local officers have been working with our partners from the local authority to support the return of retail & licensed trading across the district, ensuring a safe environment for everyone.

The Essex Police Business Crime Team were out in Witham to launch the 'Open for Business Closed for Crime Campaign. We want everyone to stay safe as we return to retail, whether you are a customer or a member of staff. As well as maintaining a social distance and wearing face coverings where necessary, this also means treating hospitality and retail staff with respect. <https://www.essex.police.uk/.../essex-return-to-retail/>



With the good weather start to return and many return to working outside in our gardens, its always a good time to remind residents to mark any valuable property either gardening equipment or power tools. The Community Policing Team have been out conducting property marking events with more planned next month. Further crime prevention advice can be found out <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

The policing picture for the Braintree District shows that all recorded crime for the last 12 months in **down by 7.5%, 831 less crime reported.**

Take care and Stay Safe

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Witham Updates

ARREST



A man has been arrested in connection with reports of a man indecently exposing himself in [#Witham](#).

Officers have been investigating a number of incidents reported in March and February. A 21-year-old local man was arrested on Friday 23 April

The investigation remains ongoing and extra patrols are being conducted in the area

Anyone with information is asked to contact Braintree CID quoting reference 42/44328/21. Contact <https://www.essex.police.uk/> or use the 'Live Chat' button to speak to an online operator between 7am-11pm.



Thanks to the efforts of a Witham Special Constable, a boy has been reunited with his push bike after it was reported to have been stolen while he was at school. The bike had been reported stolen from outside the school on Conrad Road in [#Witham](#) on Friday 26 March. On Saturday 10 April, while on patrol, Special Constable Simon Jesse found a bike he believed had been stolen.

After issuing an appeal on the Essex Police Braintree district page to try and find the bike's owner, SC Jesse was able to get in contact with the boy's parents. He returned the bike to its rightful owner, just a day later.

"I'd like to thank everyone who shared our Facebook appeal" said Special Constable Jesse.

"By working with the community, I was able to locate the bike's owner and make sure it was returned to him as soon as possible.

"Witham is a special community and one that I am very proud to be a part of."

If anyone has any information about the theft of the bike from outside the school on Conrad Road on Friday 26 March, please get in contact with us via our digital 101 service; www.essex.police.uk/digital101. Please reference incident 812 of 10 April when providing any information.



Following our community engagement event at The Rec [#Coggeshall](#)

Residents were concerned about speeding in East Street so police were there yesterday. No speeding was recorded whilst officers were present but one motorist was reported for not having a valid MOT.



Braintree Updates



PD Trigger helped catch a man this weekend who was giving his human colleagues the run-around in [#Braintree](#). The man had allegedly been involved in assaulting someone and causing damage. Trigger used his nose to track through two housing estates where he found the man who was promptly arrested.



Officers were at ScrewFix, Braintree offering free tool marking and crime prevention advice. The day was a great success and more days are planned across Braintree District in May - See our Facebook page for details.



APPEAL

We are investigating following an assault in Braintree which left a man with a broken ankle.

It was reported the victim, who is in his 40s, was attacked by a man as he was walking through Great Square, near to Corals bookmakers, between 11pm and midnight on 23 April.

His attacker has been described to us as white, 6ft tall, stocky, in his mid-30s, with short, blonde hair and wearing a white top and dark-coloured jeans.

The victim was left with a broken ankle and bruised ribs, jaw, and head.

We need anyone who saw anything or has CCTV or dash cam footage to come forward.

If you have any information you can submit a report online at <https://www.essex.police.uk> or use the 'Live Chat' button to speak to an online operator between 7am-11pm.

Please quote the crime reference number: 42/76416/21

You can also call us on 011 0800 555 111.



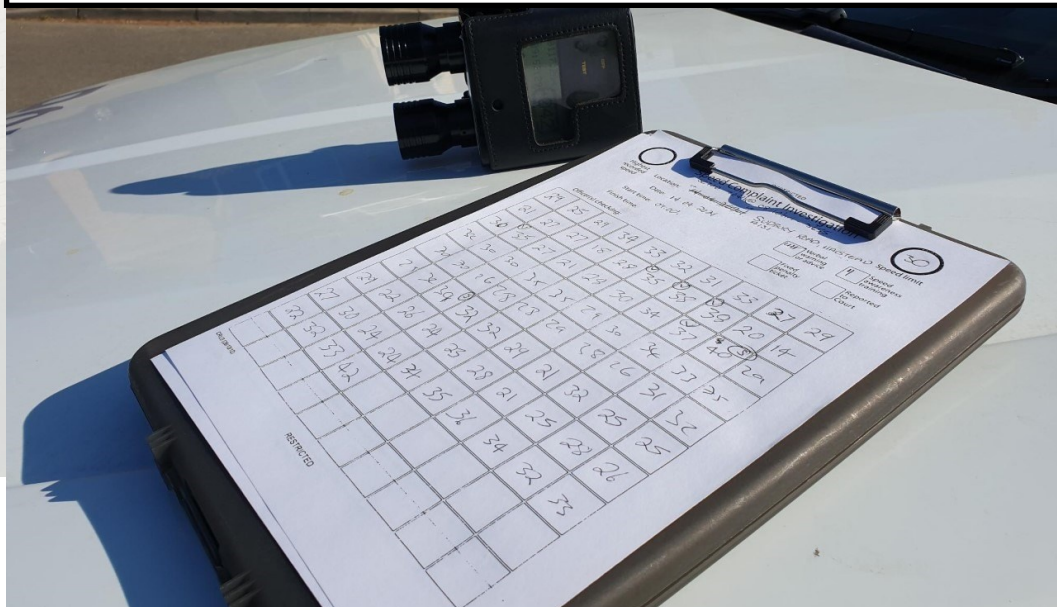
Halstead Updates



Following concerns raised by residents of [#Halstead](#) about people gathering in the town park causing antisocial behaviour - Officers have been regularly patrolling the area dealing with any antisocial behaviour they come across

Officers were out and about yesterday around [#Halstead](#) and [#EarlsColne](#).

After visiting some of the local schools they checked 100 vehicles speed on Sudbury Road - This was following recent complaints of speeding
2 x tickets were issued
2 x speed awareness courses
and several words of advice



Community Engagement Events Coming Up



10th May Tool marking screw fix Wltham

16th May bike post coding event Rayne

17th May tool marking Travis Perkins Halstead

27th May Community drop in event with Braintree District
Council at Cressing Social club

See our Facebook page for more details and events



Crime Prevention - Cycle Security

Commonly bicycles are either not secured or not secured properly, and this makes it easy for thieves/opportunists.

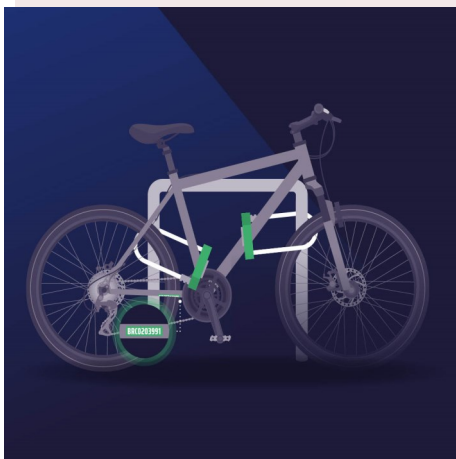
Get your bike security marked and registered at [BikeRegister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com). It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested.

Use the best security you can afford. As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain **and** padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver.

Consider what you chain it to whether at home or whilst out, is that secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

Make a note of the frame number and security mark of the cycle. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, (some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it)

At home remove that first attraction to the thief or burglar:



- 1) Don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property,
- 2) Consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to,
- 3) Look at your shed or garage security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected,
- 4) Consider a shed alarm.

Try getting your children or grandchildren into good habits, by keeping their bikes secure and not leaving them discarded on the front lawn or other areas, this may save problems in the future.

If your bike is stolen report it to police **as soon as possible** after this there are other various courses of action open to you.

stolen-bikes.co.uk will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer you advice to help get it back

www.findthatbike.co.uk Lists adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale.

For suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com

or www.soldsecure.com .





Braintree Community Policing Team

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Braintree – March 2021

District Commander: Chief Inspector Janette Rawlingson



Your Priorities

You Said:

Speeding vehicles in the district

We Did:

More speed checks in areas identified
[#ProtectingAndServingEssex](#)



REPORTING BRAINTREE **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

REPORT A CRIME



**ANONYMOUSLY REPORT
DRUG ACTIVITY**



REPORT A NOISE NUISANCE



REPORT LITTERING



**REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR**



**REPORT AN
ABANDONED VEHICLE**



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Signposting



Is someone close becoming a stranger?

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Act early and tell us your concerns in confidence. You won't be wasting our time and you won't ruin lives, but you might save them.

[How we help →](#)

[What you can do →](#)

[Share a concern →](#)



<https://actearly.uk/>

