



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CHELMSFORD

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Please take the time to have a look at the Chelmsford Neighbourhood watch Website, perhaps you may have a suggestion or an idea. Or maybe you have held an NW event. Please send the details to Steve Leverett (Full contact details are on the Website) so that he can publish the details on the website. Or why not send in some details regarding the neighbourhood watch team in your area. Why not include a picture.

CATS RECOVERED AND ARRESTS MADE

Police in the Braintree district have recently carried out a raid at a location where a number of catalytic convertors were recovered including a number marked with the "Retaina Group" identification markings which of course will provide further evidence as to the rightful ownership. Further arrests have also been made in connection with catalytic convertors thefts.

This weeks crime report is listed below, but please be advised of the following

METAL THEFTS

In a previous article I asked all members of neighbourhood watch to report any activity around cable theft.

How do you know who is genuine and who is not?

The answer is that often you cannot tell, as even those who are stealing cable will look genuine and on occasions these persons may use vans that have been liveried up to look like the real thing.

So what do should you do?

If you see anyone make a note of the vehicle index / registration number, location, plus the date and the time seen. Details of any vehicles seen can instantly be checked by Essex Police and where necessary resources will then be allocated to deal. Call Essex Police on 101.

Contact details: Essex Police Tel 101 or 999 if an emergency
Crimestoppers Tel 0800 555 111 - Call anonymously with information about a crime.

COLD CALLERS

Each week I receive emails from watch members regarding persons who cold call by phone and suspicious emails that they have received.

This week I have been made aware of the following

Free Electrical safety – No thank you.

A member received a call from a male who was described as being ‘a polite Englishman’. He asked for the member by name, he said he was an electrical safety organisation and was checking to see whether a **free** electrical wiring check was needed. The member said that she had already had one recently and the male apologised for calling. The member tried to call 1471 to gain the telephone, but it was withheld.

It is believed that this is a scam, so if anyone calls and asked if you would like a free wiring check, it is best to decline the offer.

Computer repairs

If you receive a call from anyone who asks if your computer is running slowly or states that your computer has a virus. You can end the call instantly by stating –“**I do not own a computer or laptop, goodbye**”.

Never give anyone remote access or any banking details to anyone who cold calls you on the telephone.

Bogus banking emails

You may receive a message from a bank which will state the following

This e-mail has been sent by our security team to inform you that your account will be deactivated within the next 24 hours due to several unsuccessful login attempts on your bank account.

To prevent this to happen log on securely to our secure validation link below today and verify your account information:

There will be a link address here which you are ask to connect to and update all your banking details

After verification , you may use your e-mail account as usual.

Please do not give any information, you can either delete the email or if you wish you can contact Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk or call them on 0300 123 2040

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Incident</u> |
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| July | | Burglary Dwelling |
| 3 rd | Gloucester Avenue, Chelmsford | Suspects unknown have gained entry to a porch by means unknown and have removed a personal belongings along with keys to a White Golf which was then also removed from the property. |
| 4 th | George Street, Chelmsford | 2 arrests were made following a burglary at a property |
| 6 th | Wicklow Avenue, Chelmsford | Suspect unknown forced a front door of a property between the hours of 22:30 – 06:35 and removed keys from the property along with a BMW 525 |
| 8 th | Stonehill Rd, Roxwell | Suspects unknown have gained entry to a property by means unknown and removed property from within. |
| 11 th | Parkdale, Danbury | Suspects unknown gained entry to a property by means unknown and removed keys from the property along with a Ford Fiesta. |
| 12 th | Chalklands, Sandon | Arrests were made following a burglary |
| 13 th | Dove lane, Chelmsford | Suspects unknown have entered a property leaving the back gate and door open |
| 15 th | The Street, Latchingdon | Suspects unknown gained entry to a licensed premises |

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| | | between 17:30 – 19:00 |
| 16 th | Maldon Road, Great Baddow | Attempted Burglary, Suspects unknown have caused damage to a door in an attempt to gain entry to a property. |
| 16 th | Maldon Road, Great Baddow | Suspects unknown smashed a side window to gain entry to a property between the hours of 15:00 – 17:00 |
| 17 th | Church Road, West Hanningfield | Suspects unknown have gained entry to a property through the front window of a property between the hours of 08:45 – 17:45 |
| 17 th | Lower Green, Galleywood | Suspects unknown have gained entry to a property by damaging the front door |
| | | Theft of Metal |
| 1 st | Lonebarn link | Suspects unknown have removed 6 metres of copper cable cabling. |
| 2 nd | Sandford Road | Suspects unknown have removed 12 x 1foot lengths of cable. |
| 3 rd | Rodney Way | Suspects unknown have removed scrap metal from the side of a commercial premises |
| 6 th | New London Road, Chelmsford | Suspects unknown have removed a quantity of lead from a business premises roof |
| 17 th | Hanbury Road | Suspects unknown have removed 3 metres of copper earthing wire |