



Annual Scrutiny Report

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Introduction

Brentwood Community Safety Partnership is the local statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for Brentwood. The purpose of the Partnership is to provide a strategic and collaborative approach to addressing local crime and disorder within the Borough by reducing the levels of disorder including crime, anti-social behaviour, the misuse of drugs and reducing re-offending. However, the partnership is committed to delivering beyond our statutory obligations and understand the importance of wider community safety issues to local communities such as Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), Speedwatch activity and continuing to develop home safety activity with our partners such as Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (ECFRS).

The partnership is made up of both Statutory and Community organisations as detailed below.



The CSP is currently chaired by Cllr Chris Hossack and Essex Police, Chief Inspector Lewis Basford is Vice Chair. Each year the CSP are required to prepare a Strategic Intelligence Assessment to review existing priorities and identify any new or emerging priorities that the partnership should focus on.

Following this analysis and identification of the strategic priorities a Partnership Plan is produced detailing the partnerships activities for the forthcoming year to address the issues raised in the Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

The Partnership Plan is a public facing document which details the priorities identified by residents and data from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. The document includes detailed action plans for each priority area and sets out how the partnership will work together over the next twelve months to tackle crime and disorder and achieve its priorities.

This plan also has regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) Police and Crime Plan.

The priorities identified from the 2017/2018 Strategic Assessment are:



Policing Structure and Resources

Brentwood Borough forms part of Essex Police Western Local Policing Area (LPA), which also includes the districts of Epping Forest, Harlow and Thurrock. The Borough accounts for 22% of the area and 17% of the population of the LPA.

Since November 2017 Essex Police moved into the Town Hall to their new base. This has further improved communication and partnership work with the Council. The community safety team and newly seconded Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officer now have access to the police station and have further developed their working relationships with local officers. Arrangements have also been made for the Council's fraud officers to use the facilities to carry out interviews under caution.

The **Community Policing Team (CPT)** delivers community policing within the borough and comprises of:

- **1** Inspector, covering Epping Forest and Brentwood
- **1** Sergeant covering Brentwood
- **5** Constables, covering Brentwood
- **2** Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) for Brentwood.
- **1** Rural Community Officer PC Mark Sheridan-Brown who is shared with Epping Forest.
- **9** Special Constables at Brentwood with **5** of them allocated to the CPT. There have been a number of Brentwood specials that have gone on to join the regulars which has temporarily reduced our numbers.

The **Local Policing Teams (LPT)** are response officers and therefore respond to 999 calls and comprises of:

- **6** Sergeants and a team of thirty
- **30** Constables that work from the new offices at Brentwood council offices. These officers are specifically allocated to Brentwood.

The **Criminal Investigations Department ‘Proactive’ (CIDP)** is based in Brentwood and are responsible for targeting prolific offenders, and the prevention and detection of crime across the borough. The team comprised of:

- **1** Detective Inspector
- **1** Detective Sergeant
- **5** Detective Constables

The **Criminal Investigations Department ‘Reactive’ (CIDR)** is responsible for the investigation of more of the serious crimes such as dwelling burglary and robbery. They cover the borough from 8am – 10pm and comprises of:

- **1** local Detective Inspector, covering Brentwood & Epping
- **4** Detective Sergeants, **1** for Brentwood
- **20** Detective Constables, **5** for Brentwood

Operation Juno teams are responsible for the investigation of all domestic abuse crimes within the West LPA and are based at Harlow and at Grays Police Station.

Brentwood Crime Comparison

Crime/Incident Type	# offence		# diff	% diff	District vs Force % pt diff	Per 1000 Pop.*	District vs Force Per Pop.* diff	# offences		# diff	% diff	Per 1000 Pop.*
	Brentwood 12M							Force				
	2016	2017						2016	2017			
ALL CRIME	4135	4835	700	16.9	5.6	63.3	-9.5	117807	131146	13339	11.3	72.8
Violence with Injury	379	429	50	13.2	2.9	5.6	-1.9	12353	13620	1267	10.3	7.6
Violence without Injury	425	518	93	21.9	3.1	6.8	-2.1	13535	16071	2536	18.7	8.9
Stalking and Harassment	166	287	121	72.9	29.7	3.8	-1.6	6715	9612	2897	43.1	5.3
Sexual Offences	79	96	17	21.5	-2.4	1.3	-0.7	2895	3587	692	23.9	2.0
Robbery	37	38	1	2.7	-30.6	0.5	-0.3	1109	1478	369	33.3	0.8
Residential Burglary	-	471				15.4	3.3	-	8663			12.1
Business and Community Burglary	-	244				3.2	0.8	-	4273			2.4
Dwelling Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	374	353	-21	-5.6	-1.8	11.5	1.9	7199	6927	-272	-3.8	9.6
Other Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	299	362	63	21.1	21.0	4.7	1.4	6005	6009	4	0.1	3.3
Theft from a Vehicle	300	388	88	29.3	24.6	5.1	0.7	7481	7833	352	4.7	4.3
Theft of a Vehicle	240	299	59	24.6	3.7	3.9	1.5	3623	4378	755	20.8	2.4
Theft from the Person	62	81	19	30.6	34.7	1.1	0.2	1578	1514	-64	-4.1	0.8
Theft of Pedal Cycles	51	104	53	103.9	91.6	1.4	-0.1	2267	2546	279	12.3	1.4
Shoplifting	203	205	2	1.0	4.1	2.7	-2.7	10072	9756	-316	-3.1	5.4
Other Theft	506	533	27	5.3	1.9	7.0	-0.1	12292	12717	425	3.5	7.1
Criminal Damage (incl. arson)	568	558	-10	-1.8	-5.3	7.3	-1.5	15284	15822	538	3.5	8.8
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	1801	1746	-55	-3.1	1.8	22.9	-4.8	52454	49909	-2545	-4.9	27.7

*Dwelling Burglary per 1000 Households

The table above sets out the crime figures for Brentwood, comparing reports for 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 with 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 for the borough, and Essex Police Force.

- All Crime has increased by 16.9% (700 more offences). **Slightly higher than the force average but in line with national increases and changes to crime recording.**
- Stalking and Harassment has increased by 72.9% (121 more offences). – **The majority are linked to domestic abuse and has resulted from a greater awareness and more accurate crime recording practises. The CSP has actively promoted Domestic abuse awareness and ran a very successful campaign this year which has no doubt assisted in increased reporting.**
- Theft from a Vehicle has increased by 29.3% (88 more offences). – **The targeting of vans particularly in hotel car parks has increased. Operation Northstar has been deployed within the borough and crime prevention advice continues to be given regarding not leaving items on display.**
- Theft of Pedal Cycles has increased by 103.9% (53 more offences). **There was a significant increase in thefts from train stations whereby commuter's bikes have been targeted. With support from CCTV several suspects were identified. In addition, an off-duty police officer going home resulted in the arrest of an offender by Shenfield train station. Since then offences have reduced.**
- Dwelling Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition) has decreased by 5.6% (21 fewer offences). **See section on partnership activity on Burglaries**
- ASB Incidents have decreased by 3.1% (55 fewer incidents). **See section on partnership activity on ASB**

To provide a comparison with other boroughs and districts across Essex please see the table below which has compared all crime offences and per 1000 population.

District/Borough	All Crime	
	Offences	Per 1000 Pop
Basildon	15952	87.0
Southend-On-Sea	15186	84.5
Colchester	14742	79.0
Thurrock	14267	85.4
Tendring	12658	88.8
Chelmsford	12319	70.8
Epping Forest	9430	72.4
Braintree	8059	53.4
Harlow	7632	88.7
Brentwood	4835	63.3
Castle Point	4789	53.4
Uttlesford	3679	42.7
Rochford	3419	39.9
Maldon	2455	38.7
Stansted	1724	

Partnership Activity and Achievements

In this section the partnership has detailed activity undertaken in order to address their strategic priorities. It provides highlights of what has been achieved and some further detail in relation to specific activity.

Council CCTV Control have become a key member of the partnership and have worked extremely hard to support activity undertaken by the Council and Essex Police. A police Airwave radio is permanently located in the CCTV control room so that operators have direct access to Essex Police. Data is also shared with partners in relation to the use of CCTV.

Recently the Council has developed a partnership with Thurrock Council which has resulted in an additional 10 mobile cameras being provided for deployment to hotspot areas throughout the borough. The CCTV manager has worked closely with Safer Brentwood to identify all public areas under council control with elevated instances of ASB, and where possible arranged to have columns in these areas made ready for rapid deployment CCTV camera. Both CCTV manager and Safer Brentwood have included Ingatestone parish council in these talks and have successfully agreed to reinstate CCTV coverage in areas to help suppress ASB.

Body Worn Cameras - The partnership funded the purchase of six body worn cameras to improve evidence gathering, and to offer an added protection for officers carry out their duties. The necessary hardware and software have been installed in our CCTV control room to securely store and maintain footage from the body worn cameras in readiness for the forthcoming accreditation scheme. It was agreed to both store and maintain the equipment within the Council's secure control room environment to comply with data protection and code of practice requirements.

The partnership has also strengthened our working relationship with Baytree Security in the Town Centre, and as a result 2 body worn cameras have been provided to security staff which has already had positive results with a reduction in incidents.

Staff have also reported that the cameras have presented an opportunity for them to engage with members of public.



The partnership has continued to deliver a vast number of community engagement events across the borough and wider Essex covering many topics as detailed below:

1. Bay Tree – Speedwatch
2. Town Hall Speedwatch Training
3. Dementia Cafe/Sawyers – Road Show
4. Bay Tree – Rogue Traders
5. Ladies – Shenfield/Hutton Road Show
6. Union Church H&S Road Show
7. Town Hall Gang Awareness
8. Bay Tree – CSP/NHW
9. Town Hall – Gang Awareness Training
10. High Street – Community Day
11. CVS Breakfast Event
12. Shenfield - Community Day
13. Bay Tree – Knife Crime
14. Bay Tree – EDWARD (European Day Without A Death)
15. High Street – Bicycle Safety & Protection

16. Bay Tree – Hate Crime
17. Bay Tree – Op Mercury/Burglary
18. Brentwood Showcase
19. PF&CC Rural Crime – Stow Maries Aerodrome
20. Bay Tree – Parliament Week – General info
21. Bay Tree – Road Safety (BRAKE)
22. Brentwood County High – Gangs
23. High Street – Drink/Drug/Drive
24. Brentwood Centre – Loneliness Event
25. Brentwood Centre – Loneliness Event
26. Police Fire & Crime Commissioners Public Meeting
27. Council events such as Strawberry Fair, Family Fun Days, and recycling roadshows

The above engagement events were in addition to the regular sessions in the local libraries, community hospital, and community halls which total 35 in number. The sessions are delivered by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and the aim is to provide crime prevention advice and give residents the opportunities to give their views on community safety issues.

The partnership has also been able to visit Grove House School and a local nursery to speak to the children and young people about safety issues which has proved extremely popular, particularly when they got to see the police car.

Until recently the partnership also had a regular slot on Phoenix Community Radio talking about key community safety issues and the ability to invite along guests which included NHW, Crimestoppers, and Essex & Kent Police Anti-Slavery & Trafficking Co-ordinator.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Brentwood is extremely fortunate to have a very dedicated volunteer borough co-ordinator who is extremely proactive driving the scheme across Brentwood and further afield.

Because of the dedication of the volunteer borough co-ordinator there have been vast improvements to NHW. He attends the CSP Strategy Panel meetings and represents Brentwood at County-wide meetings. It is recognised by the partnership that without the support of our local co-ordinator we would not be able to deliver such a comprehensive engagement programme.

As well as promoting neighbourhood watch across the borough he has also distributed information leaflets/booklet and crime prevention items such as:

- Window Alarms
- ID Magnifier
- Personal Alarms
- Purse Bells
- Purse Cables
- Property Marker Pens
- Timer Switches
- Sat Nav Cloths
- Key Ring Torches
- Leaflets including: Lock Em Out, scam booklet, community safety booklet, junior highway code booklet, and much more

The partnership has recently supported the establishment of a joint Independent Advisory Group (IAG) with Essex Police and Epping Forest District Council.

The aim of the group is to review police working practices, to assist Essex Police better understand how its processes and policies can affect our local communities and to give communities a voice on key issues. A second meeting of the IAG is taking place later this month.

Essex Police have a programme of Local Community Meetings across the borough which the partnership also supports in making sure advice and information is available to local communities at each event. We are also seeking launch Coffee with Cops in partnership with Essex Police which is a new concept and aimed at reaching out to communities in new innovative ways.

The CSP believe strongly that communication with communities is key. There is a very active social media programme including the use of Twitter with over 450 followers, a dedicated website and quarterly CSP Newsletter which posted on our website and is also distributed to Members, Parish Councils, local businesses through the Federation of Small Business (FSB), local community groups, schools who then forward the newsletter on to parents, and more. It is estimated that the newsletter reaches over 3000 readers.

CSP Website: www.saferbrentwood.com

Twitter: @saferbrentwood

Just a few examples



Reduction in unauthorised traveller encampments, support for farming community with mobile cameras, and partnership with Thurrock Council to deploy cameras in hotspot locations across the borough

A variety of over 100 different enforcement actions taken to tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime, development of a Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime

Development of the Youth Intervention Programme (YIP), gang prevention tasking and Parent Awareness Sessions, launch of Gang Awareness Guide for parents, and secondment of a dedicated ASB Officer

Commissioned various projects for young over 7,000 young people covering issues such as gangs, ASB & crime, and drugs & alcohol

Anti-social behaviour continues to reduce across the borough with 55 fewer incidents as detailed above.

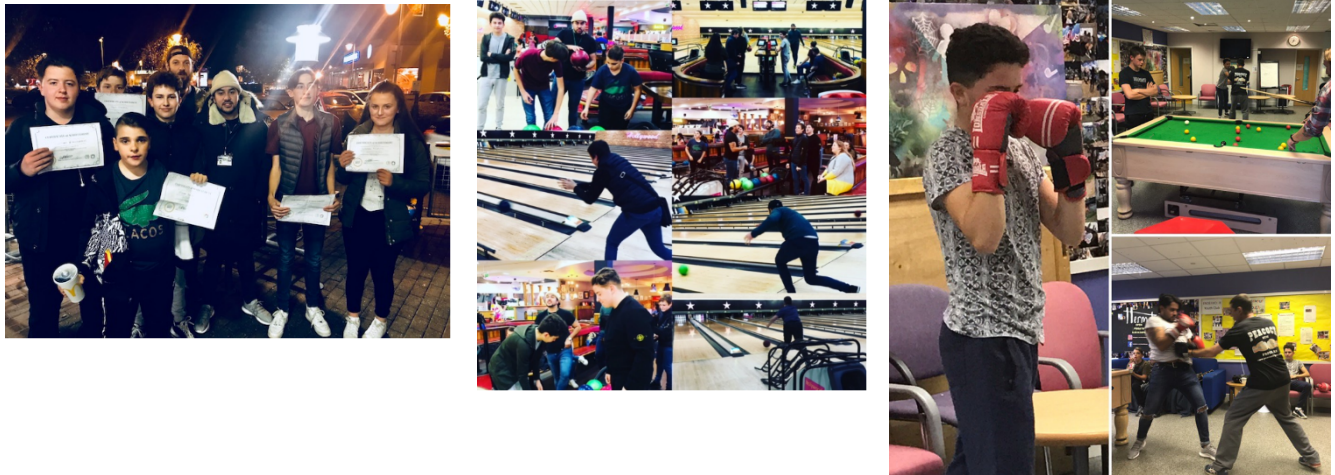
The CSP has remained committed to tackling such a key issue for local communities. This year has been an extremely busy one for the partnership with various projects aimed at a vast cross section from nursery age, young people to the vulnerable and elderly.

Listed below are some of those projects:

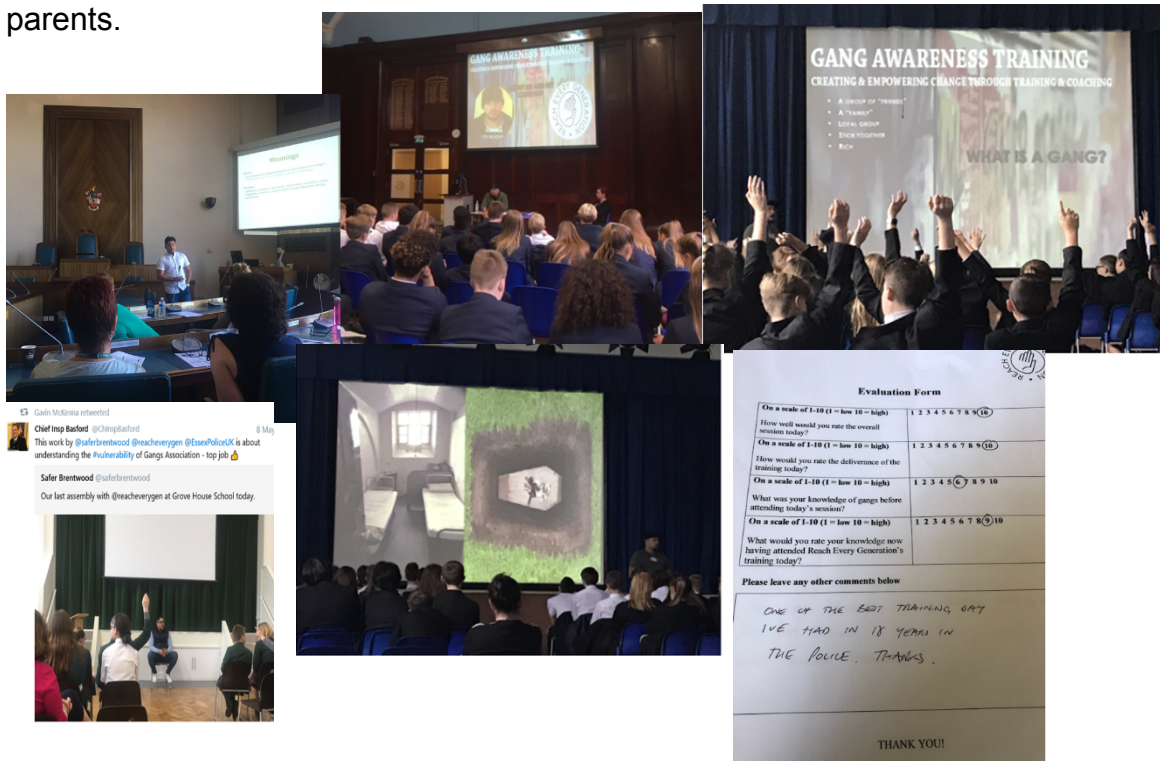
Firebreak The partnership continues to support the project aimed at young people which is delivered by Essex County Fire & Rescue Services. Along with the Council the partnership has assisted in securing two courses this year which have been run from Ingatestone Fire Station for the first time this year.



Life Choices was a 16-week project delivered to young people aged 11-15 referred by local schools. During the project the young people covered a number of topics which included self-esteem, anger, family, anti-social behaviour, crime, drugs & alcohol and gang awareness.



Gang Awareness assemblies were delivered to over 7000 young people in local secondary schools. In addition, awareness sessions were also delivered to partners and parents.



Chief Insp Balford @ChangRadford
 This work by @safereachwood @reacheverygen @EssexPoliceUK is about understanding the #vulnerability of Gangs Association - top job 🙌

Safar Brentwood @safereachwood
 Our last assembly with @reacheverygen at Grove House School today.

Evaluation Form

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = low 10 = high) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How well would you rate the overall session today? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = low 10 = high) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How would you rate the difference of the training today? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = low 10 = high) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What was your knowledge of gangs before attending today's session? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = low 10 = high) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What would you rate your knowledge now having attended Reach Every Generation's training today? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please leave any other comments below

ONE OF THE BEST TRAINING DAY IVE HAD IN 18 YEARS IN THE POLICE. THANKS.

THANK YOU!

National Citizen Scheme (NCS) 154 young people from Brentwood schools participated and completed the NCS programme in Summer 2017, the young people went on a 5-day team building residential, then a 5-day skill building residential and then had to complete 30 hours social action each. Between them they raised £4,538.92 for Brentwood Projects in the community including SNAP, Hopefield's Animal Sanctuary, The Gates and Brentwood MIND. They also completed community projects like hosting a tea party for elderly people who live in local care homes, repaired poly tunnels at the sanctuary, decorated a room in a local youth centre, and helped remove graffiti from the multi storey car park in Coptfold Road.



Youth Provision – Essex Youth Service provided support to Hutton Community Centre to set up a new youth group on a Friday evening called SURGE. The youth group was launched in September and the partnership has attended sessions in support of the groups. The group continues to grow and a good number of young people accessing their provision since they opened.

As well as the projects commissioned by the partnership we also work together on key issues that arise or hotspot areas. Some examples include:

Unauthorised Encampments continue to be reported and affect the borough at different locations. Although the offence of Trespass is a civil one Essex Police have some discretionary emergency powers in certain circumstance to remove travellers. The Council, Essex Police CPT, and the Essex County Traveller unit monitor unauthorised encampments and with closer working have improved their response.

Council figures for the summer period in 2017 when compared to 2016 showed that there was a reduction in the number of encampments as well as a reduction in the average length of stay on Council and Parish Council land from 8 to 3 days. There has also been an increase in the use of Section 61 powers used by Essex Police from 3 to 8.

Town Centre saw an increase in reports of crime and ASB to the Council and Essex Police. The partnership worked together with security staff at the Baytree, local businesses and schools to tackle the issue. Because of this joint approach the following was achieved:

- Identification of youths involved
- Letters sent to the parents of young people involved
- Home visits made to those involved in more serious ASB
- Arrest made of those committing offences
- Two young people who were the most prolific were arrested and subsequently prosecuted for offences of theft, damage and assault. Whilst awaiting prosecution the youths were given bail conditions not to go to the High Street. The cases are now finalised, and a Criminal Behaviour Order has also been obtained after conviction which prevents the main offenders associating with each or gathering in a group of more than 4 people.
- As a further preventative and enforcement measure a Public Space Protection Order is being applied for by the Council. The draft Order is going out for consultation shortly and will hopefully be in force by June 2018.

Motorcycle enabled crime has seen an increase with reports of motorcycles being driven anti socially and involved in crime. The local CPT identified a suspect for crime and carried out a search warrant at his home address to look for evidence. This youth offender was subsequently arrested for being involved in crime and his bike seized.

Crime prevention advice was given to local schools and commuters regarding the use of mobile phones because people using mobile phones were approached from behind by a moped rider and then the phone was stolen as they drove past. These offences have now stopped.

At Halloween there was a motorcycle “ride out” from Romford to Southend which impacted on Brentwood where several windscreens were smashed. There was a pre-planned police operation in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police. As a result, Essex officers deployed several stingers on the offending motorcycles which resulted in a total of 15 arrests and ongoing enquiries.

Nuisance Vehicles have been an issue for the partnership this year. There were reports of anti-social behaviour involving cars and motorcycle/mopeds at William Hunter Way, Wash Rd (Scout Hut) and Bishops Hall car park. As a result, various activities were undertaken by the partnership which included:

- Bishops Hall car park being gated and locked overnight.
- With support from the local scout group the Scout Hut at Wash Rd is to be fitted with new CCTV and a dial in speaker system. The purpose is to monitor the ASB in the car parks at this location.
- Warning letters and Section 59 Notices continue to be issued at William Hunter Way supported by Council’s CCTV control room.
- Successful prosecution of an offender for verbally abusing a member of the CSP who was doing a site visit.
- Four bikes were seized, and an Acceptable Behaviour Contract issued.

Secondment of a dedicated ASB Officer has been granted for a six-month trial period. The officer has moved from housing and deals with all cases of anti-social behaviour reported to the Council.

Since January the following has been achieved:

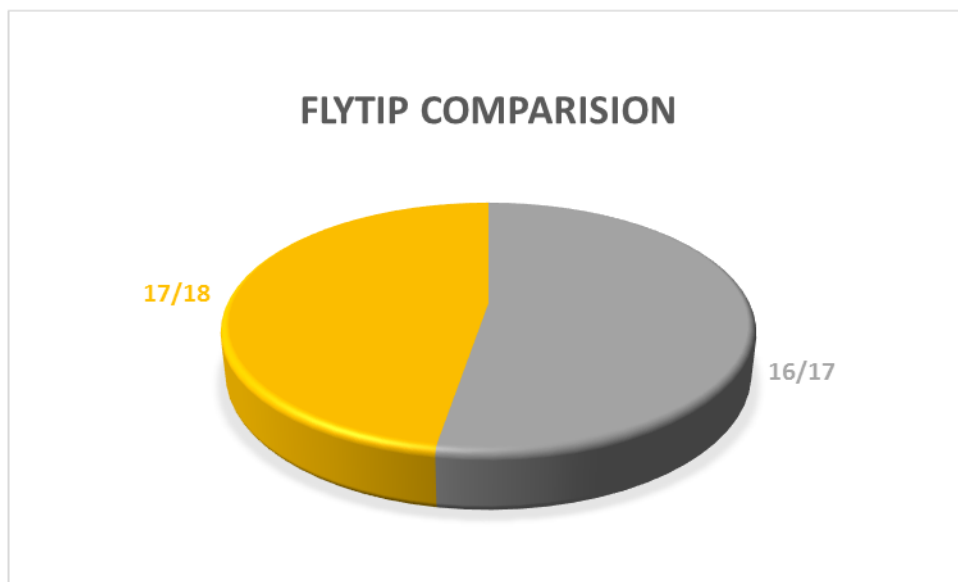
- 18 cases reported and actioned.
- A Notice of Seeking Possession (NSP) was served on an address following execution of a Warrant by Essex Police.
- An Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) and NSP was served on a tenant resulting in no further complaints being received.
- Two ABCs signed in relation to a neighbour dispute.
- An injunction with Power of Arrest and Power of Entry was obtained against an individual who residing with a vulnerable tenant. As a result of breaches of the Injunction the individual was remanded, and the tenant safeguarded.
- A safeguarding visit was undertaken in partnership with Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service to an extremely vulnerable tenant. An action plan was subsequently drafted, and referrals made to appropriate agencies.
- The officer also attends monthly Community Safety Tasking and is working on ensuring all cases are recorded on the Council's case management system.

Youth Intervention Programme (YIP) was developed by the partnership to ensure young people and their families in Brentwood receive a holistic, timely, expert and specific approach when tackling high risk anti-social behavior, crime, violence, drugs, or gang activity. Referrals are accepted for young people aged between 11-16 living or attending school in the Brentwood area.

The partnership commissioned Reach Every Generation to deliver the programme in the borough with great success. Because of this work the partnership were invited to deliver a workshop for the East of England LGA at their conference in Cambridge on protecting young people from harm. Following on from this the partnership were also invited by Cambridge CSP to their Partnership Planning Event and provided advice and information to Broxbourne Council on our activity.

Flytipping has been a real issue across the borough and one which the partnership has seen as a priority for local communities. With funding from the Essex Rural Partnership, a supply of mobile cameras was purchased and provided to our rural communities to assist with evidence gathering.

Below is data captured by the Council in terms of reported fly tips from Jan – Dec 16/17 compared with data for Jan – Dec 17/18:



Despite the slight decrease in reports enforcement action has increase year on year from 2013, as shown in the table below:

YEAR	No.	Costs/fines received
13/14	1	£80.00
14/15	1	£360.00
15/16	4	£1,710.50
16/17	9	£1,710.00
17/18	17	£6,499.00

Enforcement action taken includes formal cautions, prosecutions and Fixed Penalty Notices.

Gypsy, Traveller & Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) Is a new team within Essex Police who have been set up to focus on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities across the county.

The Essex Police Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) started work earlier this year linking in with rural communities, providing extra patrols in rural areas and giving crime prevention advice.

The five officers in the team work with partner agencies to tackle issues such as unauthorised traveller encampments, hare coursing and fly tipping. They also act as a link between rural communities and local policing teams, providing them with a point of contact when issues arise.



Two Johns is an online safety workshop aimed at educating young people how to keep themselves safe whilst online. The project has been commissioned for four local schools to over 2000 young people.

Power of Love is a hard-hitting theatre performance which will be delivered to students in years 9 & 10 and explores keys areas such as Bullying, exploitation, domestic violence, intimidation, respect & trust.

Chelsea's Choice held 6 performances around Child Sexual Exploitation in Brentwood Schools, the performance is a hard-hitting drama show based on a true story. Over 1,000 young people aged 12-16 benefited from the performance across the Borough. In addition, 25 professionals from the Brentwood area attended the professional's performance to upskill their knowledge around CSE.

Domestic Abuse - the partnership delivered a new an innovative domestic abuse awareness campaign which ran over domestic abuse awareness fortnight in November. The campaign saw real collaboration between the Council, Victim Support, NHW and local churches.

It involved regular social media messages being delivered over a 16-day period detailing facts about domestic abuse as well as real life comments from local victims of domestic abuse as shown in the pictures below:

16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence 2017
#16days #Brentwood
#16DaysOfAction

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Each year nearly 2 MILLION people in the UK suffer some form of domestic abuse - 1.3 million women victims (8.2% of the population) and 800,000 men victims (1% of the population).

"Thank you for all your support and assistance through a time in our lives that we thought we would never get through"
 (Mother and Son, Brentwood)

On average 26 females a month seek support for domestic abuse in the Brentwood area.

"Thank you isn't adequate - your support has been and continues to be my life line. If you only knew how many times I just wanted to run away. Thank you again!"
 Kim, 46, Brentwood

16 DAYS OF ACTION **saferbrentwood**

On average 9 males a month seek support for domestic abuse in the Brentwood area.

"Thank you so much. I really appreciate all the help you have both given to me"
 Mother of 3, Brentwood

"In a year when it seemed hopeless and the life sucked out of me, you will never know how your support kept me going"
 Megan, 64, Brentwood

A quarter of young people exposed to domestic abuse go on to demonstrate harmful behaviour in future relationships - in just over half those cases the abuse is directed towards their mother.

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As always, your unwavering support is holding me up through this"
 David, 22, Brentwood

Statistics suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic abuse annually.

Domestic violence has more repeat victims than any other crime. However, it is still the violent crime least likely to be reported to the police.

16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence 2017
#16days #Brentwood
#16DaysOfAction

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Home Security Visits has been

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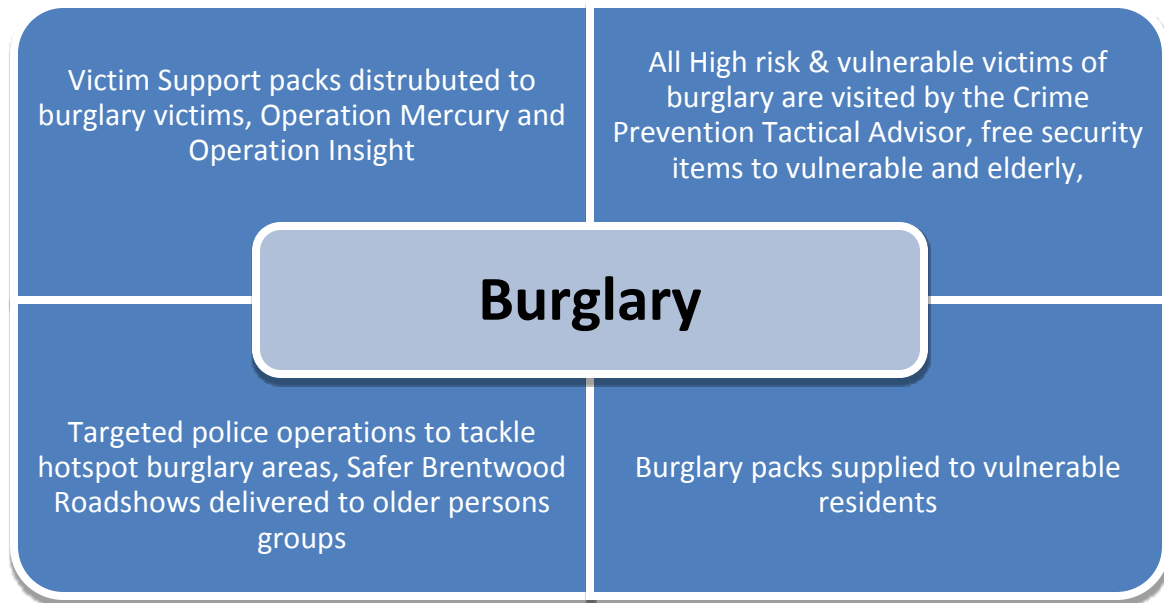
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developed from the Door Chain Project which was initially established by the partnership several years ago. The project relies on volunteers who receive introductory training by Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service. They will then visit the homes of vulnerable or elderly residents who may require additional security measures which now includes carbon monoxide detectors.

Community Safety Roadshow is a real partnership effort with representatives from the Council's community safety team, Essex Police, Essex County Fire & Rescue, Crimestoppers and NHW. The team visit groups, schools, clubs, sheltered schemes to provide information and advice on a range of safety issues including crime and safety awareness, fraud, fire safety and burglary. This year saw the team visit their lowest age range when they went to visit a group of children at a local nursery and a special needs school.

Speedwatch There is now an active network of Speedwatch groups across the borough. A dedicated Speedwatch email is in place for Speedwatch groups to utilise and a speed gun is available for groups to use which is located at the Town Hall and co-ordinated by the Community Safety team. Whilst this scheme is primarily to target speeding drivers it is also a very visible presence in a locality which can only help to assist with discouraging burglars. This year so far, we have delivered 10 Speedwatches across the borough and agreed 6 additional Speedwatch locations.



Seasonal Burglary Operation The partnership has been involved in targeting and preventing the seasonal increase in burglaries that occurs across the whole county over the Winter months. The force wide operation was Operation Mercury and highlighted the clocks going back and darker nights.

Essex Police have performed extra patrols (both visible and uniform) between November and February. They have deployed Automatic number plate readers (ANPR) resulting in number of arrests linked to burglary and other offences.

The Casualty reduction bureau has also assisted by deploying road safety checks/speed checks in areas of high burglaries so as well as road safety they are also using their technology to look for Burglars and travelling criminals using ANPR.

A number of other units within Essex police also provided assistance:

- Serious Crime Directorate was sought for advice.
- The Operational Support Group assisted in arresting suspects.
- The Special constabulary assisted in all aspects and particularly in preventative patrols.

- Active Citizens were also used to distribute crime prevention leaflets and advice
- The dog section attended and exercised their dogs in burglary hot spot areas.
- Cross border work with British Transport Police (BTP) and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) have carried out which resulted in the identification of a suspect who was subsequently arrested.

Operation Insight consists of a system of analysis and the deployment of resources into 'hot spots' likely to suffer burglaries, reducing the chance of them occurring. This policing operation enables the police to use resources more efficiently and maximises the opportunity to prevent crime. Intelligence is produced weekly to highlight areas for more intensive patrolling based on their vulnerability to offences.

This is shared with partners and the Council's Community Safety team then disseminate to other departments within the Council to make sure staff are aware and can factor this information into their regular patrols, visits and work schedule etc.

Operation Insight also includes 'Cocooning' which involves crime prevention work carried out by the community policing team specifically targeting premises in the immediate vicinity of a burglary. Residents are visited and given crime prevention advice to ensure security measures are in place to reduce the risk of them becoming victims.

Local police officers are supported by County resources and have performed intelligence-led police work and high-volume deployments which have resulted in some key arrests, crime prevention and intelligence gathering. This activity maintains pressure on known offenders and aims to reduce crime.

As the report shows 2017/18 has been a very busy year for the partnership with a large number of initiatives and projects being commissioned and delivered in order to deliver against our priorities and joint objectives.

Relationships have been developed and strengthened and the partnership is striving to deliver our partnership promise.

The Partnership Promise

We are committed to delivering local solutions to local problems that have been identified by local people.

In addition, the Partnership's work will provide the opportunity to work together with our partners such as Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch and many others to achieve our corporate objectives.