

2018/19



COMMUNITY
SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP
PLAN

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WELCOME to SAFER BRENTWOOD

Safer Brentwood 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 & disorder within the borough by reducing the levels of disorder including crime, anti-social behaviour, the misuse of drugs and reducing reoffending.

THE BACKGROUND

Under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are required to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder, misuse of drugs, reduce reoffending in the area and to have in place a partnership plan setting out their priorities.

To ensure that the partnership is proactive and well informed the partnership carries out an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment to review existing priorities and identify any new or emerging priorities that the partnership should focus on.

The Partnership Plan takes forward the priorities identified by residents and data from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and sets out how the partnership will work together over the next twelve months in order to tackle these priorities.

This plan also has regard to objectives set out in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) Police and Crime Plan, and will be shared with the PFCC.

The partnership is made up of both statutory and community organisations. Listed below are the six statutory partners that Brentwood works with.

- ✓ **Brentwood Borough Council**
- ✓ **Essex Police**
- ✓ **Essex County Fire & Rescue**
- ✓ **Essex CRC**
- ✓ **Probation Services**
- ✓ **Health**

Just as important as the statutory partners that we work with, are the non-statutory partners such as Neighbourhood Watch, Crimestoppers, Federation for Small Businesses, local resident groups, Parish Councils, schools, volunteers and more. Without these partners we wouldn't be able to work so well as a partnership.



THE PARTNERSHIP PROMISE

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



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.

OUR PROFILE

The borough of Brentwood is situated in the South West of Essex and is a pleasant, busy town conveniently situated with routes into London, the surrounding countryside and villages. Brentwood has a good mix of shops, schools, businesses and recreational facilities. The borough is located within the Metropolitan Green Belt, with the heart of the town only minutes away from pleasant woods, commons and rights of way. Apart from its urban heart, the borough of Brentwood has about 3,000 acres (about 1,215 hectares) of woodland, three country parks, a large amount of farmland and a number of very attractive villages within its borders, yet it is only 18 miles from London. Road and rail connections are excellent with the M25, A12 and A127 trunk roads within the borough and convenient, fast rail links with London and East Anglia. Stansted, City and Southend airports are all 30 to 40 minutes drive away, with Heathrow and Gatwick airports not much more.

Below is an overview of some key issues impacting the borough.

EDUCATION

- High percentage of children who are ready for school.
- The proportion who achieve a good level of development at age 5 is above the average but there is a gap for those eligible for free school meals.
- Higher than average proportion achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C.
- Highest proportion attending a good or outstanding school.
- Lower than average persistent secondary absenteeism.
- More pupils than average aspire to go to university.

TRANSPORT

- Short average travel time by public transport or walking to reach key services.
- Below average percentage of residents who are satisfied with local bus service but more are satisfied with local transport information.
- Access to a car is essential for people out of work and not able to use public transport or walk to an employment centre. 15% may miss out on work opportunities unless they have access to a car.

LIFESTYLE

- Reducing smoking and adult obesity, plus increasing the level of physical activity, are all areas for improvement.
- Interventions need to reach high risk groups to reduce the number of preventable health conditions and service demand.
- Hospital admissions due to alcohol related conditions are better than the England average.
- Decrease in number of adults in substance misuse treatment.

PEOPLE AND PLACE

- An ageing population is increasing demand on services.
- No deprived areas with poor health and unemployment.
- Average population density.
- Below average rate of crime and more residents feel safe.
- Lower than average waste recycling levels.

HOUSING

- Low proportion of social tenants, with higher than average number of residents owning their homes.
- Large rise in house prices.
- Lowest number on the housing waiting list and average rate in temporary accommodation.
- Below average rate of homeless households.
- Ageing population will impact on the availability of health services, housing and care homes.

Information taken from Essex Local Authority Portraits. A product of the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
Please visit www.essexinsight.org.uk for more detailed information.

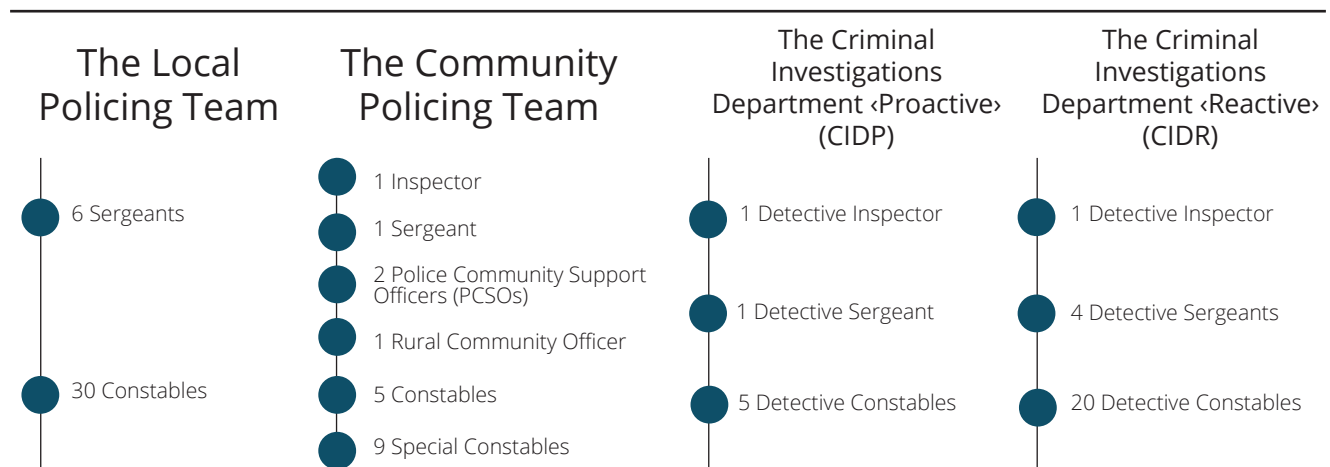


POLICING STRUCTURE

The borough of Brentwood forms part of Essex Police West Local Policing Area (LPA), which 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 appointed 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.

Essex Police's new base hosts the Community Policing Team (CPT), Local Policing Team (LPT), Criminal Investigations Department 'Proactive' (CIDP) and Criminal Investigations Department 'Reactive' (CIDR). Please see below some examples of how the teams are structured in Brentwood (please note that some of the roles cover out of borough areas as well)



THE POLICE & CRIME PLAN 2016-20

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the policing priorities for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. The plan brings together police, partners and the public of Essex to build safe and secure communities. The Community Safety priorities for Brentwood reflect on those set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-20.

- More local, visible and accessible policing
- Crack down on anti-social behaviour
- Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- Reverse the trend in serious violence
- Tackle gangs and organised crime
- Protecting children and vulnerable people
- Improve safety on our roads

OUR TEAM



**COUNCILLOR
CHRIS HOSSACK**

Councillor Hossack has been a Brentwood Borough councillor for 15 years serving Hutton East.

He is currently Chair of Brentwood's Community Health and Housing Committee as well as Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, and Brentwood's Member representative sits on the Essex Policing and Fire Panel.



**COMMUNITY
SAFETY TEAM**

The Community Safety Team delivers a key role in co-ordinating the Community Safety Partnership, providing expertise in the development, implementation and monitoring of initiatives to help keep people safe who live, work and socialise in the Brentwood.

There are 4 members of the Community Safety Team in Brentwood.



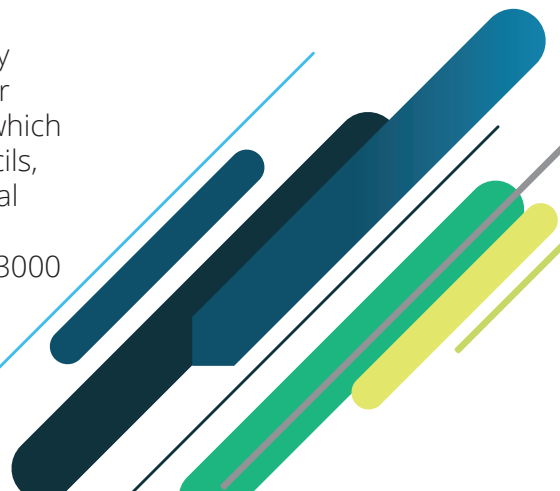
**DISTRICT COMMANDER
LEWIS BASFORD**

Chief Inspector Lewis Basford joined Essex Police in 2006 and is now the District Commander for Brentwood and Epping Forest Community Policing Team.

Lewis is Vice Chair of Brentwood's Community Safety Partnership and is an integral part of the partnership and driving its priorities forward.

OUR COMMITMENT

Safer Brentwood is all about partnership working. 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 a quarterly CSP Newsletter which is posted on our website and 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.



Our Partnership Focus for 2018-19



Protecting People

Domestic Abuse
Exploitation
Modern Slavery & Trafficking
Misuse of Drugs

Protecting Property

Burglary
Theft From Vehicles
Theft of Vehicles
Criminal Damage

Protecting The Community

Road Safety
Anti-Social Behaviour
Environmental Crime
Flytipping

Protecting The Future

Crime Prevention
Young People
Safer Brentwood Roadshows
Advice & Guidance

"I have been a part of Safer Brentwood over the years and it is a great example of the importance of partnership working. I am pleased to see that Brentwood's Community Safety Partnership has chosen these key priority areas. It encompasses everything the partnership needs to do in order to focus on present issues whilst keeping an eye to the future challenges that our community may face"

COUNCILLOR CHRIS HOSSACK

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HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 17/18

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each year is a busy year for the partnership. One particular area which is important to us is community engagement. The partnership has continued to deliver a vast number of community engagement events across the borough and wider Essex covering many topics.

The partnership deliver over 60 engagement events a year which includes regular sessions in the local libraries, community hospital, and community halls.

These engagement sessions are delivered primarily by Peter Salmon, Brentwood's Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) co-ordinator and the aim is to provide crime prevention advice and give residents the opportunities to express their views on community safety issues.



Peter Salmon has been an integral part of Safer Brentwood and in helping to keep Brentwood Safe. Peter has won a number of awards for his continued contribution to the community.

60+

Engagement Days

471

Twitter Followers

10

Themed Events



SCHOOL PROJECTS

Every year the partnership helps to fund and run projects with local schools. We work closely with the schools to identify key issues effecting young people and seek to commission appropriate projects and initiatives. The list below is just a small example of some of the projects we delivered last year.



- ✓ Firebreak x2
- ✓ Life Choices
- ✓ The Two Johns
- ✓ Chelsea's Choice
- ✓ Gangs Awareness Assembly
- ✓ Drug Talks
- ✓ Parent Awareness Sessions
- ✓ Power of Love



LIFE CHOICES

Brentwood Borough Council in partnership with Essex Police and many others have committed to explore new and innovative ways in order to tackle issues in our communities, particularly those affecting young people.

As a part of this commitment Safer Brentwood have commissioned a pilot project called Life Choices aimed at young people who could be at risk from a variety of issues

Life Choices is a 12 week course that covers a variety of topics such as gangs, drugs, grooming, online safety, knife crime, mental health and help prepare the young people for the future.

Images taken from Safer Brentwood funded projects during the year 18/17



FIREBREAK

Firebreak is a week-long course where young people gain a sense of discipline. They get to work together as a team and are encouraged to keep safe from crime and anti-social behaviour both in and out of school.

During the week-long course, the young people get a chance to learn and practice different fire drills, first aid and team building.

They also get the chance to go to Grays Fire Station to use the training facilities and use the breathing apparatus.

At the end of the week they get to show what they have learnt to their teachers and families. They also receive an AQA qualification that they can use when applying for college or a job.



CHELSEA'S CHOICE

Chelsea's Choice is a hard-hitting Applied Theatre Production by Alter Ego that has proven highly successful in raising awareness around the issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The play, which has now been seen by hundreds of professionals and over 800,000 young people throughout the UK, is followed by an actor facilitated post-show talk exploring the issues raised.

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.

CCTV & Body Worn Surveillance

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.

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 of CCTV.

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 carrying 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. 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 1 body worn cameras has 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.

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

The Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) is a nationally accredited initiative promoted by the Home Office and National Police Chief's Council which accredits staff of organisations with limited policing powers to help keep the Borough safer. The aim is that organisations whose staff contribute to community safety will be given the tools to undertake their roles more effectively. By giving these targeted powers, an accredited person is better equipped to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour, disorder and nuisance, with the potential to address certain issues on the spot without the involvement of police.

Six council staff have undergone training from Essex Police and received accreditation on Wednesday 23 May. They were presented with certificates and identity cards by Chief Inspector Lewis Basford, District Commander for Epping Forest and Brentwood with more staff receiving training in June.

These staff can now exercise powers appropriate to their roles and will allow them to tackle graffiti, litter, abandoned cars and anti-social behaviour.

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is comprised of the following statutory partners.



PROTECTING PEOPLE

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	BUDGET
To safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse (DA) and burglary from repeat incidents, by identifying high risk victims and assessing their need for added security devices	Crime Prevention tactical advisor (CPTA) will visit all high risk victims of domestic abuse and burglary and carry out a full home safety inspection providing additional security when required. Additional security measures will also be made available to all those who work with victims in Brentwood. This will enable an increased number of victims to be safeguarded from incidents of DA	£800
To raise awareness of domestic abuse, child abuse, and elder abuse across the borough and to encourage reporting	To deliver various activities throughout Domestic Abuse Week focusing on raising awareness of DA	£100
To protect the most vulnerable and elderly residents from becoming victims of crimes including scams and burglary, and promote internet and fire safety to name a few.	To enhance and continue delivery of the following successful projects: Door Chain Project - Which includes additional security for those most in need Safer Brentwood Roadshows - To expand and grow the number of roadshows across the borough Carbon Monoxide - To educate the most vulnerable about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide through the distribution of CO detectors Keep Safe - Continue to promote Keep Safe both borough and county wide	£500 Door Chain & Roadshows £1,200(Keep Safe Budget BBC)
To protect young people from harm and raise awareness of issues affecting young people	Delivery of key projects in local secondary schools in relation to: Prevent, grooming, sexual exploitation, healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol and online safety. Promote use of Crimestoppers fearless program within schools	£5,000
Integrated Offender Management (IOM)	To ensure that the offenders who cause most damage and harm locally are managed through a co-ordinated approach - a joint initiative between Essex Police and Essex Community Rehabilitation Company. Restorative justice can also be used in conjunction with IOM, particularly focusing on burglary	Existing Resources
To deliver themed community engagement events	Domestic Abuse Awareness Personal Safety Awareness Senior Safety Awareness Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Cyber Crime and Internet Safety Awareness	£500
To support victims of Hate Crime	To support and promote the local Hate and Incident Reporting Centres (HIRCs) To raise awareness of Hate Crime and support and signpost victims to relevant services To provide training for Hate Crime Ambassadors	£250
To provide advice and support to victims of crime	To work with NHW and Victim Support to continue to produce a victims pack which will be distributed through Victim Support	Existing Resources

PROTECTING PROPERTY		
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	BUDGET
Target prolific burglary offenders	Using intelligence led policing to target those committing offences in the borough, including cross border offenders Enforcement of curfews and Court Orders	Existing Resources
Reduce dwelling burglaries	Continue to distribute Operation Insight to partners and Council Officers Identify vulnerable areas through intelligence led policing Strategic deployment of all available resources, including Community Safety Partners and the wider community Super cocooning at premises which have been identified as vulnerable	Existing Resources
Supporting the most vulnerable victims of burglary	CPTA to carry out visits to repeat or vulnerable victims and to provide crime prevention advice and support To ensure appropriate cases are referred to Restorative Justice to assist with reducing the fear or crime	Existing Resources
To deliver themed community engagement events	Property Protection Bicycle Safety & Protection Vehicle Theft	£500
Reduce theft of vehicles and the theft from vehicles	Continue to target areas where Operation Millenium burglaries are prevalent Promote the use of signal stoppers to help prevent keyless car thefts	£1,000



PROTECTING THE FUTURE

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	BUDGET
To improve and enhance our communication channels including Safer Brentwood website and social media	Continue to promote the saferbrentwood twitter and website Review and improve the CSP Newsletter to include a community page for issues that affect the local community Extend the distribution of the CSP Newsletter to include residents, businesses, community groups and schools To support Essex Police in holding monthly community meetings across the borough To support and attend the Local Independant Advisory Group (IAG)	Existing Resources
To engage with all residents including young people and loal businesses	To support ECC Youth Service in consulting with young people on issues effecting them and their community safety concerns To refresh the CSP Community Safety Questionnaire Using new methods to actively engage with local businesses through existing partnerships To provide advice and support to local businesses on key issued affecting them such as Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Fraud, Cyber, Organised and Retail Crime	Existing Resources
Encourage partners, local communitis and organisations to become ambassadors for Crimestoppers	Raise awareness of Crimestoppers anonymous reporting services Increase reporting of crime Promote the use of intelligence sharing with Essex Police Promote Crimestoppers Ambassadors program in order to target the following: - Individuals - Community Groups - Hotsport Areas	Existing Resources
To continue to promote and support increased focus on Neighbourhood Watch	To hold regular advice sessions in all three libraries plus Brentwood Community Hospital among other locations To continue to promote Essex Community Messaging (ECM) Expand distribution of monthly crime prevention notices	£1,000
To protect young victims of crime and reduce the risk of offending by young people	To support the delivery of the following projects: - Firebreak - A one week course which targets young people who are at risk of offending or involved in ASB - Restorative Justice - To continue to refer cases to reduce reoffending and victims vulnerability - Life Choices - A 12 week course for young people that covers a variety of topics such as gangs, drugs, grooming, online safety, knife crime, mental health and help prepare the young people for the future	£4,000 Firebreak £3,000 Life Choices
To deliver themed community engagement events	Crime Prevention Drink and Drug Driving Awareness Road Safety	£1,000
Reducing opportunities for urban street gang activity	Continue to support local schools and to work collaboratively to ensure appropriate information is shared To continue to work with schools and provide bespoke projects Collaborate the installation of a knife amnesty bin at the Town Hall/Police Station	£2,000

PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY		
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION	BUDGET
Continue to work with communities on road safety issues	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) to provide education and awareness to young people To make best use of partners social media to promote messages and raise awareness Continue to grow the Speedwatch family in Brentwood To help tackle dangerous parking in hotspot areas	Existing Resources
Continue to proactively tackle ASB in the Borough	To continue to work with partners through Community Safety Tasking (CST) Managing hotspot areas through robust partnership working and using all available legislation to achieve a positive outcome To work with the West LPA Op Raptor Team around the emergence of gangs and those vulnerable to gang association To work with Restorative Justice and Community Justice Panels	Existing Resources
To target those responsible for Environmental Crime	To proactively tackle fly tipping across the borough and to use all tools available to bring those who are accountable to justice (using warning letters, CPNs, FPNs, court action etc) Joint unlicensed waste carrier patrols between Essex Police and Council in conjunction with other planned activity To use community payback offenders to work on projects as a way of repaying back to the community To deploy CCTV to hotspot areas across the borough To increase communications with Parish Councils and local groups to identify hotspot areas and reduce the incidents of flytipping Increase publicity to keep communities informed and deter potential perpetrators To consider referrals to Restorative Justice when appropriate	Existing Resources
To deliver themed community engagement events	Speedwatch Essex Community Messaging (ECM) Hate Crime Awareness Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Environmental Crime	£1000







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Our Partnership Promise

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