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Community

Community Events

Lighting Up Brentwood

Lighting Up Brentwood event was delivered on Saturday 26 November. This was the first year since 2019 that the event has been delivered with a full road closure of the High Street. A lorry stage was brought in to provide the live entertainment throughout the event with local schools, choirs and performing arts schools. The day officially started with a Christmas Santa parade from St Thomas' Church with Brentwood Rotary Club, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Razzamatraz and the Britannia Pipe Band. Stalls provided Christmas gifts, food and drinks. It is estimated that 15,000 people attended the event throughout the day. The Mayor Brentwood, Cllr Olivia Francois together with two children that had won the Christmas Card and Poem competition, switched on the lights at 5pm.

Shenfield Christmas Fayre

The Shenfield Christmas Fayre was delivered on Sunday 4 December between 12-5pm. The event included arts, crafts, food and gift stalls, along with entertainment and walk about acts. Local businesses from Shenfield got involved.

Community Connect Trailer dates

The Community Connect Trailer dates for the New Year are set out below. The Trailer is generally there between the hours of 10am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 24 January 2023 – Brentwood High Street

Wednesday 15 February 2023 – Kelvedon Hatch, Nisa

Tuesday 7 March 2023 – Robin Hood parade of shops, Ongar Road

Thursday 23 March 2023 – St Peter's Church, Claughton Way, Hutton

Community Support Hubs

The Community Support Hubs are part of a key network to provide residents with support through the Cost-of-Living crisis. There is ongoing work with the hubs which will provide support over the Christmas holidays.

Cost of Living support

There is a separate report before Members tonight providing an update on the Council's response to the Cost-of-Living crisis.

King George's Playing Fields new development

The installation of new bollards and rails around the existing car park are in progress and are due to be completed in January. Landscaping designs for the rear of Hartswood Pavilion are just being finalised. A new cycle shelter is due to be installed alongside the new Hartswood Pavilion in January which will have the capacity for 50 cycles.

Golf booking system

A new golf booking system for Hartswood Golf Course went live on 29 November which will provide an easier system for golfers to book their rounds of golf on-line.

Football Hub development

There is a separate report before Members tonight in relation to the Football Hub development for their consideration.

Brentwood Centre

The snooker English Open takes between 12–18 December and will feature over 70 of the game's best players, including Ronnie O'Sullivan, Judd Trump, Mark Selby, and reigning champion Neil Robertson. The winner of the tournament will take home the Davis Trophy (named in honour of English snooker legend Steve Davis) and a share of the £427,000 prize fund. The Brentwood Centre and Hartswood Pavilion are also taking part in the 'Ask for Tommy' campaign from Essex is United, whereby individuals who may be struggling with their heating bills can access showers in these facilities.

Homes for Ukraine

As of 8th December, Brentwood has received 132 requests for support, which encompass family units. Brentwood currently has 222 Ukrainian guests, of which 82 are children and there are 91 sponsors. Officers are continuing to support guests and sponsors. The current focus remains on supporting guests to 'move on' and find alternative accommodation. There is great support from the community to aid guests to settle with various groups and meetings taking place and the Ukrainian Choir sung beautifully at Lighting Up Brentwood.

Brentwood Community Fund

Round 2 is now open and closed Tuesday 31 January 2023, for grants of up £5,00 for causes and projects that will improve the quality of life for local people and tackle important issues. Projects will need to be delivered between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. The Brentwood Community Fund 2022 has absorbed the previous Mental Health Small Grants Scheme.

Brentwood and Basildon Alliance update

Members had a report presented at the last Community Environment and Enforcement Committee in September about the development of the new Brentwood and Basildon Alliance. Workshops have been taking place in the last month under the six domains of:

- Start Well – ensuring Children and Young people have the best start in life
- Feel Well – ensuring people experience good mental health and well being
- Be Well – ensuring people are empowered to make health lifestyle choice
- Stay Well – ensuring adults with health or care concerns are supported to maintain healthy, productive and fulfilling lives
- Age Well – ensuring people live safely and independently as they grow older
- Die Well – ensuring individuals nearing end of life have choices around care

The focus of these workshops was to agree the priorities, understand what is already being delivered, identify any gaps in provision and how we can work better together.

Community Safety

Communications

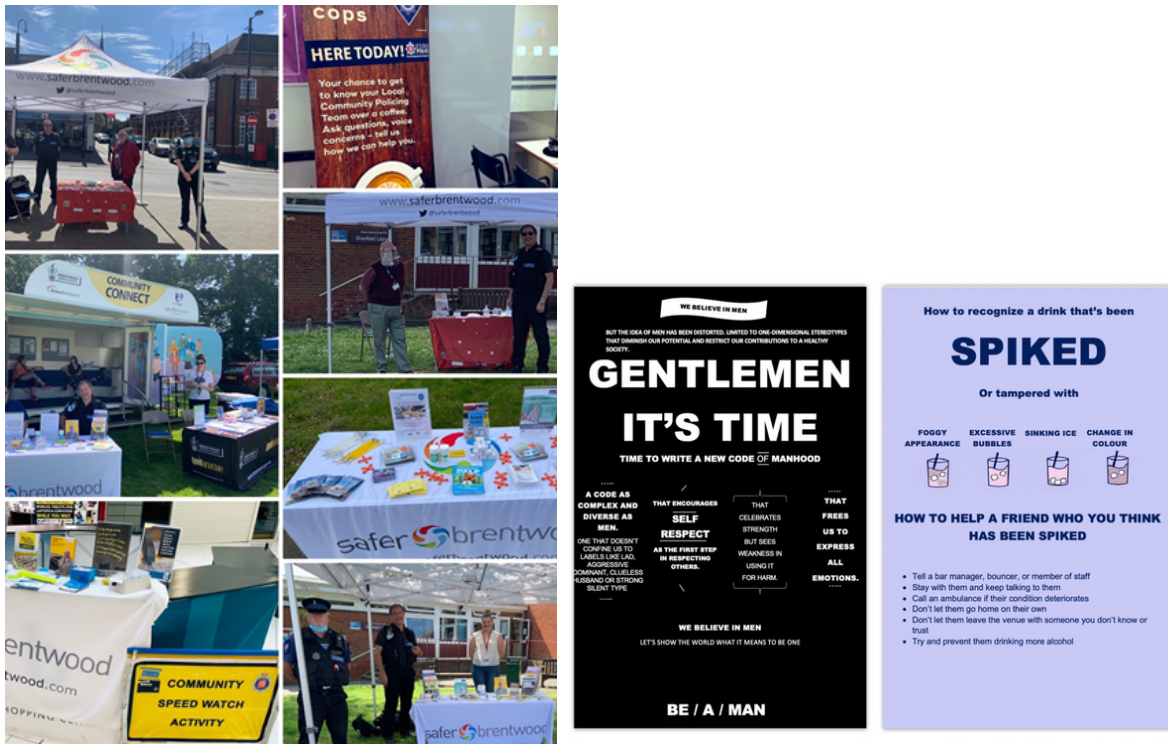
The Community Safety team have recently started a communications campaign to increase the Community Safety profile on social media and highlight to our community a lot of the work we do on a daily/ weekly basis. This has incorporated Community Safety, Anti Social Behaviour, Community Engagement and Enforcement. We have worked with Essex police communications team on this to showcase our partnership working including joint patrols during football world cup, Lighting Up event and joint patrols in hot spot areas. This has met with considerable success and we have enjoyed some very positive comments from our community as well as developing a following of supporters including MP Alex Burghart. We are going to increase this communications campaign in the near future using videos and highlighting the work of individual officers.

Community Engagement

The partnership has continued to deliver as many community engagement events across the borough and wider Essex where possible. Since April 2022, 33 events have been delivered. Another area of focus for the partnership is linking in with local, regional, and national campaigns including:

- Ending Violence Against Women

- White Ribbon Day- Engaging with men and boys to end violence against women
- National Road Safety Week
- Project Edward – European Day without a road death



Projects

Through the CSP the Community Safety team remain committed to tackling key issues for Brentwood by focussing on specific projects such as working closely with local schools and facilitate and Chair the Schools Liaison Meeting every month. This includes representatives from all local secondary schools as well as Essex Police, ECC (Essex County Council) Youth Service, and other community agencies. Through this group excellent relationships have been formed and go from strength to strength improving communication and collaboration.

Projects being delivered include:

- Purchasing two electric bikes for police and community safety to conduct joint patrols across the borough

- Mentoring Sessions for young people to help with communication, personal development and to work on behaviours, vulnerabilities, consequences and self esteem
- Outreach work in hotspot areas to engage with young people
- N-Act Theatre performances for all schools. 'Friend' is a play about gangs, county lines, knife crime and consequences
- 'Unacceptable' performance on peer-on-peer behaviour and awareness around sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence isn't acceptable
- Crime awareness sessions delivered in schools around drugs, gangs, and knife crime
- Boxing project established in the Brentwood Centre for young people
- Speedwatch has continued to grow with a dedicated Speedwatch email 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 & volunteers. 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.
- The Essex Restorative and Mediation Service holds offenders to account and helps them take responsibility for the harm they have caused. Victims are given the chance to explain the impact the crime or conflict has had on them, ask questions of the perpetrator, and seek an apology.
- Seasonal Burglary Operation - The partnership has previously been involved in targeting and preventing the seasonal increase in burglaries that occurs across the whole county over the Winter months and will do so again this year.
- 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. Intelligence 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.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

We continue to receive a large number of Anti-Social Behaviour reports, but this has been made easier to address now that the ASB officer works from the Baker Partnership HUB with police CPT; greater sharing of intelligence, risk assessments and dedicated action plans between police and Community Safety have enabled us to improve our response to reports of anti-social behaviour. This has included recently obtaining possession of a Council flat following years of anti-social behaviour by the tenant and their associates which has provided their neighbours with much needed protection and relief from anti-social behaviour and making 105 home visits including joint visits with police. We have arranged a monthly partnership meeting in the Baker Partnership HUB to address our highest risk ASB cases with agreed dedicated action plans. We have purchased the ASB app which will be sent to complainants of anti-social behaviour to improve our service to complainants, improve how we collect evidence, improve our communication with complainants and give complainants greater say in the resolving of anti-social behaviour cases.

Objectives

- Introduce a new Case Management System to improve reporting and response for residents.
- Work with partners to reduce overall ASB in Brentwood through the HUB and connections with local schools.
- Continue out of hours patrols of the ASB Hotspot areas.

Environmental/Patrols

Daily patrols undertaken across the borough dealing with fly tipping, littering, abandoned vehicles, early presentation of waste and supporting the wider team where possible. This includes other teams across the Council such as Environmental Health, Planning Enforcement and Licensing. We recently successfully caught a fly tipper and the fine of £400 was paid. We have also added

littering and fly tipping hot spots to out intel pack to enable us to deploy our environmental resources to these areas.

Objectives

- To maintain a visible presence with Corporate Enforcement, NES, SEPP and Essex Police (including OOHs)
- To proactively use CCTV footage to continue to tackle ASB, nuisance and littering in the Town Centre
- Maintain the patrol schedule and feedback to relevant agencies
- Continue to develop promotional material to bring back better engagement with residents and visitors (ASB & Fly tipping)
- Identify further hotspots

CCTV

The CCTV control room continues to provide 24/7 monitoring, incident identification and assistance with criminal investigations.

The control room also continues to offer the evening and weekend emergency telephone reporting service, the operators are our Senior Fire Marshalls monitoring the fire panel and taking the lead in the event of an alarm. The community safety team are conducting an audit and review of the CCTV service including connectivity, cameras, camera positioning, software and protocols and policies to ensure that Brentwood CCTV is both legislatively compliant with the new legislation for surveillance for local authorities and is an effective surveillance system/service to better serve and protect our community.

As part of this review/audit we will also be consulting with our partners Essex Police and Housing as well as other agencies to make the CCTV service an effective tool for the whole partnership. Data is also shared with partners in relation to the use of CCTV in the interest of Community Safety. We have recently agreed alterations to the control room to remove the dividing wall and add a separate reviewing suite. We will be

presenting a full report on our current status and our plans to develop the CCTV service at the next committee in March 2022.

Objectives

- Maintain increased vigilance of areas of high ASB
- Increased use of CCTV for fly tipping and littering
- Work with Essex Police and enforcement team to proactively reduce hotspots
- Continue to deliver and expand surveillance solutions to new and previously unmonitored areas affected by crime / ASB
- Undertaking a full review of the service, including policies, procedures, and reporting
- Deliver a report to committee of our future plans for CCTV service

Community Safety Key Performance Indicator's 2022/23

| Month (for year 2022/23) | Joint Patrols (including with SEP and NES) | FPN's (Litter and Fly Tipping-NES) | PCN's (Parking -issued by or with Community Safety) | Incidents captured by CCTV | CPW/ CPN's/ Injunctions | AS B Cases | AS B Home Visits | Closure Orders/ Notice Seeking Possession (for ASB) | Community Engagement Days |
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| April | 12 | 118 | 69 | 30 | 1 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 4 |
| May | 8 | 124 | 98 | 35 | 0 | 12 | 22 | 0 | 5 |
| June | 11 | 126 | 48 | 21 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| July | 9 | 146 | 74 | 21 | 3 | 15 | 28 | 2 | 7 |
| August | 4 | 106 | 49 | 41 | 2 | 18 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| Sept | 7 | 79 | 93 | 30 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| Oct | 6 | 43 | 41 | 32 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 0 | 6 |
| Total | 57 | 742 | 472 | 210 | 9 | 86 | 105 | 4 | 33 |

Environment

Tree Planting – Warley Country Park

Around 40 volunteers from local businesses and organisations planted nearly 500 trees at Warley Country Park at an event organised on the 24th November, led by our Arboriculturist, Alan Marsh, on behalf of the Brentwood Environmental Business Alliance (BEBA) last week.

As well as planting trees, the volunteers watched bushcraft demonstrations and learnt more about the woodland conservation and management taking place in the park.

It was a great day and a feedback survey completed by participants after the event was 100% positive with 100% of people saying they would attend future events.