



*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 Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (ECFRS).

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



The CSP was chaired by Cllr Keith Barber and Essex Police, Chief Inspector Tina Cooper 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 2022/2023 Strategic Assessment were:



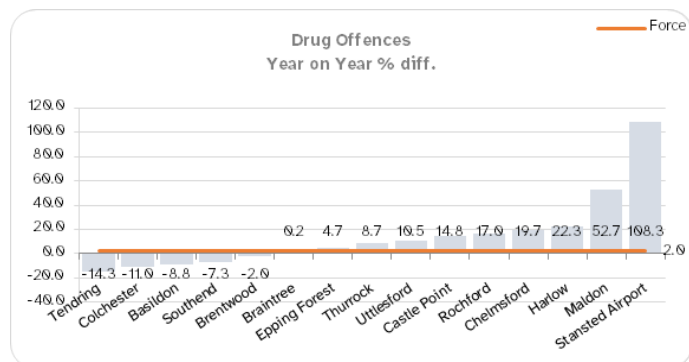
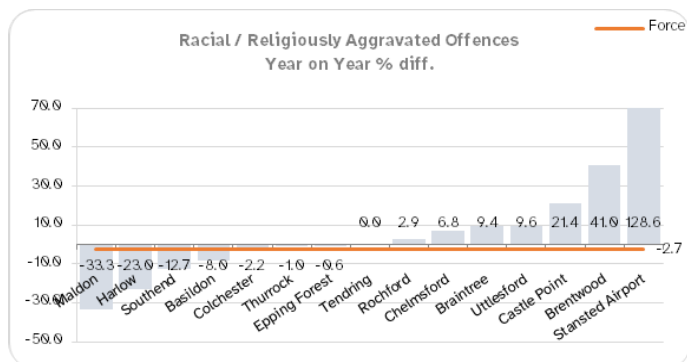
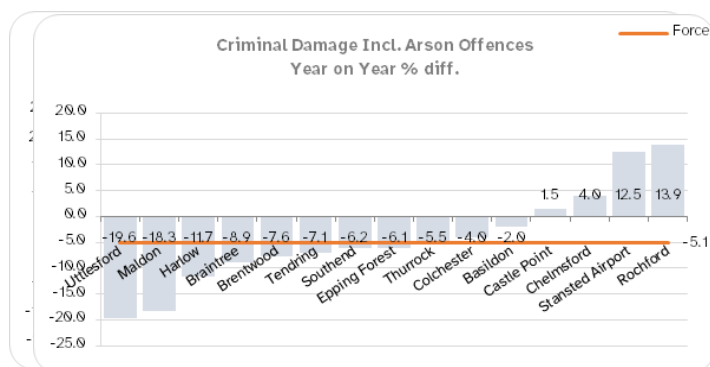
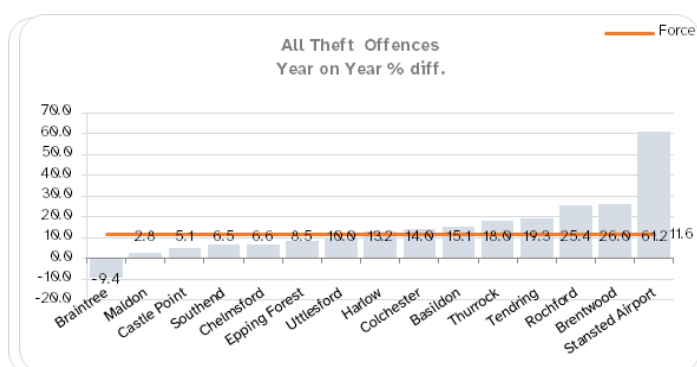
## Policing Structure and Resources

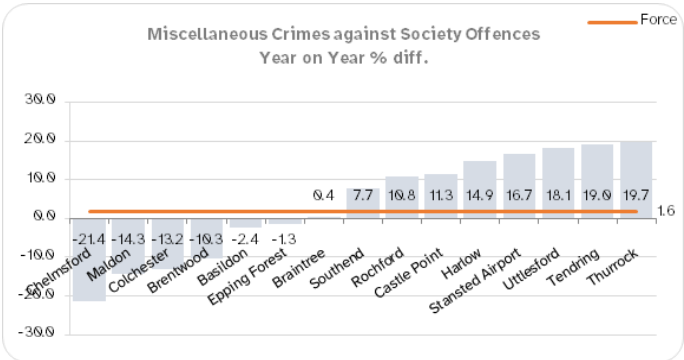
**Brentwood Borough** forms part of Essex Police West Local Policing Area (LPA), which also includes the districts of Epping Forest, Harlow and Thurrock. The Borough accounts for 22% of the area and 17% of the population of the LPA.

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

- **1** Inspector, covering Epping Forest and Brentwood
- **1** Sergeant covering Brentwood
- **8** Constables, covering Brentwood (Including **2** Town Centre Team)
- **3** Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) for Brentwood.
- **1** Rural Community Officer who is shared with Epping Forest
- **1** Children and Young Persons Officer.
- **1** Community Safety & Engagement Officer

**Crime Figures** - Below are tables relating to crime statistics Force Wide across Essex. Overall Brentwood sits on the lower end of the crime statistics across Essex. These figures are from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.





1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

## Brentwood Rolling 12 Months to March

Top Level			Offences					Solved Outcomes				Solved Rates %		
Crime Type	DA	% DA 2023	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	% All 2015	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	2022	2023	% pt. diff.
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour (incidents)</b>	-	-	1139	627	-512	-45.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>All Crime (excl. Action (NFIB) Fraud)</b>	803	13.9	5645	5762	117	2.1	100.0	625	615	-10	-1.6	11.1	10.7	-0.4
- State Based Crime	24	2.7	974	881	-93	-9.5	15.3	283	248	-35	-12.4	29.1	28.1	-0.9
- Victim Based Crime	779	16.0	4671	4881	210	4.5	84.7	342	367	25	7.3	7.3	7.5	0.2
Victim Based Crime			Offences					Solved Outcomes				Solved Rates %		
Crime Type	DA	% DA 2023	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	% All 2015	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	2022	2023	% pt. diff.
<b>Violence Against the Person</b>	665	35.2	2027	1888	-139	-6.9	32.8	175	184	9	5.1	8.6	9.7	1.1
- Homicide	0	0.0	2	1	-1	-50.0	0.0	2	1	-1	-50.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
- Violence with Injury	181	41.5	447	436	-11	-2.5	7.6	63	61	-2	-3.2	14.1	14.0	-0.1
- Death or Serious Injury caused by unlawful driving	1	50.0	0	2	2	-	-	1	2	1	100.0	-	100.0	-
- Violence without Injury	270	34.4	743	785	42	5.7	13.6	78	76	-2	-2.6	10.5	9.7	-0.8
- Stalking and Harassment	213	32.1	835	664	-171	-20.5	-	31	44	13	41.9	3.7	6.6	2.9
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	33	20.1	211	164	-47	-22.3	2.8	11	19	8	72.7	5.2	11.6	6.4
- Rape	26	53.1	82	49	-33	-40.2	0.9	1	1	0	0.0	1.2	2.0	0.8
- Rape - Under 16 yrs	2	16.7	12	12	0	0.0	0.2	1	1	0	0.0	8.3	8.3	0.0
- Rape - Over 16 yrs	24	64.9	70	37	-33	-47.1	0.6	0	0	0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Other Sexual Offences	7	6.1	129	115	-14	-10.9	2.0	10	18	8	80.0	7.8	15.7	7.9
<b>Robbery</b>	5	11.9	38	42	4	10.5	0.7	4	3	-1	-25.0	10.5	7.1	-3.4
- Robbery of business property	0	0.0	4	3	-1	-25.0	0.1	0	1	1	-	0.0	33.3	33.3
- Robbery of Personal Property	5	12.8	34	39	5	14.7	0.7	4	2	-2	-50.0	11.8	5.1	-6.6
<b>Theft Offences</b>	31	1.3	1956	2370	414	21.2	41.1	105	119	14	13.3	5.4	5.0	-0.3
- Burglary	6	1.8	331	339	8	2.4	5.9	21	14	-7	-33.3	6.3	4.1	-2.2
- Burglary Residential	6	2.7	227	225	-2	-0.9	3.9	16	9	-7	-43.8	7.0	4.0	-3.0
- Burglary Business & Community	0	0.0	104	114	10	9.6	2.0	5	5	0	0.0	4.8	4.4	-0.4
- Burglary Dwelling (pre-Apr 17 definition)	6	4.1	140	148	8	5.7	2.6	14	9	-5	-35.7	10.0	6.1	-3.9
- Burglary Other (pre-Apr 17 definition)	0	0.0	191	190	-1	-0.5	3.3	7	5	-2	-28.6	3.7	2.6	-1.0
- Vehicle Offences (incl. Interference)	5	0.6	703	908	205	29.2	15.8	10	28	18	180.0	1.4	3.1	1.7
- Theft from a Vehicle	0	0.0	326	422	96	29.4	7.3	0	4	4	-	0.0	0.9	0.9
- Theft of a Vehicle	5	1.5	275	336	61	22.2	5.8	9	13	4	44.4	3.3	3.9	0.6
- Vehicle Interference	0	0.0	102	150	48	47.1	2.6	1	11	10	1000.0	1.0	7.3	6.4
- Theft	20	1.8	922	1123	201	21.8	19.5	74	77	3	4.1	8.0	6.9	-1.2
- Theft from the Person	0	0.0	59	54	-5	-8.5	0.9	0	1	1	-	0.0	1.9	1.9
- Theft of Pedal Cycle	0	0.0	43	25	-18	-41.9	0.4	1	1	0	0.0	2.3	4.0	1.7
- Shoplifting	0	0.0	259	453	194	74.9	7.9	50	61	11	22.0	19.3	13.5	-5.8
- Other Theft	20	3.4	561	591	30	5.3	10.3	23	14	-9	-39.1	4.1	2.4	-1.7
<b>Criminal Damage inc. Arson</b>	45	10.8	439	417	-22	-5.0	7.2	47	42	-5	-10.6	10.7	10.1	-0.6
- Criminal Damage	45	11.3	403	399	-4	-1.0	6.9	43	42	-1	-2.3	10.7	10.5	-0.1
- Arson	0	0.0	36	18	-18	-50.0	0.3	4	0	-4	-100.0	11.1	0.0	-11.1
<b>Racial/Religiously Aggravated Offences</b>	2	2.2	53	91	38	71.7	1.6	11	19	8	72.7	20.8	20.9	0.1
<b>Hate Crime HO Definition</b>	3	1.9	149	155	6	4.0	2.7	20	26	6	30.0	13.4	16.8	3.4
<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	803	100.0	898	803	-95	-10.6	13.9	82	84	2	2.4	9.1	10.5	1.3
- High Risk Domestic Abuse	95	100.0	114	95	-19	-16.7	1.6	15	21	6	40.0	13.2	22.1	8.9
- Medium Risk Domestic Abuse	89	100.0	120	89	-31	-25.8	1.5	16	18	2	12.5	13.3	20.2	6.9
- Standard Risk Domestic Abuse	591	100.0	630	591	-39	-6.2	10.3	51	40	-11	-21.6	8.1	6.8	-1.3
- No Risk Assessment	28	100.0	34	28	-6	-17.6	0.5	0	5	5	-	0.0	17.9	17.9
State Based Crime			Offences					Solved Outcomes				Solved Rates %		
Crime Type	DA	% DA 2023	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	% All 2015	2022	2023	# diff.	% diff.	2022	2023	% pt. diff.
<b>Drug Offences</b>	0	0.0	199	193	-6	-3.0	3.3	189	160	-29	-15.3	95.0	82.9	-12.1
- Trafficking of Drugs	0	0.0	33	47	14	42.4	0.8	24	25	1	4.2	72.7	53.2	-19.5
- Possession of Drugs	0	0.0	166	146	-20	-12.0	2.5	165	135	-30	-18.2	99.4	92.5	-6.9
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	2	5.0	31	40	9	29.0	0.7	13	21	8	61.5	41.9	52.5	10.6
<b>Public Order</b>	16	2.9	630	545	-85	-13.5	9.5	63	53	-10	-15.9	10.0	9.7	-0.3
<b>Miscellaneous Crimes against Society</b>	6	5.8	114	103	-11	-9.6	1.8	18	14	-4	-22.2	15.8	13.6	-2.2

- *Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 45%*
- *Burglary has decreased by 2.4%. This decrease is in line with other areas and the Community Safety Team, Essex Police and Neighbourhood Watch will continue to engage with the public and promote home safety as and when safe to do so.*
- *Hate Crime offences have increased by 4% . There has been further joint work in promoting the reporting of Hate Crime, there is also some relation to some ASB Cases.*
- *Drugs Offences, Public Order and sexual offences have all decreased.*

## Partnership Activity and Achievements

**Community Engagement** - The partnership has continued to deliver as many community engagement events across the borough and wider Essex where possible. Since April 2022 – March 2023, 58 engagement events have been delivered. These community engagement events focus on providing crime prevention and safety advice for the local community. Another area of focus for the partnership is linking in with local, regional, and national campaigns and local police operations including:

- Ending Violence Against Women
- Operation Heater – Night time economy safety
- Walk with Us – Violence against women and girls
- Operation Septor – Knife crime awareness week



**Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)** - Brentwood is extremely privileged to have such a dedicated volunteer, Peter Salmon who co-ordinates NHW across the Borough. He is extremely proactive driving the scheme across Brentwood and further afield.

The NHW co-ordinator 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 NHW 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
- Door Chains
- Leaflets including: Lock Em Out, scam booklet, community safety booklet, junior highway code booklet, and much more

The NHW volunteer co-ordinator also produces a monthly 'be wary' information leaflet with key current community safety topics that is displayed in many key locations across the borough and is also shared with Parish Councils and wider partners.





## Crimestoppers end of year report - Brentwood

Crimestoppers, an independent charity giving people the power to speak up about crime anonymously, fully supports the objectives of Brentwood Community Safety Partnership.

During the year, Crimestoppers has maintained links with other community safety groups in the district, such as the Brentwood and Epping Forest IAG group.

It is partnered with and works closely with Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch and attends community safety events in the district.

A Crimestoppers Zone was established in Pilgrims Hatch early October of 2022. The purpose of Zones is to target specific areas to create envelopes of intense marketing to highlight Crimestoppers anonymity platform to help reduce crime and fear of crime, and to build community confidence for people to be and feel safe.

The Zone in Pilgrims Hatch covered only a few hundred homes and marketing in the area was limited. However, initial results, below, show there were 29 crime reports from 22 contacts. To the end of October, a significant monthly increase influenced by the Zone messaging.

### Bwd area reports 2022

	Sept	Oct
Domestic abuse		1
Drink / Drug driving	5	5
Drug Manu	1	2
Drug Traffic	3	7
Drug Possession / other drug crime	1	
Environment and wildlife crime	1	
Robbery		1
Theft		1
Trading Standards		1
Totals to date	11	18

Fearless, the Crimestoppers web-based brand for young people, continues to be involved in ECC schools' activities using Fearless A7, Z-fold crime-awareness cards in district.

**Local Independent Advisory Group (LIAG)** - The CSP continues to support the LIAG with Essex Police and Epping Forest District Council. The aim of the group is to review police working practices and to assist Essex Police better understand how its processes and policies can affect our local communities. It also provides a platform for communities to voice their concerns on key issues.

**Social Media** is vital in enabling us to communicate effectively with communities. The CSP has a very active social media programme including the use of Twitter with over 700 followers.

Twitter: @saferbrentwood

**Anti-Social Behaviour** - Since April 2022 the following has been achieved:

- 137 reports of Anti-Social Behaviour with 20 open cases under investigation.
- 3 Notices of Seeking Possession have been served for a variety of different reasons
- 19 Community Protection Warning served
- 4 Community Protection Notice served
- 1 Partial Closure Order obtained
- 1 Injunction granted for ASB
- 1 Eviction due to ASB
- 1 Mediation referrals completed

**Community Safety Projects** - The CSP has remained committed to tackling such a key issue for local communities. These projects are aimed at a vast cross section from nursery age, young people to the vulnerable and elderly.

Projects delivered since April 2022 are:

**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

**The Essex Restorative and Mediation Service** holds offenders to account and helps them take responsibility for the harm they have caused. Both parties discuss next steps and the perpetrators can then make amends.

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. It enables offenders to be held to account for what they have done but also take responsibility for the harm they have caused. If a face to face meeting is not appropriate, they can do so indirectly via letters or messages.

Representatives from the Restorative Justice (RJ) Hub attend local monthly meetings to discuss cases and consider whether an RJ referral would be appropriate.

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.***