



PARTNERSHIP **PLAN** 2023 /24



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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.

We believe as a community safety partnership that working alongside the community in delivering a safer environment for all is key. Our aim is to agree priorities taking account of past, current and emerging crime trends. However, keeping community at the centre of what we aim to achieve. Our focus for 2024-25 is to develop action plans and commission projects and initiatives that will not only protect the residents, businesses and visitors to Brentwood but seek to build a better and safer future for generations to come.

We must accept that we are in challenging times and as a partnership we need to address issues that matter to our communities and that we can affect change in. Our priorities for 2019-20 seek to strengthen our work around prevention, education and intervention.

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
- Health
- Essex CRC
- Probation Services

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.



Partnership Promise

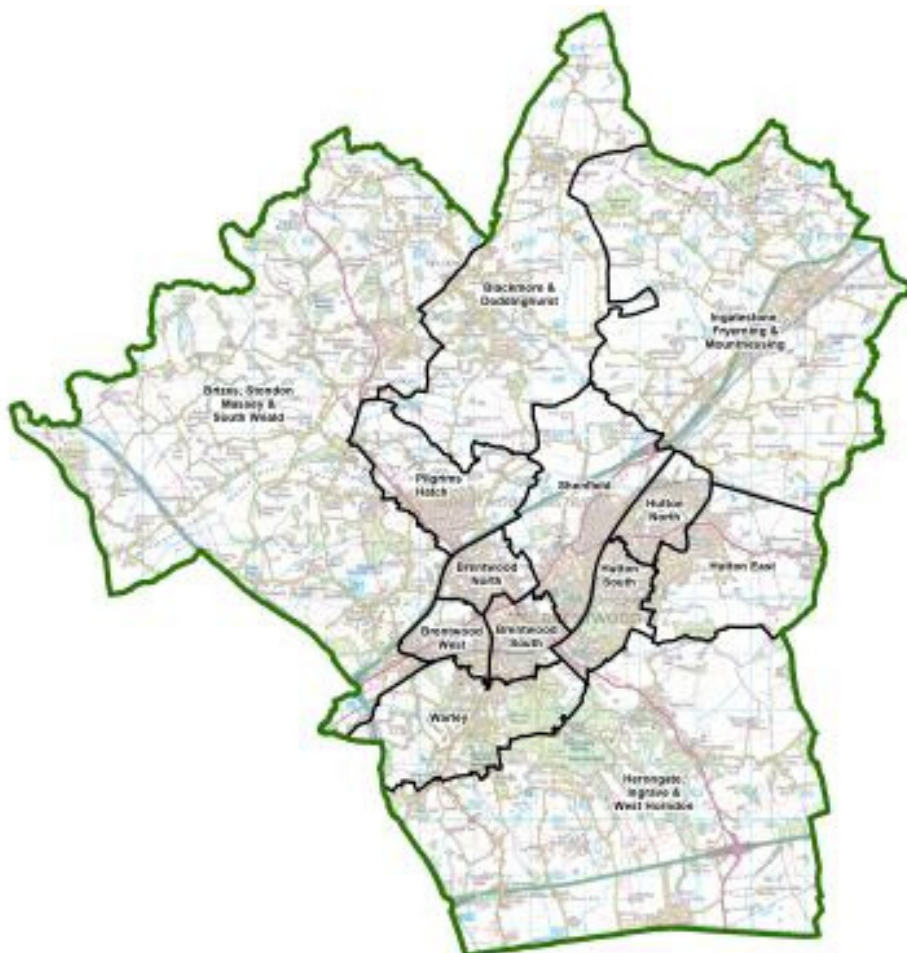
We are committed to delivering local solutions to local problems that have been identified by local people.



Local 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.

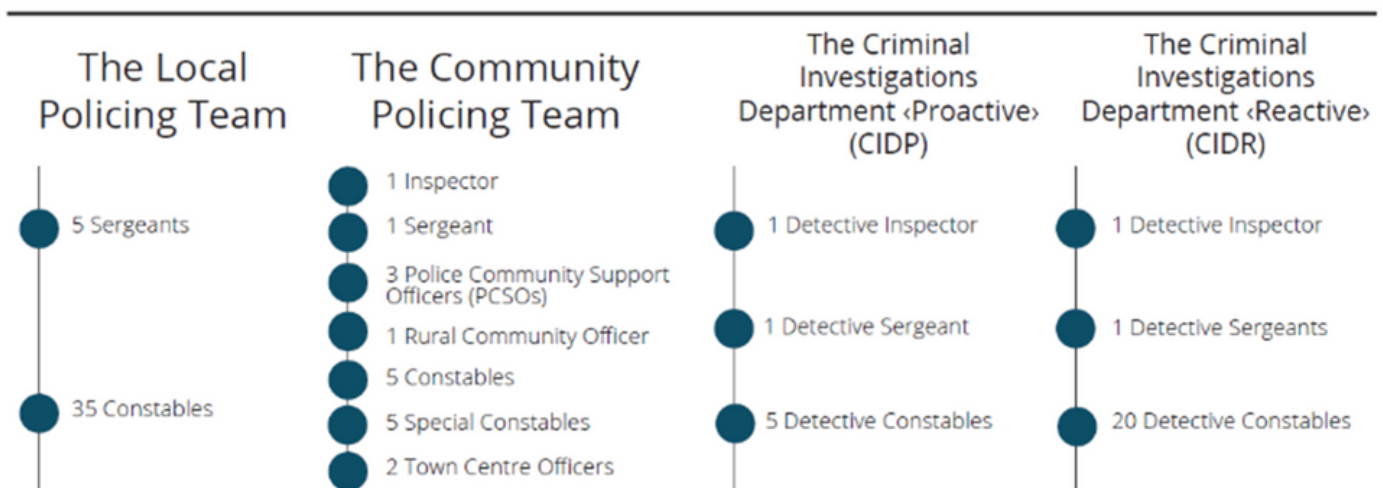


Policing Structure

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)



Police & Crime Plan 2021 - 2024

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 2021-24

- Further investment in crime prevention
- Reducing drug driven violence
- Protecting vulnerable people and breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- Reducing violence against women and girls
- Improving support for victims of crime
- Protecting rural and isolated areas
- Preventing dog theft
- Preventing business crime, fraud and cyber crime
- Improving safety on our roads
- Encouraging volunteers and community support
- Supporting our officers and staff
- Increasing collaboration

Essex County Fire & Rescue Plan 2019-24

The Fire and Rescue Plan sets out the priorities for fire and rescue services in Essex and a series of strong, tangible commitments to how we will help keep our communities safe. The plan brings together the Service, partners and the public to build safe and secure communities and offer efficient and effective prevention, protection and response activity.

- Protection and response
- Improve safety on our roads
- Help the vulnerable to stay safe
- Promote positive culture in the workplace
- Develop and broaden the roles and ranges of activities undertaken by the service
- Be transparent, open and accessible
- Collaborate with our partners
- Make the best of our resources

Our Team



Chair

Inspector Jonathon Main

Inspector Jonathan Main is the Community Policing Inspector for Brentwood and Epping Forest. He began his policing career in 2014 and has worked in Response and Community Policing for the majority of that time.

Jonathan is excited to be working in Brentwood and Epping Forest and is looking forward to continuing to build on the strong partner and community relationships that are in place.



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 5 members of the Community Safety Team in Brentwood.



Vice Chair

Jonathon Woodhams

Jonathan Woodhams is General Manager of Corporate Enforcement for Brentwood Council. Jonathon has worked at Brentwood Council for 2 years but has worked in the community safety field for over 10 years.

Our Partnership Priorities

For 2024 - 25 the partnership is keen to balance our focus between what figures tell us and what is important to local residents. We have considered past, current and emerging crime trends, taken account of the Police & Crime Plan 21-24 and the Fire & Rescue Plan 19-24 but most importantly we have aligned this with what local residents have told us through our engagement events. Taking all this into account we have chosen to focus our priorities areas on the community, future and the the environment, giving our priority areas for 2024 - 25:



We believe that these three key areas chosen will allow us to focus our work around key issues that have a detrimental effect on our communities and pose the biggest threat to a safer Brentwood.

Our Partnership Focus for 2024-25

Protecting The Community

Our Protecting The Community priority is focused on those issues that have been identified by residents that matter most to them.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Whilst there has been a reduction in the number of incidents, satisfaction levels as identified by Essex Police were reduced. We recognise that anti-social behaviour remains a concern for our local communities. Partners have worked hard to strengthen our work in the borough and with the establishment of the Council's Corporate Enforcement team working alongside Essex Police we have been able to focus on being much more visible. We will continue our work and develop innovative ways to tackle incidents through a collaborative and partnership approach. Ensuring that we keep residents informed and engaged.

Engagement

This is an area that the partnership feel is vital in meeting all our objectives. We have a robust engagement programme which is delivered through strong partnership working. Last year we were able to deliver over 70 engagement opportunities covering a vast array of topics around the borough. The partnership is focused on keeping our communities at the heart of what we do and will continue to develop our engagement work in 2024/25.



Crime Prevention

Crime prevention is at the centre of what the partnership believe is key to delivering a safer future for the borough. For 2024/25 we aim to focus our efforts on prevention of a number of key issues including knife crime, burglary, fly tipping, exploitation, and vehicle crime. Working with our partners to deliver Safer Brentwood Roadshows to all ages across the Borough and by increasing the number of engagement events every year, we are hoping to help some of the harder to reach areas and keep the community safe.

Our Partnership Focus for 2024-25

Protecting The Future

The partnership believes that investing in our future is key for generations to come. We are no doubt in challenging times and we need to lay the foundations on which our young and most vulnerable can thrive and develop. Our Protecting The Future priority aims to address issues that threaten our communities and cause real concerns for residents.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness

Drugs and alcohol remain a threat to future generations. The partnership is keen to develop our prevention work with young people on the dangers of drugs, including legal highs as well as the risks associated with alcohol.



Protecting the Vulnerable

The partnership has always sought to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. We will seek to strengthen our work around protecting the elderly, young people and those who experience issues such as Hate Crime, and Domestic Abuse improving knowledge and reducing the risks.

Exploitation

Exploitation covers a wide area and includes a whole raft of issues including the threat from gangs, grooming, sexual and criminal exploitation, and online exploitation. The partnership will focus on prevention in all the key areas affecting our most vulnerable. Working with the lead agencies, we will focus on educating professionals, parents and carers to spot the early signs, supporting them when required.



Our Partnership Focus for 2024-25

Protecting The Environment

Our Protecting The Environment priority is focused on those issues that have been identified by residents that matter most to them.

Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is a blight on communities. It is usually unpleasant and costly to remove. The partnership will seek to work with local communities and partners to look at ways in which we can reduce the opportunity for those who intend on fly-tipping in the Borough. We will also aim to educate residents in terms of duty of care. Who are we giving our waste to? Do we know how they are disposing of it? Most importantly, do they have a Waste Carrier Licence?



Road Safety

Road safety is extremely important to residents and an area where the partnership is keen to develop. We will work with communities and partners to increase the number of Community Speedwatch groups across the borough and continue to raise awareness of road safety in our communities.

Highlights and Achievements 23/24

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 delivers over 50 engagement events a year which includes regular sessions in the local libraries, community hospital, and community halls.

The aim is to provide crime prevention advice and give residents the opportunities to express their views on community safety issues.



30+

Engagement Days

720+

Twitter Followers

4+

Themed Events



Community Safety Projects

The Community Safety Partnership 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. The list below is just a small example of some of the projects we delivered last year.

Outreach Work by Essex County Council Youth Service, targeting hotspot areas and engaging with young people.

STOP Parenting Course for parents whose children are at risk of exclusion.

Street Pastors supporting our nighttime economy in Brentwood High Street.

Crime Awareness Sessions delivered in schools showing the impact of drugs, gangs and knife crime.

Women's Self-Defense Classes delivered for free in the community to protect our women and girls.



Action Plan 24/25

This action plan highlights some of the great ideas the partnership would like to focus on for the year 2024/25. Although these are not set in stone, they highlight areas in which we believe can be improved. With the global pandemic hindering the start of some of these projects, the partnership is still focused on delivering for the future.

Action Plan	
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION
To deliver themed community engagement events inline with our pre-published plan around the borough throughout the year	To improve and expand our engagement programme and attendance at events covering key issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Prevention • Drink Driving/Road Safety • Domestic Abuse • Personal Safety • Speeding • Property Marking • Senior Safety/elder abuse • Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking • Hate Crime • Anti-Social Behaviour • Environmental Crime • Cyber Crime & Internet Safety • Fly Tipping
To provide more visibility and engagement opportunities across the borough focusing on hard to reach and rural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of the partnership roadshow trailer • To ensure regular patrols are undertaken utilising the Council's Corporate Enforcement team and enforcement vehicle • To increase joint patrols and operations across the borough. • To develop the enforcement vehicle for engagement opportunities such as leaflet racks etc
Joint working to proactively tackle ASB in the Borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Restorative Justice & Community Justice Panels which includes residents, Essex Police, housing etc as well as the victim and perpetrator
To protect young people from Harm and raise awareness of issues affecting young people	Deliver a targeted weekend event for schools, parents, carers and professionals providing advice, guidance and support on a number of key issues in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent, Grooming, Sexual & Criminal Exploitation, Healthy relationships, drugs & alcohol, online safety, knife crime and gangs • Promote use of Crimestoppers Fearless programme within schools to support the above
To support victims of Hate Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and promote the local Hate Incident Reporting Centre (HIRC) • To raise awareness of Hate Crime and support victims in signposting to relevant services • To provide training for Hate Crime Ambassadors

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION
To target those responsible for rural crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To proactively tackle Fly tipping across the borough including using all tools available from warning letters, CPNs, FPNs and Court action • Joint unlicensed waste carrier patrols between Essex Police & 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 increase liaison with Parish Councils and local groups and identify measures to reduce the incidence of flytipping in hotspot areas • Increase publicity to keep communities informed and deter potential perpetrators
To safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse (DA) 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 DA 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 (i.e. IDVA's, WSW's, Police, Peabody - this is not an exhaustive list). This will enable an increased number of victims to be safeguarded from incidents of DA
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 Domestic Abuse
To protect the most vulnerable and elderly residents from becoming victims of crime including scams, internet, fire safety and more....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance and continue delivery of the following successful projects: • Elderly Door Chain Project - to now include additional security to those in most need • Senior Safety Roadshow (SSR)- to expand and grow the number of roadshows across the Borough. • To raise awareness of bogus callers, scams and cyber crime • To continue to promote Keep Safe and its website

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	ACTION
Reduce dwelling burglary's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with Operation Insight in burglary hotspot areas to inform the local community • Identifying vulnerable areas through intelligence led policing • Strategic deployment of all available resources, including all community safety partners and the wider community • 'Super Cocooning' target hardening at premises which have been identified as vulnerable • To work with building control to provide information and advice to all development sites • To develop an awareness campaign which can be provided to estate agents and local traders • To deliver a Burglary Prevention Week to coincide with clocks going back • To develop an information leaflet to raise awareness of vehicle crime including posters and banners
Supporting the most vulnerable victims of burglary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPTA to carry out visits to repeat or vulnerable victims and to provide crime prevention advice/support to assist in target hardening. • To ensure appropriate cases are referred to Restorative Justice to assist with reducing the fear of crime
To support action in respect of road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to support, develop and improve Community Speedwatch across the borough • To undertake joint operations with key partners in hotspot areas • Raise awareness of road safety issue through one off events (drink driving, reporting incidents to Essex Police using dashcam footage, emergency vehicle access) • Increasing speed checks undertaken in the Borough through partnership with Essex Police
To protect young people from serious youth violence	<p>To develop and commission diversionary activities, projects and initiatives for young people focusing on prevention, education and intervention on key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knife crime • Exploitation • Gangs • Drugs & Alcohol