



**ESSEX COUNTY
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
MEMBERS' GUIDE**

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS' GUIDE

Over the past years, National Neighbourhood Watch have produced their own Members' Guide which was very well received by all our members. In fact last year each of the Neighbourhood Watch Districts used their own funds to print an extra 15,000 as the 4,000 from National Neighbourhood Watch did not cover the demand by our District Co-ordinators and their members. So this year we have decided to create our own version for the very first time.

Each page will be relevant to our County and also include pages from those of whom we have Partnership Agreements, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner, Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue, Victim Support, Community Agents Essex and Crimestoppers. These Agreements enable us to distribute each others information to our all our members which helps to make our society safer. So I hope that you will find this Members' Guide useful and interesting as this will include crime prevention advice as well as information on crime that we see around us but do not always have sufficient details on issues such as Modern Slavery and Cyber Crime.

Every year we receive funds from The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst (see picture). This is the County's main source of income for which we are very grateful. Each Neighbourhood Watch District receives an allocation of these funds towards their expenditure to cover the costs of hall hire, purchase of Neighbourhood Watch items, postages and many other needs to promote Neighbourhood Watch. However many Districts have ways of raising funds to boost their bank balances as each District has its



own specific needs and priorities. In addition to those funds we are delighted to advise you that the cost of this publication has also been paid by the Office of the Police Fire & Crime Commissioner which is very much appreciated!

I am sure you know that our Association is a registered Charity (number 1168988) and this enables any District to promote that fact which may help any organisations/companies to consider granting funds to Neighbourhood Watch in your area. Over the next year we are working very hard to increasing our membership as we know that whatever we do together we can help make our communities safer.

Lastly please look at our website www.essexnwa.co.uk and click on the District where you live and contact your local District Co-ordinator as they are there to help and support you, your neighbours and friends to be involved with Neighbourhood Watch and help reduce the opportunity of crime.

Clive Stewart, Chairman - Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for deciding to become an active part of your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Safe and secure communities are the bedrock on which we build wellbeing and prosperity for all. Neighbourhood Watch is a vital partner in creating safe communities that work together to prevent crime, protect themselves and the communities in which they live.

As the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex I spend a lot of time meeting residents, listening to their views and hearing what matters to them. I know that people value the police service in Essex, they want more visible, accessible policing and they want to see crime, including anti-social behaviour, tackled robustly. Living in a society where we do not have to fear crime matters to us all.

By joining Neighbourhood Watch you are playing a vital role in communicating and supporting Essex Police in understanding what is happening in your community.

By tackling crime, protecting vulnerable people and importantly stopping crime happening in the first place we can create stronger, more resilient communities. Neighbourhood Watch is a vital part of this and I am proud to support them.

Working together, sharing information and ensuring the schemes across Essex are closely aligned to their local police is vital.

I look forward to working with you as part of the Essex Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Roger Hirst,
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner



YOUR ESSEX POLICE

Your Essex Police is a territorial police force responsible for policing the county of Essex, with over 1.7 million people and around 1,400 square miles. It is one of the largest non-metropolitan police forces in the United Kingdom, and employing over 2,900 police officers. In October 2018 they appointed a new Chief Constable Mr. Ben-Julian Harrington.

Essex Police has over 360 volunteer special constables and twenty volunteer police officers were welcomed into the police family on November 12 after swearing their oaths at our HQ in Chelmsford. Special Constables have the same policing powers and uniforms as regular police officers but do the role voluntarily around their busy personal lives and day jobs. You can apply at: www.essex.police.uk/specials

Essex Police also has a large group of Police cadets and over 320 of these in all areas of the force. They are always looking to promote new units and currently are looking to launch in both Brentwood and Harwich. It has proved to be a great feeder of potential officers as well as teaching those who join core values of decency and professional standards. Essex Police are always looking for new leaders in the area as well and so if you would like to help or have someone who you think may be suitable please get in touch. You can apply to help at: www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police-en/volunteers/cadets/

Essex Police have a large commitment made by over 100 people to help them, including Police Support Volunteers and Active Citizens. Again, these operate in all areas. They do a really valuable role, enabling the public face to



be supported. They are cleared to help Essex Police with meeting the public on leaflets drops, and on patrol with PCSO officers, in all the local areas. Hundreds of hours are put in by these volunteers in all weathers.

Essex police has a strong partnership with the Neighbourhood Watch groups and they support them with three officers who act as local links to the various groups. They are all police staff, with the title of "Essex Watch Liaison officers". A fourth member of the team is based at Essex Police headquarters, who acts a focus point to pass out information. The Essex Watch Liaison Officers can be contacted via email: essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.pnn.police.uk

Essex Police have also signed a Partnership Agreement with Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association which enables them to distribute each other's information throughout Essex.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES & CODE OF ETHICS

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Watch movement are:

- *To increase public participation in the prevention and detection of crime.*
- *To promote good citizenship and greater public awareness through Neighbourhood Watch groups.*
- *To help increase community safety and reduce the fear of crime.*
- *To improve police/community liaison.*

In order to further these aims and objectives and to ensure public confidence in

Neighbourhood Watch, it is appropriate that members of Neighbourhood Watch adhere to these Ethics and Standards guidelines.

Members should treat people fairly and with respect and ensure equality of opportunity regardless of: Race; gender, including transgender, sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status; pregnancy, maternity or paternity; religion or belief; age or disability. Making reasonable adjustments to ensure their activity is inclusive for all members of their local community, in particular, people with disabilities or particular language needs, and encouraging others to do so.

CODE OF ETHICS

- Dealing with other members, the public and other organisations in an honest, fair and respectful manner.
- Not offering or accepting gifts, hospitality or services which could imply an improper obligation.
- Avoiding any situation where a conflict of professional or personal interests may exist between them, their employer, their business and/or other parties, and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Operating in a financially responsible and prudent manner, ensuring that adequate and correct records are kept of any expenses, fees, costs, gifts and gratuities and being open and transparent about financial matters relating to Neighbourhood Watch.
- Respecting other people's privacy, and treating all confidential information as such, ensuring that they use information from Neighbourhood Watch or any Authorities in compliance with Data Protection legislation.
- Not bringing the Neighbourhood Watch movement into disrepute or conducting themselves in a manner which might lead to such a situation.
- Challenging and reporting unlawful or otherwise unfair discriminatory behaviour and practice or other breaches (or reasonable suspicions of breaches) of these guidelines to the relevant recognised and constituted Neighbourhood Watch body



REPORTING NON-EMERGENCY CRIME ONLINE - GENERAL GUIDANCE

There are times that we need to call Essex Police and telephone **101** on a Non-Emergency matter- but there is also an online way to communicate to Essex Police too. Simply visit **www.essex.police.uk**, click on “Do It Online” then click “Report a crime”. Please have as much information on the incident you are reporting and who is the victim if it is not yourself.

Please note that you are allowed to report on behalf of someone else - but you must have their permission. Please make sure that you have their full name(s), postal address, phone number and email address. Essex Police will need to make contact with them and may do so within twenty four hours.

It may help to know what the screens look like before you enter any information so that you familiarise yourself with some of them first. However before you start, please ensure that you have all the details that may be requested of you when you are entering on each screen, as this will help you to complete the task without too much delay.

After clicking “Report a Crime”, you will see a box labelled “Where did the crime happen?” Please enter the location of the crime, ensuring you have the postal code or the name of the nearest town, village or city, and click “Start”. If you do not know the postcode, use Royal Mail’s Postcode Finder:

www.royalmail.com/find-a-postcode

It is essential that you not only know as much of the incident as possible but also the items that may have been stolen/damaged (for example, a description of the vehicle, its make/

model, registration number, and colour). This also applies to personal items (for example, amount of cash, or description of a bag/purse).

If a phone is stolen, you need to include the make, model and serial number on the report. Take time now to make a note of your phone’s IMEI number. This is your phone’s international serial number which is important to know should it be lost or stolen. Enter ***#06#** on your phone’s keypad and you will see on the phone the IMEI number. Write down all you know of the phone and the IMEI number now for future reference.

You may think you know who committed the crime. There is a screen where you can enter any suspects. Remember all this information is private to Essex Police at all times.

Finally it is worth noting that there is a screen to edit any details before you send the report. If, after you have sent the report, you had forgotten to enter all the details or have updated information for Essex Police, you can send a further message to update Essex Police but will need the reference number you receive in response to your initial report for Essex Police will update their system.

Please remember that preparation is the key before you go report a crime online- or even if you make a 101 telephone call.

Clive Stewart, Chairman - Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association



HELPING COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES



If you are joining an existing Neighbourhood Watch, your local co-ordinator will contact you, and welcome you into the scheme and the family of Neighbourhood Watch. If no Neighbourhood Watch currently exists in your immediate area, but, you are interested in starting one, here is some helpful advice:-

THE FIRST STEP

If you are interested in setting up a scheme, the first step is to speak to your neighbours, and find out if they are also interested. The more residents there are who want to get involved, the more successful a scheme will be- but not everyone in a street or neighbourhood needs to join a scheme for it

to work. It will work, providing that there are enough residents, to keep an eye out for each other's properties, and to liaise with the police.

Get in touch with your local Neighbourhood Watch District. Check out the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association's website, for your district's contact details

www.essexnwa.co.uk

THE COORDINATOR

Each scheme has a coordinator who acts as the key contact point for the scheme. They liaise with the police, scheme members and the general public – for instance, people who are interested in joining the scheme – as well as non-member residents when necessary. A scheme may have more than one coordinator as long as members and police know who the key contacts are. The coordinator ensures a smooth flow of information and communication between the police and scheme members.

There are no hard and fast rules about the size of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. This can vary depending on the geography of the area. A good rule is to think about which houses can see each other, so that they can keep an eye open for any suspicious activity. But some schemes don't fit into that model, such as long straight roads, blocks of flats and rural areas where houses are widely spaced, so just choose what works best for you!

Traditionally, Neighbourhood Watch activities have focused on the immediate vicinity of homes, with members looking out for anything suspicious and helping their neighbours.

However, more and more schemes are broadening their work to target a range of other problems such as cyber-crime, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and graffiti. When links are made with other local schemes and wider alliances are formed, the membership can become a powerful voice within a community and get actively involved in problem-solving.

Neighbourhood Watch is well-known to help reduce burglary, anti-social behaviour, doorstep crime and environmental problems. But criminals are no longer constrained by geographical boundaries, and in recent years there has been a steady rise in fraud and cybercrime.

Neighbourhood Watch is in a strong position to help tackle this kind of crime as well, by being a trusted source of information and support for people within their communities and keeping their eyes open for those who might be vulnerable. Victims of fraud and cybercrime might be embarrassed to confide in their families, or worry about losing their independence, and may not know that a crime has been committed or feel that they can't report it to the police. This is



where Neighbourhood Watch members and coordinators can help.

As well as the police, Neighbourhood Watch schemes, may also work with other agencies within their area who have an interest in reducing crime and building stronger communities. These may include Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), local authority environmental and social care teams, Trading Standards services, and Fire & Rescue services. You might also want to link up with other community groups like Residents' Associations and special interest or cultural groups.

For further advice and support, please contact your local District Neighbourhood Watch team. Thank you for helping to 'Make A Difference,' in your community!



PEDLARS

Essex Police is advising residents to be mindful of whom they open their front doors to anyone. Door-to-door salespeople have a habit of turning up when not expected and can be very difficult to get rid of once you've opened the door to them.

Police have become aware that a group of young salesmen, occasionally dubbed the 'Nottingham

Knockers', have been calling in parts of the county. Named after a scam originating in Nottingham, young people travel across the UK targeting a town at a time. They knock at doors and claim to be ex-offenders

attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at heightened prices.

Police always advise residents to refrain from buying at the doorstep and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople offering supposedly one-off, 'buy it now', low prices. However, often kind-hearted residents feel they are helping to turn the caller's lives around so agree to buy their wares.

These callers work in groups across the country but they are not involved in any officially recognised offender rehabilitation programme and many do not possess pedlar's certificates, which are issued by police and are necessary for salespeople to be legally allowed to sell door-to-door.

Sympathetic members of the public are being duped into buying cheap products at highly-inflated prices and, indeed, on analysis of crime data, some UK regions have discovered a notable rise in crime during the times their local areas were being visited by this group.

If a salesperson comes to your door, we'd suggest you ask to see their pedlar's certificate

- these are only issued to individuals under very strict conditions. You can contact the police station it was issued by in order to prove if it's genuine. If a Caller as described above visits you, please inform



police in order for us to keep track of where they are.

If you have any information which you think might be of help, please call Essex Police on **101** and state that you would like to report a pedlar.

Finally entering on Google "How to apply for a Pedlar's Certificate" will provide all the information for you to understand what a person who is selling at your door needs to allow that person to be lawful.

As a guideline a facsimile/copy of what an approved Pedlars certificate looks like can be obtained from your local Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Clive Stewart, Chairman - Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association

DO YOU KNOW WHOM YOU ARE ANSWERING THE PHONE TO?



Telephone Fraudsters want access to your computer and your money (Computer Software Service frauds) – What is this and what can you do.

Telephone fraudsters are now cold calling/ making unsolicited phone calls pretending to be from your internet service provider, telling you there is a problem with your device or router, it could lead to fraudsters asking for credit card information to ‘validate your software’, or access to your computer to fix the problem.

These are all fraud scams- No reputable computer firm will send unsolicited emails or make unsolicited phone calls to request personal or financial information, or ask for access to your computer to fix it.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Fraudsters often use the names of well-known companies to commit their crime. Reputable companies will never phone you to ask for access to your computer, if you receive such a phone call just hang up. If you receive such communication delete the email or hang up the phone do not engage in a conversation. If you require further assurance contact the firm directly using the method and phone numbers obtained from their contract or other trusted

sources, never use the numbers or email address supplied by the fraudsters. Legitimate companies like your Internet Service Provider (ISP), will never cold call you asking for remote access to your computer or for your financial details.

Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you’re unsure of a caller’s identity, hang up. Even if the caller is able to provide you with details such as your full name, don’t give out any personal or financial information during a cold call however convincing they sound.

Never grant the caller remote access to your computer, never go to a website they give you and never Install software as a result of the call. If you think you have downloaded a virus, consider having your computer looked at by a trusted technician in order to determine if malicious software was installed on your machine during the call. Having anti-virus software installed on your devices and keeping it up to date will help prevent your computer from being infected with malicious software.

Report and get advice at:
www.actionfraud.police.uk

Other places for help and advice:
www.getsafeonline.org
www.cyberaware.gov.uk

You need to make a transfer to a safe account

Please confirm your online banking code

Just for security reasons...

We've detected fraud on your account

I'll need your card details

Please confirm your account password

I'm a police officer

Your payment hasn't gone through

I'm calling from your bank

I'm one of your suppliers

Tap your PIN into the phone

Your payment is overdue

Do you know who you're talking to?

Fraudsters are scamming businesses over the phone



Financial Fraud Action UK
Working together to prevent fraud

Vishing

Telephone fraud is being used increasingly by criminals to deceive businesses into revealing company financial information or to encourage the transfer of funds into a bank account held by the criminal. This type of fraud is known as 'Vishing'.

Posing as a company supplier, a police officer, or a member of staff from a bank or building society, criminals will make an attempt either to obtain your company bank account details or will ask for bank payee details to be altered so that regular payments normally transferred to a genuine supplier account are instead made into a fraudulent account.

Variations on the scam

A variation of the fraud involves the criminal posing as a senior bank official or police officer investigating internal fraud at your company bank. They will attempt to persuade a member of staff that in order to protect your company's fund, all money must be transferred to a 'secure' account. The member of staff will then be talked through an online transfer or be encouraged to contact their local branch to move the fund. They are advised not to give the bank a reason for the transfer in case the teller is involved in the internal fraud.

A further variation involves your company receiving a call from your 'bank' to validate a payment. The caller then obtains details of real payments made, including sort codes, account numbers and monetary amounts. Armed with this information, the caller telephones again later that day advising that these payments have

stalled and need to be re-entered online to another account, with details supplied by the caller.

It takes two to terminate a call

A key tactic used sees the criminal, again posing as a legitimate company supplier, encourage a member of staff to double-check the validity of their call by hanging up and calling them straight back. By not terminating the call at his or her end, the criminal keeps the line open, when the member of staff 'calls back' using a valid, on-file number, it is the criminal that they reach. A sophisticated variation of this scam involves the fraudster playing a recording of a dial and ring tone to add legitimacy to the call back.

To prevent Vishing, it is crucial to ensure that, within your company, every member of staff knows who they are talking to.

How to avoid Vishing

Be wary of:

- Unsolicited telephone calls
- Callers who suggest you hang up and call them back
- Callers who advise that your company or organisation's payment has been blocked in the transfer system
- Callers who request that you transfer funds to a new bank account

- Be wary of requests for financial information and alterations to bank transfers.
- Terminate the conversation if you feel suspicious of the caller.
- Remember that caller display IDs can be manipulated to disguise the origin of the call. If in doubt, call back using an independently verified number.
- Use a different line to validate a call. Be aware that it takes two people to terminate a telephone call. The line can be kept open if the caller does not end the call, meaning that if you do attempt to call back in order to validate them, you will reach the same person.
- Review company policy on what information staff are permitted to provide to a telephone caller.

For further advice and guidance visit
www.financialfraudaction.org.uk/vishing

If you think you may be a victim of this type of fraud please contact Action Fraud to report it on 0300 123 2040 or via the website reporting template at www.actionfraud.org.uk

Introducing

Safe and Well Visits in Essex

To keep yourself and your family safe at home, we recommend booking one of our free, personalised Safe and Well Visits.

Our trained Safe and Well Officers can provide advice and guidance in relation to fire prevention and home security, as well as signpost you to additional advice and support if you need it.

Call: 0300 303 0088

Email: home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk

Online: www.essex-fire.gov.uk/HFS



During our Safe and Well Visit, we can cover...

Fire Safety

We will ensure you have smoke detectors fitted in the right places, an escape plan, and are up to date with the latest fire safety advice and guidance.

Home Security

We can give you advice and information on preventing burglary, and improving the security of your home for you and your family.

Falls

If you need it, our Safe and Well Officers are trained to order equipment that could help you or a family member move around your home more easily.

Signposting, Health and Wellbeing

Our officers are very knowledgeable about a range of health and wellbeing factors, from dementia and quitting smoking, to loneliness and isolation.

We know we can't help you with everything, but we will do our best to signpost you to the partner organisations who can.



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

VS VICTIM SUPPORT

VICTIM SUPPORT IN ESSEX

As an independent charity, Victim Support work towards a world where people affected by crime or traumatic events get the support they need and the respect they deserve. They speak up for victims' rights, ensuring their needs are met in the criminal justice system.

Victim Support help people feel safer and find the strength to move beyond crime. Their support is free, confidential and tailored to the needs of the service user.

If you have been a victim of crime and would like to talk to one of the team, please contact Victim Support on **0808 178 1694**.

Victim Support have signed a Partnership Agreement with Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association and they are delighted to distribute each others information.

VS VICTIM SUPPORT

Are you a good listener?

We are looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills to join our local team, providing emotional and practical support to people affected by crime.

Help people in your local community and learn new skills. Full training provided.

Interested? Have four or more hours a week to spare? Then we would love to hear from you.

Call us on **01277 357557** or email: **essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk**
www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer

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INCREASING SUPPORT TO OLDER PEOPLE



Community Agents is an Essex-wide project, providing support to vulnerable older people and their informal carers within their own communities. It delivers a person-centred approach designed to help older people rebuild their confidence and continue to live independently.

A partnership between Essex County Council, the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE), British Red Cross, Age UK Essex and Neighbourhood Watch Essex, Community Agents was set up in 2014 and has since supported nearly 15,000 people, reduced demand on health and social care services and to the end of October 2018, generated savings of more than £5m in Essex.

Most of the people Community Agents helps are seeking information and advice. Some want to know how to maximise their income and others want help with continuing to live independently. Most enquiries are from the 75-84 age group. With the support of Community Agents more than nine out of ten people who contact them are still living independently in their own homes.

Community Agents offer FREE visits. It is effective and responsive with initial visits normally arranged within a few working days of the enquiry. Agents are easy to talk to and a fountain of knowledge about how to access

services/benefits, and local clubs and groups to help combat feelings of loneliness.



Neighbourhood Watch can play a vital role in spotting people in need of support. As responsible neighbours, we should all try to be a bit more vigilant and show a little more interest in those who live near us, especially elderly

neighbours or those who live on their own. If you would like to refer someone to Community Agents we will need:

- *Confirmation that the client knows we will be contacting them*
- *Person's name and telephone number (can be mobile)*
- *Date of birth, Address including postcode,*
- *The person's need and any known risk related to the client*
- *Any known existing support services the client receives*
- *Contact name, telephone number and role for the person making the referral*

For more information or to arrange a free visit from a Community Agent: call **0800 977 5858** or **01376 574341**, email **enquiries@caessex.org.uk** or visit **www.communityagentsessex.org.uk**

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

Crimestoppers in Essex is part of a national, independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime – 100 per cent anonymously. We believe everyone has the right to feel safe from crime, wherever they live. The number of crime reports given to Crimestoppers in Essex has been increasing during the past few years along with arrests and charges. The latest yearly figures show there were nearly 6,000 reports to the end of March 2018. These include big increases for drugs and driving offences, wanted persons, possession of weapons, theft, burglary and assault.

Crimestoppers is supported by a network of volunteers throughout the UK. Volunteers in Essex work with a number of partners including Neighbourhood Watch and runs campaigns to encourage people to speak up about crime and stay safe.

Crime can be worrying and some people refuse to speak to authorities for a host of reasons from fear of retribution to cultural expectations. Crimestoppers is trusted by hundreds of thousands of people a year who safely passed on information about crime.

Crime reports from Essex go to a professionally-staffed UK contact centre which is open 24/7, 365 days a year and is available by phone on **0800 555 111** or online at **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**

Information is passed to police and it's still all anonymous, 100 per cent, so there's no police contact, no witness statements, no courts.

CRIMESTOPPERS IN ESSEX

Every day people across the UK, whose voices and crucial information would otherwise not be heard, contact Crimestoppers.

Crimestoppers UK also has a service for young people – **Fearless.org** – an online resource which offers non-judgemental advice about crimes that affect young people and how they can pass on information about what they know if they have worries about crime. The charity's website has a Most Wanted section, where people can view images of criminals on the run and pass on vital information about their whereabouts. Crimestoppers also partners with business and industry to combat crime and wrongdoing within organisations. This protects reputation, staff, consumers and the wider community. These include the Environment Agency, the Post Office and the Electoral Commission.

The charity runs a Community Ambassadors Programme designed to increase awareness of Crimestoppers through partnerships with businesses, public authorities, charities and other agencies. Acting as our Ambassadors, they enable us to spread the word about how we can help protect the people, places and communities that matter to you. The role of an Ambassador is to promote Crimestoppers whether it be to employees, contractors, clients, service users, partner agencies or other stakeholders.

If you would be interested in volunteering for Crimestoppers in Essex or becoming an Ambassador, visit the website: **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHAT MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking involves the recruitment, harbouring or transporting of people into a situation of exploitation through the use of violence, deception or coercion. They are forced to work against their will. Trafficking is a process of enslaving people, coercing them into a situation with no way out, and exploiting them.

Organised Crime Groups profit from exploiting human beings. These criminals will indiscriminately target any member of a community that is seen to be weak and or vulnerable, victims can be British or foreign nationality, of any age and male or female. People can be trafficked for many different forms of exploitation such as forced prostitution, forced labour, forced begging, forced criminality, domestic servitude, forced marriage, and forced organ removal.

There are many industries near you that could be using modern slavery and human trafficking to acquire their staff; they include agriculture, car washes, nail bars, catering, construction, cleaning services, and restaurants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be vigilant and ask questions, together we can ensure that the services we receive and products we choose are slavery free. "If you see something, say something".

If you do please call The Modern Slavery Helpline **0800 121 700**, Crimestoppers **0800 555 111** or the Police on **101** or if there is an



immediate threat to life **999**. You can also report anything suspicious via Essex Police website "Do It Online" when reporting crime.

Helpful Apps for further information and indicators of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking:

- **The STOP App**
- **Unseen**
- **Endslavery**
- **Safe Car Wash** created by the Clewer Initiative

**Marsha Humphreys, Protect and Prevent
Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
Co-ordinator Essex Police**



WHAT IS ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION?

Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association was formed over twenty years ago by Geoff Ireland, our President, and comprises a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen (one of which is our County Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator), a Treasurer and an Event Co-ordinator.

These Executives share the responsibilities of the Association including representing it at meetings with The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner, as well as meetings with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Essex Police Force Tasking meetings, Crimestoppers meetings, the Board of Community Agents Essex, and Victim Support meetings.

Our Event Co-ordinator organises our Annual General Meeting and Conference at which awards are presented to the Neighbourhood Watch Members of the Year and we have two guest speakers.

In addition we have a website manager who ensures that any current information is always available relating to our Neighbourhood Watch districts.

Finally included as part of the Association are District Co-ordinators covering fourteen Neighbourhood Watch districts: Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Castlepoint, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping Forest, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Southend, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford.

We meet every two months at The Millennium Centre, Great Baddow and the meetings have

reports from Essex Police and The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner and Crimestoppers who often attend.

The objectives of the meeting are to not only hear what each of our District's organise specifically for their areas but also we have discussions on how we can manage Neighbourhood Watch more effectively in reducing the opportunity of crime.

On occasions we have guest speakers at the meetings but they are always at the end of our agenda items. Our Annual General Meetings and Conference is usually in July.

We are a registered Charity (number 1168988) and our Trustees are Clive Stewart, Peter Salmon, Roger Passfield and Colin Freeman. All Districts can state on any of their publications and correspondence that they are "Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association which is a registered charity number 1168988" and this may assist Neighbourhood Watch Districts in any applications to organisations who have funds for a registered charity.

If you want to know who your District Co-ordinator is covering your District then go to our website www.essexnwa.co.uk and click on your District and you will see the contact details.

Clive Stewart, Chairman, Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association



USEFUL CONTACTS

REPORTING A CRIME / GENERAL POLICE ENQUIRIES

Call the Police on **101** or visit **www.essex.police.uk**

If the crime is happening now call **999**

CRIMESTOPPERS

Call **0800 555 111**

It's all anonymous- even the paid rewards

VICTIM SUPPORT

Visit **www.victimsupport.org.uk**

or call **0808 178 1694**

SCAMS IN ESSEX

For scams hitting Essex, visit

www.essexnhw.org.uk

click on "Threats"

SCAMS - TEXTS TO MOBILES

Forward the text to

7726 (SPAM)

CRIME PREVENTION

For good information from ex-Police, visit

www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com

HOME SECURITY

Check your home security and more at

www.essex.police.uk

then search "Burglary"

INTERNET SAFETY

Visit **www.getsafeonline.org**

FRAUD

Report any fraud at

www.actionfraud.police.uk

CRIME VICTIMS IN ESSEX

Even if you haven't reported the crime,

visit **www.essexvictimsgateway.org**

SCAMS - POSTAL / PHONE CALLS

Visit **www.thinkjessica.com**

SCAMS - EMAILS

Forward the email to

report@phishing.gov.uk

CRIME INFORMATION

Visit **www.fearless.org** for information

designed for the younger generation

REGISTER DEVICES

*Register mobiles, iPads, TVs and more, free of charge, at **www.immobilise.com***

If the Police recover them, they can be returned to you

NEED HELP DURING POWER CUTS?

Register at **www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk**

or call **0800 3163 105**

Call **105** for an update during a power cut

My local Neighbourhood Watch Contact Details:

