

CASTLE POINT DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Affiliated to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association a registered Charity No: 1168988

Six Monthly Newsletter - May to November 2022



Terry Fowles, Paul Harris and Kevin Blake

Let us introduce ourselves, we are The Three Wisemen or better known as Essex Watch Liaison Officers (EWLO's). One of our roles is to liaise with NHW throughout the County.

On a weekly basis we send out the Crime Reports for each of our areas and at times we send out Crime Prevention Advice, especially if we become aware of a specific trend, for example, if there has been a spate of shed break-ins, or catalytic converters being stolen. We each cover specific areas with Terry covering Braintree, Chelmsford, Maldon Tendring and Colchester. Paul covering Brentwood, Harlow, Uttlesford and Epping Forest. Kevin covering Southend, Castle Point, Rochford, Basildon and Thurrock.

Quite often we are the person in the middle when it comes to queries from NHW members, and we are able to direct them in the right direction or give Crime Prevention advice ourselves. We can also contact the relevant officers in regard to their issue. The one thing to point out here is that we are not to be contacted to report a crime, that has to be done via 999, 101 or online.

We are working well with the Community Safety and Engagement Officers that have been introduced and we use them for advice when needed and vice versa We circulate their newsletters when asked.

We attend many community events throughout the year, or at least we did before Covid-19, like the Clacton Air show, Young Farmers show, Ernest Doe Show, Barleylands and RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show which is a five-day event, and all these are very well attended. We tailor each event to its needs so that we are hitting the specific target.

This is where we again are able to give advice on many issues and also recruit members of the public to particular specialised Watch schemes that we run.

We all believe that it's important to see a Police presence at these events. We also cover local events in our specific areas.

These include events like local hospice fetes, coffee with cops, community awareness days, dog awareness days and many others.

We have all completed a three-day basic course in crime prevention and problem solving which allows us to do site visits to households and give out good sound crime prevention advice.

We also reach out to vulnerable groups and give talks to them, to make them feel safer in their homes. Groups include Stroke Victims, Visually Impaired, U3A, WI, and Dementia groups.

Again, we make sure that when they leave the event they feel safer and better about themselves and not more frightened. Hopefully we will be back out there very soon.

The EWLOs also have many other Watch schemes that we run on behalf of Essex Police and which NHW members may not be aware of.

Each of these Watches receive a weekly update similar to the Crime Reports but county-wide and specific to the Watch title and again we add relevant information to those members. The Schemes we run on behalf of Essex Police are: Dog Watch, Rural and Farm Watch, Caravan Watch, Heritage Watch, Business Watch, Allotment Watch and Marine Watch. Each of these Watches receive a weekly update similar to The Crime Reports you receive but County wide and specific to the Watch title and again we add relevant information to those members. If you would like to join any of them please email us at essex.watch.liason.officers@essex.police.uk

For more information visit the Essex Police Website and search for "Essex Watch".

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Clive Stewart Chairman of Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association and Castle Point District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator with Roger Hirst Essex Police Fire & Crime Commissioner

I hope that you will find interesting this next issue of the six monthly newsletter. It is great to advise you that little by little we are increasing our Co-ordinators and members in Castle Point District whether they have access to a computer/smart phone/internet/social media or not as we welcome everyone. We try very hard to keep in touch with you all even though you may not have access to the internet so please let me know who you are by sending your full postal address via a family member/neighbour or friend via email first and I shall then be in touch.

This year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch in the UK see the new logo in the top of the newsletter. This proves that Neighbourhood Watch has been successful in helping to reduce the opportunity of crime and we have achieved this by excellent working relationships with Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue Services, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioners, Crimestoppers and Victim Support.

If you would like to have the weekly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter (by email only) please send a request to thenewnewsletter@btinternet.com

If you know anyone who would like Neighbourhood Watch information or items eg window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, No Cold caller stickers, Contactless card protector wallets, members guides and valid members badges please give them my number 01787 278007.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND PARTNERS

You may not know that Essex County NW Association signed Partnership Agreements with Essex Police, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioners, Essex Fire Rescue Services and Victim Support to distribute each others information. We also have an agreement with Crimestoppers to distribute their information too. These organisations work with us to reduce the opportunity of crime and keep our communities safe.



RACHEL KEARN ESSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

I have worked for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) for nearly three years in the role of Community Builder covering South East Essex, where I cover the local authority areas of Chelmsford, Castle Point, Rochford and Southend. My role has two parts, firstly a safeguarding side where I visit people who are more vulnerable from fire due to their lifestyle.

They may include hoarders, people who are self neglecting, if they have limited mobility or other health issues or impairments that make them more vulnerable and at risk. I carry out a person-centred home visit to ensure adequate smoke detection and give fire safety advice. ECFRS provide smoke alarms free of charge to residents of Essex and this includes sensory smoke alarms for people who are deaf or are hard of hearing. I make recommendations and referrals for further support where necessary and work with partner organisations to ensure the person is provided with advice, support and equipment to be as safe as possible at home. The other part of the Community Builder role is to build links within the community and partner organisations. Pre Covid, I have organised networking events within the South East of Essex to raise awareness and promote the ECFRS Prevention agenda. Hopefully this will be something that I can reintroduce in 2022. I regularly attend Community Safety Partnership meetings and professional case meetings for individuals more at risk so we can ensure a joint approach in addressing their needs and reducing risks. I have worked hard to build positive links and relationships with organisations working within South East Essex.

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