



SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

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WELCOME

To the first six monthly newsletter for 2026.

Time passes by so quickly when there is another six monthly newsletter so it is hoped that this issue is again of interest.. Firstly can I thank everyone who is part of Neighbourhood Watch where they live as without you we could not help to reduce the opportunity of crime together. We have many local Co-ordinators covering vast areas as well as their local streets/roads.

There are those of you who would just like to be kept informed on local crime incidents , not just on their doorstep , and also have crime prevention advice too.

Everyone who receives any information takes a part in reducing crime by just being aware of what is happening around them and taking extra care to look after their own personal property and helping those who may feel vulnerable (whatever their age) to do the same.. So *this newsletter raises the profile of Neighbourhood Watch and it is hoped to encourage everyone to join ...It is FREE!!!!*

Members have available Neighbourhood Watch items not just window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, No Cold caller stickers, promotional pens , Members badges , Members Guides but also 24 hour Timers, contactless card protector wallets, purse bells and straps, crime prevention advice from Essex Police and much more. *There is a weekly Braintree District NW newsletter (by email only) every week . The weekly newsletter is not only a summary of the Essex Police crime incidents reports but has information from Braintree District Police Dispatch newsletter and Braintree District Police Facebook Group.*

We never forget those who are not on computer or have no need to have access to the internet or may have difficulties in communication ie hard of hearing or visually impaired. In fact in a recent report it was stated that over two and a half million people in the UK over 55 years old do not have a mobile or a Smartphone .

So we do our very best to provide Neighbourhood Watch information in a format anyone requests and that way they will feel part of Neighbourhood Watch.

It is good to know that membership continues to grow due to the support of Essex Police and Braintree District Council...

HOW TO BE PART OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WHERE YOU LIVE?

We are asked this on many occasions, and it is easy really, as you can email (see above) or phone me (see below) to find out what it means to be involved with Neighbourhood Watch ...

Membership is FREE!!!!

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time and want more information please contact me via the email or telephone/text me on 0750 805 7636

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS GUIDE

I am delighted to advise you that we have now our own Members Guide . It is long overdue..

Not only covering what Neighbourhood Watch is all about and the responsibilities of a local Co-ordinator but also there are pages from our "partners" who are Essex Police , The Essex Fire & Rescue Service Crimestoppers and others who we work with to help keep Braintree District safer.

So why not ask for a copy it will be available from mid January by email as well as hardcopy...

Contact me by email with your full name and postal address or telephone 0750 8057636



Clive Stewart,
Chairman ,
Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch

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Deputy Chief Constable Rachel Nolan

I joined Essex Police in 1998 as a PC serving Canvey Island and Rayleigh.

Over the past 27 years, I have held a variety of roles that have shaped my leadership and approach to policing.

After promotion to Sergeant, I worked in Benfleet and Rochford before joining the Neighbourhood Policing Project Team, delivering a new model of community policing.

In 2006, I visited South Africa and Lesotho to study policing in different countries, an experience that continues to influence my perspective today.

As an Inspector, I served as the Chief Constable's Staff Officer and worked closely with communities in Tilbury.

In 2008, I became Chief Inspector, spending six years as District Commander for Thurrock and Basildon, and overseeing Roads Policing and the Dog Section.

In 2014, I was promoted to Superintendent, leading the Criminal Justice Command and managing custody and prosecution processes.

Two years later, as Chief Superintendent within Operational Policing Command, I led specialist teams including firearms, dogs, and roads policing, coordinating major operations and developing collaborative firearms training across seven forces.

Between 2018 and 2020, I was seconded to the National Police Coordination Centre, coordinating the national policing response to EU Exit preparations.

After completing the Strategic Command Course in 2020, I was appointed Assistant Chief Constable, leading contact management and operational policing teams, the frontline of our service.

In January 2025, I became Deputy Chief Constable of Essex Police.

My focus remains on delivering outstanding policing, supporting our people, and working closely with partners to keep the communities of Essex safe.



We would like to thank DCC Rachel Nolan for giving us this article .

Essex Police have always supported Neighbourhood Watch and we have great working relationships with PC James Draper and all of the Braintree District Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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