



Neighbourhood Watch in Coggeshall



SOME HELPFUL NUMBERS TO KEEP TO HAND

COGGESHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

01376 563020 or 563723

BRAINTREE POLICE

01376 551312

NON URGENT REPORTING

0300 333 4444

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

07974 457258

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

01376 552525

UNTAXED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE

08000 325202
National anonymous information
line. Can also be done on the web
at www.direct.gov.uk.

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Coggeshall Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. We hope you will find it interesting.

Essex Watch Administrator

We are sorry to have to tell you that Clive Stewart, who has kept us supplied with up to date information, has stepped down from his post. This is a great pity and means that we are currently without updates on criminal activities in the village. We understand that other means of providing this information are being looked at and we hope to soon be back to regular reporting.

Bogus Callers

"They" never give up so please be alert to strangers at your door. Do not let them into your home unless you have requested them to call and even then it would be advisable to have another person with you. If you are suspicious, try to take details and pass them on to the police. You could help save somebody from becoming a victim.

Cable Theft - what to look out for

As you would have already seen in the press, there have been a number of thefts of cable from all the utilities, which in many cases has resulted in large scale disruption. These thieves are not solely interested in cabling. While they are looking around they may also find your property appealing to them, after all, any metal can become scrap metal, and of course like any other venture, they do diversify into other crimes. Quite often the offenders will

reconnoitre during daylight, so please report any suspicious activity. Best advice is if the operating practices look suspicious contact Essex Police dialling 999 for an emergency response, or if you have any information you can ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Safety First

Despite much publicity regarding domestic fires, many homes are still without a smoke detector. The oft used phrases are "I was going to fit one....." or "I don't have anything of value" Life is very precious and to avoid anguish of loss or damage or loss to your family and home, do ensure that you have a suitable smoke detector fitted and test it regularly to ensure that it is working. They are not expensive and can be bought at most DIY stores or supermarkets. You can also contact Essex Fire and Rescue Service on 01376 345537 for a FREE home fire safety risk assessment. Some may qualify to have a detector fitted free of charge.

Web-site

We are delighted to announce that the Neighbourhood Watch website is now up and running. Log on to:- www.coggeshallneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk for useful information and links to other Neighbourhood Watch, Police and other relevant organisations. Our aim is to keep you, the residents of Coggeshall, informed of what is happening, particularly any trends in criminal activity.



We welcome you to Coggeshall's Beautiful and Historic Venue for every occasion.

The White Hart Hotel

Market End Coggeshall CO6 1NH

Tel: 01376 561654

Diary Dates

If you would like the opportunity to have an informal chat with a police officer, here are some dates when the mobile police unit will be in Coggeshall.

16th. March, 13th. April, 11th. May, 8th. June, 6th. July, 3rd. August, 28th. September, 26th. October, 23rd. November, 21st. December. All these dates are a Tuesday and the time is between 14.20 and 1600. You will find the unit located in the car park.

Security Information

Most UPVC front doors have an integral multi-locking system, typically, lifting or 'throwing' the handle. This rotates an internal screw or worm running the length of the door and in turn positions or engages the array of bolts or hooks into the frame. However, the actual locking of the mechanism is only achieved by turning the key as well. When the key has been turned the door is in effect 'deadlocked' and therefore much more resistant to outside forces being applied. If your door has not been correctly locked and forced entry has been gained, your insurers may not pay the claim. There have been several burglaries reported around Coggeshall recently, so do please remember to lock up securely. Avoid leaving car keys or laptops where they can be seen from outside. Remember too, to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Security Equipment

As a further service to our members, we are now carrying a stock of approved security items. Prices are as follows:

Door Chain Guards	£3.00
Spy Viewers	£2.00
24 Hour Timers	£4.00
Personal Alarms	£5.00

If you would like to obtain any of the above, go to www.coggeshallneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk and send us an email, or alternatively, telephone 01376 563020/563723

Welcome

A new Crime Reduction Advisor has been appointed for the Braintree district. He is Stephen Armson-Smith and is very supportive of Neighbourhood Watch. We look forward to building a strong relationship with him.

Chairman's Report

We have been working hard to improve the service we provide and a major step forward has been to create a website. As already mentioned, this is now up and running. We are busy developing the site to incorporate links to other Neighbourhood Watch and police sites. The breakdown of the flow of information following the retirement of our Neighbourhood Watch Administrator has been a setback but we expect to be in a position to reinstate this very shortly. Once we have overcome these problems we will be able to keep you better informed of what is going on in and around Coggeshall. The next major drive for us to focus on is to increase Neighbourhood Watch coverage. We currently have some thirty five Co-ordinators servicing around six hundred households. Our target is to increase this to one thousand over the next twelve months and to do this we need more Co-ordinators. If you think that your property is not covered by Neighbourhood Watch, and would like to help, we really would appreciate you getting in touch. I would stress that being a Co-ordinator is not an onerous undertaking and you would have the satisfaction of knowing that you were doing something useful in the community. Finally, I would like to thank all those who supported the Quiz and Supper Night at Christchurch last October. It was a tremendous success. Everyone had a great time and the Quiz is now firmly established as an annual event. We hope to arrange other social events during the year. I would like to thank all the members of the Steering Group and our Co-ordinators, for their continuing support and enthusiasm. Let's all look now look forward to a crime free summer and remember, **CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES!**

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