



Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

What does it mean for us?

The Organised Crime Groups profit from exploiting a human being to work within a complex structure and will target any member of a community that is seen as weak and vulnerable.

We can work together to ensure that services we receive and products we choose to purchase are slavery free. Questioning the practices of our local businesses through large groups and forums will assist with ensuring that businesses based within our communities are trading fairly and ethically.

There are various trades which may be indicators of modern slavery and they include Agriculture, car washes, nail bars, catering.

There are various signs which may give indications too and they are workers lack of suitable work clothing such as waterproofs, properties have sealed letter boxes and windows have bars, curtains are always drawn. People are getting in/ out of different cars. A person is never or rarely leaves a house without their "employer" present.

These are just a few examples of what we could see a round us. If you do please call Modern Slavery Helpline 0800 121 700, Crimestoppers 09 555 111 and yes even Police on 101 or 999...you can also use "Stop the Traffik " App.

Cristina Gavrilovic Anti-Slavery Partnership
Co-ordinator Essex Police and Kent Police.

Active Citizens: Braintree District's "Active Citizens"

have proved a great success to reduce the opportunity of crime and this is due to not only the dedicated PCSO who manages them but also the team of volunteers. The Police would still like more members of the public to join Active Citizens in Braintree. So why not send an email with your details to: active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk

Suspicious callers at your door?

If you have anyone who is selling items at your door and wants payment at the time they MUST have a Pedlars Licence which they purchase from Essex Police. It must be signed by at least a District Commander. If you would like a draft copy of what a Pedlars Licence looks like please contact this newsletter. Please do NOT open the door to unexpected callers. Use a Nominated Neighbour Card which is available via your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – they are free and do work and will prevent you from even speaking to any unexpected callers and even opening the door.

Items available from Braintree District

Neighbourhood Watch for your local NW Group.

Contactless Card Protectors	=£1 each
Nominated Neighbour Cards	=FREE
Street Signs	=FREE
Purse Bells	=FREE
Members' Guide Book	=FREE
Weekly Newsletter (by email)	=FREE
Promotional Pens (when available)	=FREE
Various leaflets to reduce crime	=FREE
Hi Vis Vests (to wear on NW activities)	=FREE
Six monthly newsletter (hardcopy or email)	=FREE
Message in a Bottle	=FREE
No Cold Callers stickers	=FREE

ECM (Essex Community Messaging):

If you would like regular messages from Essex Police register with ECM: it is a system from Essex Police to communicate local crime and crime prevention advice. Go to Essex Police website and register!

Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch supports Community Agents Essex.

Since it was set up in 2014 Community Agents has helped over 11,500 older people to remain living independently in their own homes.

Community Agents are local, trusted supporters working in the communities in which they live.

They are all aligned to well known charities such as Age UK Essex, British Red Cross and Essex Neighbourhood Watch. They provide a free service - without an assessment – and a timely response to calls for help and information.

People are at the heart of Community Agents.

What is Community Agents Essex?

How can Community Agents Essex help?

To find out more call 0800 9775858 or email enquiries@caessex.org.uk or look up the website www.communityagentsessex.org.uk.

Braintree District NW Steering Group:

We are always looking for new people to join our Steering Group which meets every three months.

The venues are in Braintree and Halstead alternatively and we discuss how we can help each other promote Neighbourhood Watch more in their local areas. If you are interested in attending these meetings please send an email to this newsletter.

You will be very welcome!