



Anti-terrorist hotline.

If you are concerned about suspicious behaviour in your neighbourhood or have information you believe may help the police, please call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline.

0800 789321

Suspicious behaviour could include people coming and going at strange times of day or night, someone taking an interest in security such as CCTV cameras without good reason, using false documents or simply behaving differently to how you've known them to behave in the past.

“If you suspect it, report it”

You do not have to give your name and all information received via the hotline is confidential. Information that might seem insignificant on its own could prove vital in a wider investigation.

Reporting terrorist material on the web:

Residents in Essex are urged to make use of a new unit set up by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) to report terrorist material on the web.

A website www.direct.gov.uk/reportingonlineterrorism was launched in March 2011 to give residents the chance to report it anonymously.

SOMETHING NOT RIGHT?

If you feel uncomfortable about reporting something, then call Essex Police on 101 for advice. Be patient, the call will only cost 15p and the police will give you help and guidance. Always mention that you are a NHW member.

SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ? “REPORT IT”

For membership enquiries contact our membership secretary: - by email mikevine43@btinternet.com or on 01245 473715



CHELMSFORD CITY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESSEX POLICE

www.chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk

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PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON BEFORE RECYCLING

What does Neighbourhood Watch do? It's up to you. Every Neighbourhood Watch scheme or group is different because each is owned and run by the people of its individual community. You and your neighbours come together to make your area a safe and pleasant place to live. You decide what measures to take because you know your own community's needs. But you're not on your own.

Do you know that? The Chelmsford City Borough now has active 20 Districts/villages all running a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Chelmsford membership cover is approx 20,000 households, 28% of all Chelmsford households. All these schemes send a representative to the Chelmsford Group meetings, to discuss their own community's crime issues. The Local Neighbourhood Policing teams send out regular crime incident information and by email. The reports enable the community to respond to police advice on the many aspects of crime, scams, crime trends and bogus doorstep callers. **Are you a NHW member?**

Are you on-line? Help save costs and give your Coordinator your email address, we can then send your newsletter and any electronic crime and incident reports to you quickly and efficiently by email. The information that we send out helps to prevent crime and helps to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live.

What can you do to help? Report all suspicious callers and any related vehicles. Note down the index number of any scrap metal type vehicles, trawling your neighbourhood, many individuals are unlicensed.

Contact us today, join NHW.

“No Excuses”

“No Excuses” is a driving awareness campaign run by Essex County Council working in partnership with Essex Police. On Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Police stopped and checked 214 vehicles during a major road safety and crime prevention operation in Basildon. Three people were arrested, 11 uninsured vehicles were seized and numerous other motoring offences were detected. Seventy-six drivers were stopped for not using seat belts and 11 drivers were seen using mobile phones at the wheel. All but four of those offenders chose to attend a driver retraining scheme rather than pay fixed penalty fines. A total of 55 vehicles were found to have expired MOTs, five drivers had invalid licences and more than 30 other motoring offences were dealt with.

Garage Forecourt Fuel Theft

With immediate effect fuel retailers can now access vehicle index/registration details from the DVLA. Fuel thieves often purchase small items of food or sweets from the shop and then drive off without paying for fuel. Police are informed and do investigate but many thieves get away with this type of crime. This type of crime was often deemed by the police and DVLA as a till operator error. Fuel retailers will now be able to access the DVLA data base and pursue the crime vigorously. The DVLA has accepted that fuel retailers have reasonable cause to request this information.

Domestic Fuel Oil Theft

Many residents of Chelmsford still use fuel oil to run their central heating boilers. This kind of theft is showing an increase particularly in rural areas, thieves are using box vans with hidden pumps and tanks installed. Consider fitting a sensor with a house alarm, a sudden drop in fluid level will trigger the alarm. Many tanks are plastic and can be easily pierced and a drain pipe is fitted in seconds. It is suspected that villains follow delivery lorries to find out where the domestic fuel tanks are. This kind of theft can also effect local schools and agricultural (farms, barns) buildings. Report suspicious vehicles.

Catalytic Convertor Theft

Over the last few years this type of theft has increased by 400 %. Taller road clearance vehicles (vans, mobile homes) and 4x4's are particularly at risk. Seek advice from your car dealer for security marking and anti-theft devices.

Do you dial 999 or 112?

It does not matter which number you dial you will get exactly the same response with the same level of accuracy from the same operator, with the same access to support services like interpreters. 112 was introduced as an alternative to 999 since many visitors to this country instinctively dial 112 in an emergency. 112 is used as the emergency number throughout the EU.

Confirming your Location

When using a landline to call 999 or 112 the BT operator will ask you for your location, you could be in a large office building or a factory and not at the registered address, which could be a private switchboard/exchange. When using a mobile phone to call 999 or 112 the operator instantly knows your network and which mast you're using, this gives an approximate location. The network then automatically triangulates your signal which can take seconds, on rare occasions this is not always possible. Your location can be pinpointed within metres. (Ramblers, climbers, inshore sailors etc.)

It is still necessary to give the precise location of any emergency.

Using a mobile phone in an emergency:-

Mobile phones can make emergency calls on any Network, not just the network they are registered with. If you are T-Mobile and have no signal it doesn't matter, still dial 999 or 112 and you will automatically access the emergency services via another network, **providing there is a signal**. If you have no credit on a mobile you can still use the phone to call the emergency services. If you are involved in a car crash or an emergency incident and obtain a strangers modern phone which is locked it doesn't matter, you can still dial 999 or 112 without knowing any passwords or unlocking the phone. To use any mobile phone **it must have a SIM card fitted**, at one time this wasn't necessary, but unfortunately many hoax and prank calls were received and the perpetrators could not be apprehended. Some older phones will only allow access to 999 and 112 when unlocked, more modern phones (UK bought) allow calls without unlocking to **999 only** and very modern phones (UK bought) allow access to 112 and 999 without unlocking. If after trying several times for 1 minute each time, consider moving or turning around 180 degrees, your head may act as a signal barrier. Text works on a different bandwidth from voice transmission and only needs a few seconds of an intermittent signal to send and may work. But, you will have to wait for an acknowledgement; **text is not always received instantly**.