



BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH **SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018 ISSUE PAGE TWO**

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NW SUPPORTS **COMMUNITY AGENTS ESSEX.**

Since it was set up in 2014 Community Agents has helped over 17,000 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 County 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. We have already won an award for our collaborative person centred voluntary/public sector partnership which effectively uses local community based resources and does not duplicate any other available services.

Community Agents offer free visits to older people and their informal carers so that they can gain and regain independent living skills and to expand our service!

We can help and support older people with things such as: · Getting out and about, · Home adaptations · Money worries, · Filling in forms, Meeting people · Healthy Living, · Caring for someone.

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

DO NOT OPEN DOORS TO UNEXPECTED CALLERS



Please never open the door to anyone you do not know. One of the best ways to communicate with such people is to use is a Nominated Neighbour Card. These are FREE from Braintree District NW Steering Group. You do not open the door BUT show it through a window to any unexpected visitor at the time they call. YOU do not have to even speak to anyone. Contact this newsletter for information.

Crimestoppers work with Neighbourhood Watch to help make your community safer.

Independent charity Crimestoppers is appealing to local residents to help play their part in passing on information about crime in the community.

In the county, information given to Crimestoppers UK Contact Centre led to more than 300 people being arrested and charged between April and September last year (2017) and numbers continue to increase. Drug crimes, drink driving and uninsured or disqualified drivers, and possession of weapons are among the highest number of crimes reported.

Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up, stay safe and stop crime – 100% anonymously - either by calling the professionally-staffed 24-hour hotline 0800 555 111 or using a non-traceable online form via the Crimestoppers website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. Chair of Crimestoppers in Essex, Stuart Rawlins, says the charity gives people the ability to speak up to stop crime without fear for their own safety. “Crimestoppers is all about getting through to people who want to make a difference in their local communities. Just one small piece of information that could appear insignificant may be the key that leads to an arrest and charge being made,” he said.

Crimestoppers in Essex is looking for volunteers. For more information, visit crimestoppers-uk.org. Or contact Stuart Rawlins at stuart.rawlins@crimestoppers-uk.org

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH **STEERING GROUP**

We are always looking for new people to join our Steering Group and we meet every three months.

The venues are in Braintree (FREEPORT Conference Room) and Halstead alternatively.

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!

FREE ITEMS FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nominated Neighbour Cards, Street Signs, Purse Bells, Members' Guide Book, Weekly Newsletter (by email), Hi Vis Vests (to wear on NW activities) and many other items of interest too. Six monthly newsletter (hardcopy or email) and Message in a Bottle.