



## Useful Telephone Numbers:

Essex Police **Non-Emergency** Reporting Line: 101

Safer Chelmsford Partnership: 01245 606477

Chelmsford Borough Council: 01245 606606

Chelmsford Victim Support: 0845 456 5995

Chelmsford Citizens Advice Bureau 01245 257144

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

### Websites:

Community Safety - [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/communitysafety)

Chelmsford Borough Council - [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

Chelmsford Partnership - [www.chelmsfordpartnership.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordpartnership.co.uk)

Home Office - [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Essex Police - [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

Essex Police Commissioner - [www.pcc@essex.pnn.police.uk](http://www.pcc@essex.pnn.police.uk)

Essex Fire & Rescue Service - [www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)

NHS Mid Essex Care Trust - [www.midessex.nhs.uk](http://www.midessex.nhs.uk)

Essex County Council - [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

Essex Probation Service - [www.essexprobation.org.uk](http://www.essexprobation.org.uk)

Essex Youth Offending Team - [www.essexcc.gov.uk](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk)

Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team - [www.essexdrugaction.org](http://www.essexdrugaction.org)

Communities Homes and People - [www.chp.org.uk](http://www.chp.org.uk)



# CHELMSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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## “Lock up your house and car” 35% of the population don’t

**Burglary Alert for Chelmsford:** Burglaries are continuing to occur throughout the Chelmsford Borough at an unacceptable level. Police have been targeting known criminals and suspects but need the public’s support.

### Did You Know?

Many burglaries could be prevented if people would just “lock up”. 35% of all burglaries are walk in, meaning premises are not locked or secured. This carelessness could affect any Insurance claim.

One third of all break-ins occur at the rear of premises, unseen and unheard. Keep hedges low and erect fences of the see-through type. Don’t provide cover for the villain. Put garden furniture, ladders and tools away, don’t provide the criminal with tools to break into your house.

### Consider using Forensic marking for your valuables:

A colourless liquid solution can be applied to your valuable items, including jewellery, ornaments, electrical items and even vehicles. This is forensic marking. The liquid solution gives your property a chemical 'code', which is unique to your address and items. It cannot be seen by the naked eye and is incredibly difficult to remove. The solution glows under ultraviolet light, allowing the police to detect it. Criminals are aware of forensic marking - they know that it can forensically link them to a crime, such as theft, robbery and burglary. Forensic marking providers SelectaDNA, Smartwater and Red Web are all accredited by Secured by Design. Secured by Design is the UK police flagship initiative supporting the principles of 'designing out crime' by using effective crime prevention and security standards on a range of applications.

**All these products are all equally effective.**

## Neighbourhood Watch?

Are you a passive member or do you get involved in your community? Do you report to the police on 101 suspicious people or vehicles?

### **You can make a difference.**

For many months NHW has encouraged NHW members to report suspicious vehicles trawling their neighbourhoods. An Index number is a big help in establishing which unlicensed vehicles are being used to collect scrap metal, or being used by rogue traders. Every so often police bring all the intelligence together and mount an operation to confiscate uninsured vehicles and fine their owners. This intelligence also helps identify wanted villains and where they are living and working.

### **Selling scrap metal:-**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, new legislation was introduced, which amends the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 that currently regulates the scrap metal industry.

Payment by cash for scrap metal is now a criminal offence and can result in fines, with higher fines set out for more serious breaches of the law. Payments now have to be made by cheque to an individual or company but not made out for cash.

The Act also increases police powers to enter scrap metal yards by warrant in order to ascertain whether the ban on cash payments is being complied with. If found to be in breach of the ban, the paying company, the employee responsible for making the payment and any management staff who have failed to take reasonable steps to prevent payment being made will all be guilty of an offence. See the Home Office website for full details.

## **Essex, Policing in Action January 2013:-**

Essex Police issued **274 fixed penalty notices** to drivers for using a mobile phone while driving. Police solved **58 dwelling burglaries** and 50 other burglaries. **187 cases of criminal damage** were solved. Essex Police solved **31 cases of theft of motor vehicles**.

**Report suspicious movements of people or vehicles on 101. If you think a crime is occurring phone 999**

## Bad eyesight, still driving?

Police can now get the DVLA to revoke a driving licence within hours. The new fast-track procedure was launched on February 7. When police officers believe a driver presents a severe risk to the public, they can request an urgent revocation of the licence through the DVLA – using new force form D751E. The DVLA will review the case immediately on working days between 8am and 9pm and respond with an emailed revocation for the licence. If a banned driver continues to drive, they commit a criminal offence which may lead to their arrest and their vehicle being seized.

### **Crime and Policing in Chelmsford:-**

In relationship to crime - Chelmsford is the fourth safest crime district of the 12 districts in Essex. The Chelmsford population now consists of 168,000 people, covering 133sq miles and representing 12% of the population of Essex. Since the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Chelmsford police have re-configured their resources (officers) to make a more efficient and effective operating Chelmsford Police Service. There are now five Neighbourhood Crime Teams, five Neighbourhood Policing Teams, a CID dealing with harm crimes and burglaries, and an Emergency Response Team. All beats and wards are covered by neighbourhood constables and PCSOs. However, there is an overall shortfall of PCSOs due to natural wastage, recruiting may need to take place.

### **Night Time Economy (Town Centre):-**

Chelmsford town has a licensing capacity for 15,000 people. The public come from all over Essex and even London to explore our clubs, pubs, bars and restaurants. At weekends there are Street Pastors patrolling and Taxi Marshalls allocating safe taxis at the various ranks.

Chelmsford police run an Operation called **Nightsafe** to ensure that everybody can enjoy their night out safely. Police operate a High Visibility, early intervention and a zero tolerance policing style. Anti-Social Behaviour and any associated crime is not tolerated. The City Council operates a very effective manned CCTV system throughout the town; 35 licensed premises now communicate with the CCTV control room and police via Publink. CCTV images can be transmitted from the control room to Chelmsford police station monitors. Pub watch is also widely used which can help to ban known individuals from entering any of the city's licensed premises.