



# BRINGING CRIME DOWN

**NEW POLICE OFFICERS ACROSS ESSEX**

Brentwood and Essex are already benefiting from additional Police Officers as part of the initiative spearheaded by Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst.

Since his election as PFCC 515 additional officers have been appointed across Essex - including new officers based here in Brentwood. Another 300 are planned as part of the government's 20,000 uplift programme.

**MORE GOOD NEWS :**

- **Community Policing Teams** have been doubled including a new Town Centre team for Brentwood.
- **Police based at Brentwood Town Hall** showing a strong commitment to Brentwood by Essex Police.
- **Bringing Crime Down across Essex.** Anti-Social Behaviour was down by 11%; Robbery & Burglary down by 14% and Theft down by 8%, even before the lockdown. The focus now is on drug-related violence and domestic abuse.



Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst



Roger Hirst with Prime Minister, Boris Johnson

*All figures are to March 2020.*

## Neighbourhood Action Team

Brentwood Council's Neighbourhood Action Team are responsible for undertaking a series of visits to each ward in the Borough to perform grounds works and street cleansing over and above the normal council service. Work performed by the team locally in previous visits has included :

- Varnishing Wooden Benches
- Cutting back vegetation
- Removing Fly-Tipping
- Cleaning and Repairing Signs
- Painting Railings and Posts

**TELL THOMAS HEARD IF YOU KNOW OF SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED**

If you know of such an issue that needs attention then please let Thomas know by emailing him at [Thomas4Shenfield@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas4Shenfield@gmail.com). Thomas will work with Cllrs Jan Pound and James Tumbridge to see that it is actioned by the team during their next visit in January.



Our team has been busy working on your behalf on a number of items since our last newsletter. Below are updates on a number of topics that we hope will be of interest to you.

**HUTTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

The building works at the old HSBC Bank building have now recommenced and feedback received indicates this should be completed by the Spring. This will result in a welcome return of the pavement in front of the building and removal of the ramps, plus reinstatement of the parking spaces. We will continue to monitor the situation closely over the next few months.



**HUTTON ROAD CROSSING**

Your Conservative Team recently raised the issue of the faulty beacon at Hutton Road with Essex Highways. We are pleased to see that the issue has now been resolved and it is much safer to cross again.



## LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

**COURAGE PLAYING FIELDS**

Many residents were distraught to see the loss of the mature willow tree at Tabors Corner. We can confirm that the council's arboriculturist is planning to oversee the planting of an appropriate species in the area during the Spring. We will confirm once we know more details of what is planned. We have been told that it will be something appropriate given the size and age of the willow.



**REPLACEMENT STREET SIGNS**

A number of residents spoke with Cllr Jan Pound about the state of the road sign at the junction with Oliver Road. Jan requested a new one and this has now been installed and looks a lot better (see below).



We have requested new signs for Crescent Drive at the junction with Middleton Road which are very badly faded.

If you have a similar issue with your road sign please do get in touch with one of us.



**SMALL BLUE RECYCLING BAGS**

Following feedback received from residents Brentwood Council has made small recycling bags. At the moment they have small blue (Paper & Cardboard), and small white bags (Cans & Plastics) are on order. If you need any help to get one of these from the Town Hall please let one of us know and we will happily assist you.

**LITTER BINS & STREET CLEANSING DURING COVID**



During the recent lockdowns due to the Covid pandemic the number of people using local coffee shops and other food outlets takeaway services has increased dramatically. This has resulted in a huge pressure on litter bins in busy areas such as towns and parks. The council has increased the frequency of collections but demand is still very high. If you are able to dispose of these by returning to the shop or taking them home it would help you council staff trying to keep up with demand.

Working with residents we can make a real difference to keep Shenfield a great place to live.

**Jan, James and Thomas**

# Brentwood Centre reopened



The centre has been reopened

Following the recent closure of the Brentwood Leisure Trust (BLT) Brentwood Council immediately made clear its commitment to reopening the Brentwood Centre at the earliest opportunity. Decisive steps were taken to put in place the necessary staffing and management structure so that the centre could re-open on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The council have invited staff who were previously employed by the Leisure Trust to approach them to apply for the newly created positions.



Brentwood Council committed to reopen the Brentwood Centre as soon as possible for local residents.

*"We promised that we would get the centre back into safe operation again as soon as possible after lockdown and our staff have worked tirelessly to make this possible ..."*

**Council Leader Chris Hossack**

