

## **Brentwood Public Meeting**

**14 October 2013**

### **Briefing information**

Brentwood Police Station is open to the public Monday to Saturday from 12:00hrs to 18:00. Neighbourhood Crime Teams responsible for investigating a large proportion of local crime provide 24hr coverage of the borough.

### **Crime Data for Brentwood**

The excellent headline news is that year to date figures show that all crime in Brentwood has been reduced by 10.4%, with 462 less crimes being reported in the district.

Comparing reports for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 with those from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 the areas of note are as follows:

- All Crime has decreased by 10.4% (462 less offences);
- Shoplifting has increased by 17.8% (47 more offences);
- Robbery has increased by 6.9% (2 more offences);
- House burglary has decreased by 0.9% (5 less offences);
- Other types of burglary (eg commercial, shed) have decreased by 29.9% (99 less offences);
- Other Violence Against the Person has decreased by 16.7% (115 less offences);
- Assault with Less Serious Injury has decreased by 24.3% (65 less offences);
- Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 18.6% (458 less incidents).

#### **1) Burglary**

The number of house burglaries in the borough continues to fluctuate and towards the end of 2012 there was a spike in offending. Some significant offenders have been prosecuted this year and have since admitted their part in some of these offences - one offender admitted to committing 28 offences in one spate of burglaries. Between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, the number of house burglaries decreased by 0.9% when compared to the same period the previous year.

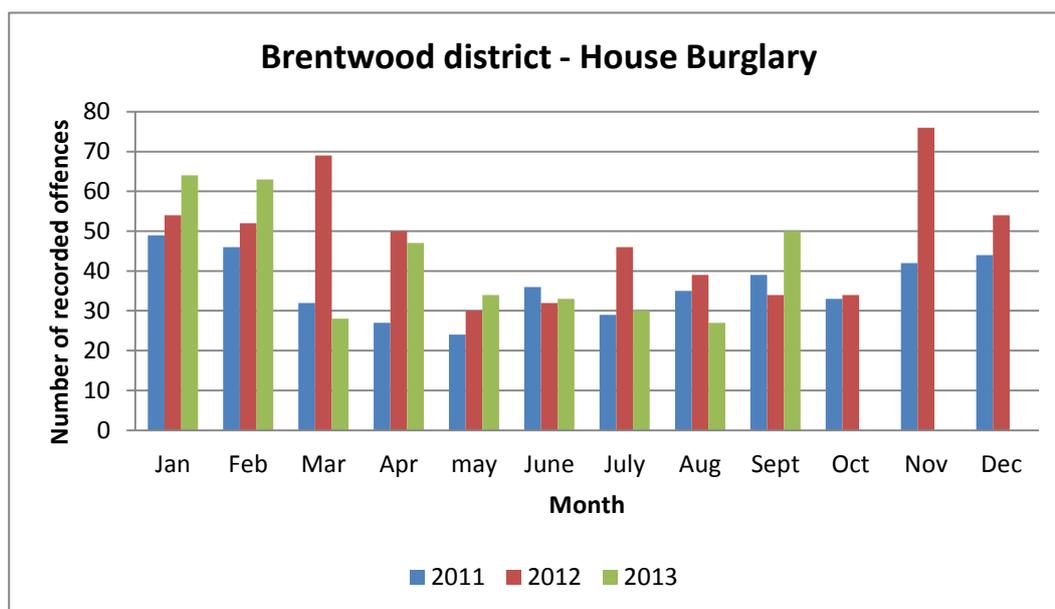
Essex Police has continued to develop Operation Albatross, which constitutes a fresh approach to tackling burglaries, and has significant involvement with partners and volunteers. The Operation Albatross pilot has fed into the new force-wide predictive policing model, Operation Insight.

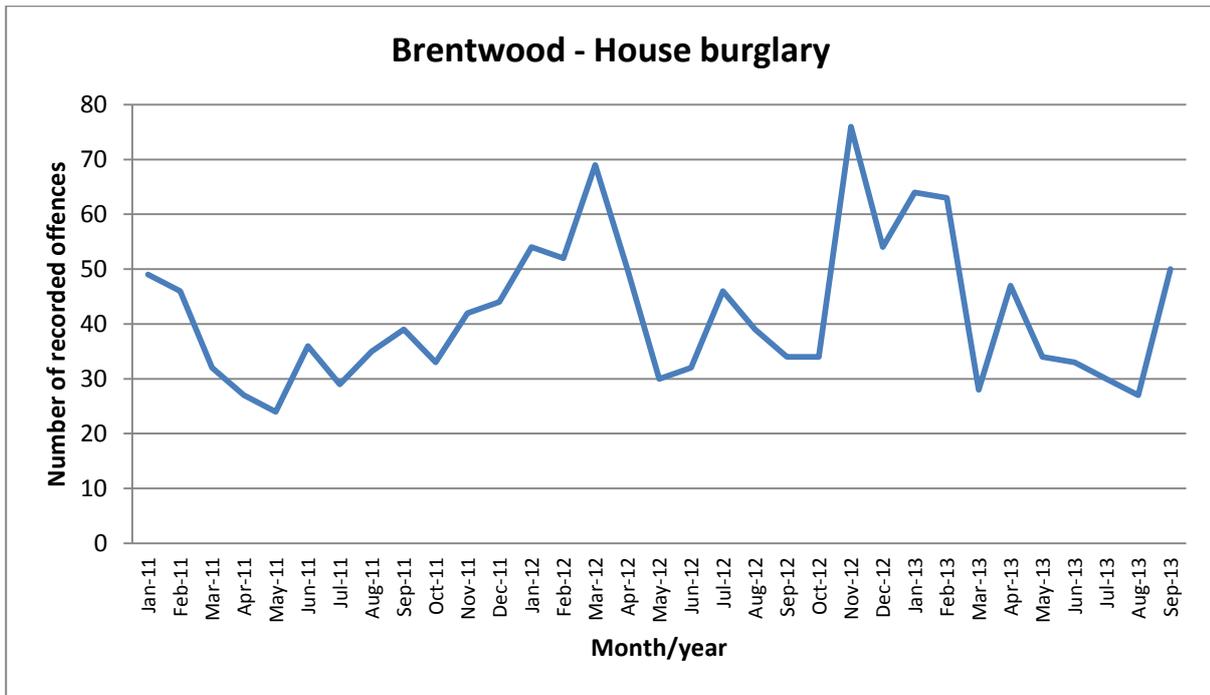
Operation Insight was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and consists of a new system of analysis and more specific deployment of resources into 'hot spots' likely to suffer burglaries, reducing the chance of them occurring. This provides a more efficient use of police resources and maximises the opportunity to prevent crime. Maps are produced weekly to highlight areas for more intensive patrolling based on their vulnerability to offences.

Operation Insight also includes 'Cocooning' which was successful in the pilot of Operation Albatross in Brentwood. This involves crime prevention work carried out by the neighbourhood policing team specifically targeting premises in the immediate vicinity of a burglary as they are statistically more likely to be the subject of a burglary themselves. Residents are visited and given crime prevention advice to ensure security measures are in place to reduce the risk of them becoming victims.

Local police officers have also sought support from county resources and have performed intelligence-led police work and high volume deployments which have resulted in some key arrests, crime prevention and intelligence gathering. This activity maintains pressure on known offenders and aims to reduce crime.

The local media have been involved in publicising much of the above activity.





### Brentwood District - Burglary

	2011-12	2012-13	Change	% Change
<b>House Burglary</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>Burglary other than house</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>-29.9%</b>

## 2) Road Closures and Road Safety

Essex has some of the busiest roads in the country, including sections of the M25, M11 motorways, A120, A12, A13 to its junction with the A1089, and these are primarily managed by the Highways Agency, with Essex County Council, Thurrock Borough Council and Southend Borough Council having lead responsibility for all other roads in Essex.

The Highways Agency has on call teams to respond to critical incidents on the network and assist with lane closures.

On the M25 these teams are a permanent feature reacting to any specific given incident and work in support of the Highway Agency Traffic Officer ser.

There have been a number of serious road collisions that have led to road closures of some major routes in and out of the county.

The Collision, Lead, Evaluate, Act, Re-open (CLEAR) document was released by the Highways Agency and outlines roles and responsibilities of the key organisations involved in traffic management on the road network.

The Traffic Management Act 2004 section 16 & 17 outlining the roles and responsibilities of appointed Highway Authorities and in particular 'network' management.

Essex Police, the Highways Agency and partner agencies work closely together but with clear and defined areas of responsibilities.

The Highways Agency leads on the resolution of incidents which do not require a police response on the strategic road network, and aims to keep traffic moving by:

- Providing traffic management
- Keeping road users moving safely
- Restoring road network capacity through incident management

Essex Police will lead on the resolution of incidents which involve:

- Death or injury including collisions and suicides
- Suspected, alleged or anticipated criminality
- Threats to public order and public safety
- Occurrences where the powers in law or skills of a police officer are required

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service supports incident resolution by:

- Extinguishing fires and protecting life and property
- Rescuing people from a fire and its consequences including a range of other hazards and road traffic collisions

The East of England Ambulance Service supports incident resolution by:

- Ensuring the initial health needs of people whom become injured or ill whilst travelling on the network are met
- Providing a focal point at the incident for all NHS and other medical resources
- Initiating and seamlessly delivering rapid assessment, response and where required, treatment of those individuals

**Your feedback is most welcome.**

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The neighbourhood policing teams will always act on intelligence received from the community. If you have information regarding any criminal activity please either call your local team or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is an anonymous line where you can report any criminal activity.