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| Brentwood (Hutton) Public Meeting20th June 2018 18.30 – 20.00 |
| **Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite****Mount Avenue** **Hutton CM13 2NS** |
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**District Profile**

Brentwood borough is part of the Epping Forest and Brentwood District Policing Area (DPA) which falls under the West Local Policing Area (LPA). Within Brentwood there are four ‘beats’:

• Brentwood Town Centre;

• Brentwood North;

• Brentwood South;

• Hutton and Shenfield.

Each of these is split into wards.

Within the borough there are a number of towns and villages, the largest of which are Shenfield and Ingatestone.

Brentwood borough covers approximately 60 square miles and has a population of approximately 74,000 people. The population comprises 93.4% White, 2.9% Asian (predominantly of Mauritian descent), 1.4% Black and 1.3% Mixed Race.

A large proportion of residents commute into London because of Brentwood’s close proximity to the city and good transport links. There are railway stations located at Brentwood and Shenfield, which is a key station in the region and the terminus for Crossrail.

Brentwood contains large sections of some of the county’s busiest roads, including parts of the M25, A12 and A127. The excellent transport links make the borough easily accessible to travelling criminals.

The borough is generally affluent and includes a variety of retail services, commensurate with the size of the population. Brentwood town centre has a high concentration of retail premises with approximately 40 stores.

There is an active night-time economy with a variety of pubs and clubs in and around Brentwood town centre.

Thorndon Country Park and Weald Country Park are located within the borough and both parks consist of extensive areas of woodland. Weald Country Park covers around 500 acres and is the largest of Essex County Council’s parks.

**Policing Structure and Resources**

The Community Policing Team (CPT) delivers community policing within the district and comprises one Inspector, covering Epping Forest and Brentwood district, and one Sergeant, five Constables and three Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who support Brentwood district only (an increase of one after the recent recruitment). There is also a rural community officer PC Mark Sheridan-Brown who is shared with Epping Forest. There are currently nine Special Constables at Brentwood with five of them allocated to the CPT. A number of Brentwood Specials Constables have joined Essex Police as regulars which has temporarily reduced the numbers.

The Local Policing Teams (LPTs) incorporate six Sergeants and a team of 30 Constables that work from the new offices at Brentwood council offices. These officers are specifically allocated to Brentwood.

The Criminal Investigations Department ‘Proactive’ (CIDP) works under a local Detective Inspector. There is one Detective Sergeant in CIDP and five Detective Constables. The department is based at Brentwood and is responsible for targeting prolific offenders and the prevention and detection of crime across Brentwood district.

The Criminal Investigations Department ‘Reactive’ (CIDR) works under a local Detective Inspector to provide cover for the district from 8am to 10pm. The department is responsible for the investigation of the more serious crimes such as dwelling burglary and robbery.

CID Reactive consists of:

• One Detective Inspector;

• Four Detective Sergeants;

• Twenty Detective Constables.

One Detective Sergeant and five Detective Constables are based at Brentwood. The remaining three Detective Sergeants and 15 Detective Constables are based at Loughton. The Detective Inspector works between the two areas.

Operation Juno teams are responsible for the investigation of all domestic abuse crimes within the West LPA and are based at Harlow and at Grays Police Station.

**Community Concerns and Media**

**Increase in reported ASB on Eastham Estate**

Residents attended a Local Community Meeting (LCM) to complain about anti-social behaviour in the form of rowdiness, disorder and drug usage linked to a particular address on the Eastham Estate. The CPT Officer at the LCM researched the problem and carried out enforcement action which included a misuse of drugs search warrant. The CPT also held meetings with Brentwood Community Safety Partnership and the landlords Newham Council. Further action was taken in relation to the housing status of the people involved in anti-social behaviour.

At subsequent LCMs the same residents have attended to thank the officer involved as the situation is much improved.

**Increase in reported crime in Hutton in Jan/Feb 2018**

In Jan/Feb this year the CPT spotted a crime increase in Hutton around Woodland Ave. As a result of this increase the CPT ran an operation (Operation Pirate) which involved the officers going to incidents via Woodland Ave and carrying out stop checks on people in the area.

The team also deployed the ANPR van to look for vehicles linked to and involved in crime.

Some further work by the CID identified that a known criminal had just moved into the area and he was subsequently arrested for being involved in crime.

This area subsequently experienced a 50% reduction in reported crime.

**Nuisance Motorcycles**

In relation to nuisance/recreational motorcycles there were reports of antisocial behaviour at William Hunters Way, Wash Rd (Scout Hut) and Bishops Hall car park. The local councillors, CSP and police held a meeting to explore options for reducing the instances. As a result of the actions from this meeting:

* Bishops Hall car park has a new gate and is locked overnight
* The Scout Hut at Wash Rd has been fitted with new CCTV and an alarm system
* Section 59 notices continue to be issued at William Hunters Way after use of the council CCTV system
* The prosecution of an offender for verbally abusing a member of the CSP who was doing a site visit
* Four bikes were seized

**High Street Brentwood**

There was an increase in the report of crime and ASB on the High St in Brentwood. The Community Safety Partnership worked with the CPT and local schools to:

* Identify the youths involved
* Send letters to the parents of children involved on the periphery
* Visit those involved in more serious ASB
* Arrest those committing offences

The two main ring leaders were arrested and were subsequently prosecuted for offences of theft, damage and assault. Whilst awaiting prosecution the youths were given bail conditions not to go to the High Street.

The cases are now finalised and two Criminal Behaviour Orders have been obtained after conviction. These prevent the main offenders associating with each other or gathering in a group of more than four people.

As a further preventative and enforcement measure a public space protection order (PSPO) is being applied for by the Community Safety Partnership.

The PSPO is due to go before the council committee on 4th July, 2018 and it is anticipated that if approved it will be up and running by the end of July 2018.

The council have recently had their enforcement officers accredited with Essex Police and they along with the Community Policing Team will be able to enforce the PSPO.

**Unauthorised Encampments**

Unauthorised Encampments continue to be reported and affect the borough at different locations. Although the offence of Trespass is a civil one the police have some discretionary emergency powers in certain circumstance to remove travellers. The local Council, the CPT and the Essex County Traveller unit monitor unauthorised encampments and with closer working have improved their response. Council figures for the summer period in 2017 when compared to 2016 showed that there was:

* A reduction in the number of encampments
* A reduction in the average length of stays on council and parish council land from eight days to three days
* An increase in the use of section 61 powers by police from three to nine

**Brentwood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Data**

The table below sets out the crime figures for Brentwood, comparing reports for 1st May 2017 to 30th April 2018 with 1st May 2016 to 30th April 2017 for the Brentwood district and the Force.

**Areas of note for Brentwood district:**

* All Crime has increased by 5.9% (265 more offences).
* Violence without Injury has increased by 14.8% (69 more offences).
* Stalking and Harassment has increased by 83.8% (165 more offences) - Changes in crime recording rules mean that Essex Police now record a main offence plus harassment where as in the past it would have just recorded the main offence.
* Theft from a Vehicle has increased by 16.6% (56 more offences). – The CPT have carried out search warrants and arrests (in Essex and Metpol area) on suspects believed responsible for theft of tools from work vans in Essex, the enquiries are still ongoing.
* Theft of Pedal Cycles has increased by 73.0% (46 more offences) - This is less than the increase as of Feb 2018 and continues to reduce. There was a big increase last year in the area of the train stations, targeting commuter’s bikes. Work was carried out analysing CCTV and a number of suspects were identified. Some good work by an off duty officer on their way home resulted in the arrest of an offender by Shenfield train station. The number of offences has dropped off since that arrest.
* Other Theft has decreased by 22.9% (133 fewer offences).
* Criminal Damage (incl. Arson) has decreased by 14.1% (81 fewer offences).
* ASB Incidents have increased by 2.2% (37 more incidents) - See work on Brentwood High St and application for PSPO.



\*Residential and Dwelling Burglary per 1000 Households

**Other districts – All Crime offences and per 1000 population:**



