

HALSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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CRIME

The Street warden is working closely with the Flytipping department at Braintree District Council, with the Community police officer, and the PCSOs and Specials who work in Halstead.

The town has also recently hosted a second visit from Chief Inspector Martin Richards, which included a walkabout in the town, when it was noted that there was little recent activity in well known troublespots.

SAFER STREETS

Halstead has been very fortunate over the past year to have been awarded a significant sum from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Home Office, to be used to make Halstead a safer place for residents. The funds awarded have been used in various ways to reduce levels of crime and help victims of crime. Funds have been made available to counsel victims of rape in the town, and to provide activities for young people who might otherwise be attracted towards committing crimes. The Town Council has been given separate funds to install 29 CCTV cameras, sited particularly in areas where ASB has taken place in the past. In addition, funds were awarded for the Town Council to appoint a Street Warden. His role is to deter, by his presence, those who might be thinking of committing low level crime such as shoplifting, littering or not clearing up after their dog. Levels of shoplifting and ASB in the town are reported to have dropped significantly since his appointment.

The funding for the post is for 18 months only, but the Council is making every effort to find other sources of funding since the presence of the Street Warden is already having such a significant effect.

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