

Community Safety

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This Newsletter aims to provide information around safeguarding and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), raise awareness of current issues across the district and promote the good work of our partner agencies and celebrate the successes we have had.

We can be contacted online: [Report antisocial behaviour | Hart District Council](#)

by phone: **01252 774430** or by e-mail: communitysafety@hart.gov.uk

Holiday Season

When away on holiday enjoying your break – the last thing you want to worry about is the safety of your home. Here are 6 tips for increasing peace of mind when leaving homes unoccupied:

- Ensure all doors, windows, tools and valuables are suitably locked up or cleverly hidden – avoid the sock drawer and under the bed!
- Check your household insurance policy for any exclusions that might mean you are not covered whilst you are away.
- Don't leave your house looking unoccupied – leave the garden tidy, cancel any regular deliveries, user timer switches etc.
- Sign up to a [Neighbourhood Watch Scheme](#).
- Don't tell everyone you're on holiday – either locally or across social media accounts.
- Install appropriate home security measures – outdoor lighting, cameras, alarms etc - many nowadays have apps to monitor remotely, too.

School's Out For Summer - Top Safety Tips

With summer finally here, school age children are home for the holidays. To coincide with that, it's time to remind ourselves of some important safety advice to pass onto our children. From water safety, to avoiding the train tracks, see below some helpful tips and links to share the knowledge and keep our children safe and happy this summer!

- **Water Safety** – Remember to remind children about practicing safety around open water; to take notice of signage and when/where it is safe to swim. There is some really helpful guidance from Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership here: [Water Safety Code](#)
- **Train Safety** – With our community being so close to several train lines, a gentle reminder of the dangers of trespassing on the tracks can help keep children safe. National Rail have some great safety advice [here](#).
- **Hampshire Police** – Safe4Me is a project funded by Hampshire Police that has a number of resources available to parents and carers to help educate children. You can find those resources [here](#).




BBQ Season

As the summer months appear, it may be time to dust off your BBQ and have dinner “Al Fresco”. British weather is temperamental as we know, but if we are fortunate to have a few sunny days and you decide to utilise your BBQ please remember the safety points below:

BBQ safety


BBQs produce carbon monoxide (CO), which is a highly poisonous gas. Without an adequate supply of fresh air it can kill quickly with no warning. Stay safe and follow these simple tips for BBQ safety.



- ✓ Never take a smouldering or lit BBQ (charcoal or gas) into a tent, caravan or cabin. Even if you have finished cooking your BBQ will still give off fumes for some hours after use.
- ✓ Never use a BBQ inside to keep you warm.
- ✓ Never leave a lit BBQ unattended or while sleeping.
- ✓ Only use appliances in accordance with the operating instructions.
- ✓ Place your cooking area well away from your tent. Always ensure there is an adequate supply of fresh air where the BBQ is being used.
- ✓ Remember the six main signs and symptoms of CO poisoning – headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness. If concerned, seek medical advice immediately.

THINK GAS, THINK SAFE, THINK REGISTER.
For more information visit [GasSafeRegister.co.uk](https://www.gasregister.co.uk) or call 0800 408 5500

Trust the Triangle



Working Together

Please see the below links to some of our Partner Agencies' Newsletters – they are filled with wonderful success stories, statistics and what's happening in the local community.

[Restorative Solutions Newsletter](#)

[Hampshire Constabulary Newsletter](#)

Please also see here the link to sign up for [Hampshire Alert](#) which Police use to keep residents updated of issues within their local and surrounding areas as well as information about successful prosecutions and distribution of crime prevention 'devices' (purse/wallet cords, No Cold Calling Zone stickers etc).

It is also used to share crime prevention advice, raise awareness of any community engagement events and to share details of our resident survey providing the opportunity to raise concerns:

[Let's Talk](#)



Reminder for Nominations

We are looking forward to publicly recognising again the talented, giving and community focused young people we have in the Hart District.

We now need all members of the community to nominate those young people aged 11-25 who need celebrating – in 2 age categories: up to 16 and 16 and over.

The young people must also **live or be educated** in the Hart District.

THE AWARDS:

Community Champion Award, Courage Award, Entrepreneur Award, Environment Award, Fundraising Award, Group Achievement Award, Sport and Arts Award and Volunteering Award.

We need your nominations by 30th September!

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