

# Community Safety

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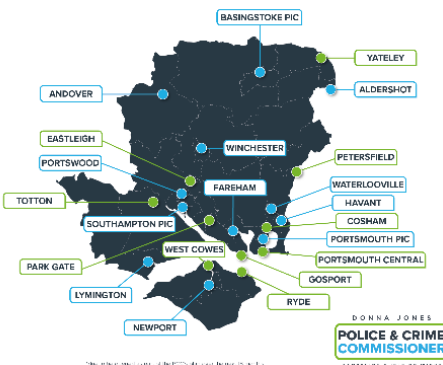
This Newsletter aims to provide information around safeguarding and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), raise awareness of current issues across the district and promote the good work of our partner agencies and celebrate the successes we have had.

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

by phone: **01252 774430** or by e-mail: [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)

## Update from PCC – Yateley Police Station

CURRENT & NEW  
Police Stations



Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, has posted her monthly newsletter highlighting the work she has been doing restoring public access to Police Stations. She mentions the re-opening of Yateley Police Station here in Hart.

*“By the end of the year a further four police stations will be opened, three of which will have publicly accessible front counters in Ryde, Totton and Yateley.”*

The re-opening of the front counter in Yateley will allow the public to visit and report issues and crimes affecting them face-to-face. Read more about the PCC's plans [here](#).

## The Youth Commission – Have your Say

The Hampshire and IOW Youth Commission have launched their Big Conversation Survey for 2024!

The Youth Commission is a diverse group of young people aged 14 to 25, from across Hampshire and the IOW, who are the voice of young people. They gather and represent the views of young people at a number of local and national strategic level meetings, attend events, create youth-led campaigns and projects and help to shape policing in the area.

Each year they hold **The Big Conversation Survey** and they then present recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire Constabulary and other partners, to support positive change for young people.

If you are aged 14 – 25, or are a parent, carer or someone who works with, or supports a young person in this age range, please do encourage your young people to give their views: [Youth Commission Big Conversation 2024](#)



THE **BIG** CONVERSATION 2024

14 - 25? HAVE YOUR SAY ON CRIME AND POLICING

- SUBSTANCE MISUSE
- DANGEROUS DRIVING
- STEREOTYPING YOUNG PEOPLE

## Vehicles – Drifting, Racing and Protection

With the turn in the weather and the darker nights starting to draw in, we have already seen a sudden shift in ASB trend patterns with a marked increase in vehicle related ASB and crimes - including drifting, racing and vehicle interference or theft.



The wetter weather especially means that some see it as an opportunity to test out their drifting and racing skills. We remind the public that whilst this may seem like harmless fun, it is **dangerous and disruptive** to residents.

It only takes a second to lose control of a vehicle, which could cause serious injury or death to not only the driver and any potential passengers but also to any spectators or pedestrians in the vicinity. We strongly advise against participating in these events.

Should you be affected by this type of ASB, please report to both [Hampshire Police](#) and [Hart CST](#).

The darker nights can also see a rise in vehicle interference and theft. We would remind residents to take the necessary precautions to protect their valuables and vehicles. Ensure vehicles are locked and further ensure that anything of value left in vehicles is out of sight – removing them wherever possible. Should you be the victim of vehicle crime, please report the incident to [Hampshire Police](#).

## Neighbourhood Watch – are you a member?

Neighbourhood Watch are the largest volunteer-led crime prevention charity in the country, working in communities to support them in being safer, more resilient places to live. They provide resources, projects and networks that support volunteers and communities to work together to prevent crime, raise awareness around safety initiatives and community resilience, and connect neighbourhoods.

Hart Community Safety Partnership will always encourage residents to join and support the work of Neighbourhood Watch as the local groups are vital to ensuring the safety of our communities. For more information, head to their [website](#).



## Community In Motion – Active Bystander Training for Businesses

As part of this year's Safer Business Action Week, Hart and Rushmoor Community Safety Teams will be jointly offering retailers and licensed premises the opportunity to attend free **Community in Motion** active bystander training on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** from **5.30pm (6pm start) – 8.30pm** to be held in the **Concorde Room** at the **Rushmoor Borough Council** offices.

This training is designed to empower individuals to feel confident enough to intervene when they observe unacceptable behaviour being directed at others - in particular, in circumstances when that behaviour is not being challenged by others who may feel uncomfortable or unsure how to challenge this behaviour themselves with a particular focus on tackling sexual violence and domestic abuse.

It is not about being responsible for resolving serious conflicts or about placing yourself at risk, it is about **having the ability to recognise and challenge those unacceptable behaviours when identified** - and from there identify the best course of action to support someone in need, whether that be by diversion, providing sanctuary, simply connecting or signposting.

This training can also be provided for residents and community organisations at other times. To book a spot, contact: [communitysafety@rushmoor.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@rushmoor.gov.uk)

## Final Reminder for Nominations

### 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!

Scan to  
nominate



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.

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**communitysafety@hart.gov.uk**