

Community Safety

The newsletter from
Hart District Council



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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

Halloween – Celebrate Safely and Respectfully this Spooky Season!

With the nights closing in and Halloween fast approaching, we thought it pertinent to remind people how to be respectful and safe during the celebrations.

Whilst Halloween can be exciting and fun for some, for others it can be a worrying and frightening time. We would like to remind trick-or-treaters of the “Lights on” rule. If you see a decorated house with lights on, this usually means its okay to knock the door. There will, however, be some people that don’t wish to partake, and unexpected knocks on the door can be scary.

Hampshire Police have created some fabulous “No Trick or Treating” Posters to help with this. These can be printed out [here](#). They have also created some helpful posters for local business surrounding the sale of eggs and flour – those can be found [here](#).



Keeping your Home safe – Reminder of Key Advice!

We have seen a rise in the number of reported burglaries across the district. Statistically, this time of year does show a rise in the number of burglaries year on year. With that in mind, we would like to remind the community to remain vigilant and ensure that homes are fully secured. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme provides invaluable advice – if you want to protect your home, think **WIDE(N)**:



W – Windows: Lock your windows

I – Interior: Put your interior lights on timer

D – Doors: Double or Deadlock your doors

E – Exterior: Put your exterior lights on timer

(N) – Neighbours: Keep an eye out for neighbours.

If you are not part of the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, find out more about how you and your neighbours can work together to keep your community safe [here](#).

2024 Crime and Community Survey – Have your say!

The launch of Hampshire Police's annual survey is here and is looking at your experience of crime and your connection to your local community. The data from the survey goes into a report which they publish on their website and use to help prioritise their work.

This year they're working with academic staff at the University of Northumbria who have provided some optional questions at the end of the survey related to health. This is linked to their studies on fear of crime and health outcomes.

The survey takes about ten minutes to complete, and if you can spare the time, we really hope that you will make your views known - it really is appreciated!

Take the survey now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XS85JK5>

Catalyst Support – Cuckooing and how to help!

Cuckooing – is this a term you have heard? Cuckooing essentially is when vulnerable people in our communities are targeted and exploited by criminals to run illegal and dangerous activity out of their homes. It happens across the country and can cause a significant impact to not only the individual involved, but the wider community.

Funding has been provided for Catalyst to support Hart and they have been doing some excellent work in the community. It is vital that when cuckooing is taking place that the correct agencies and support can be put into place.

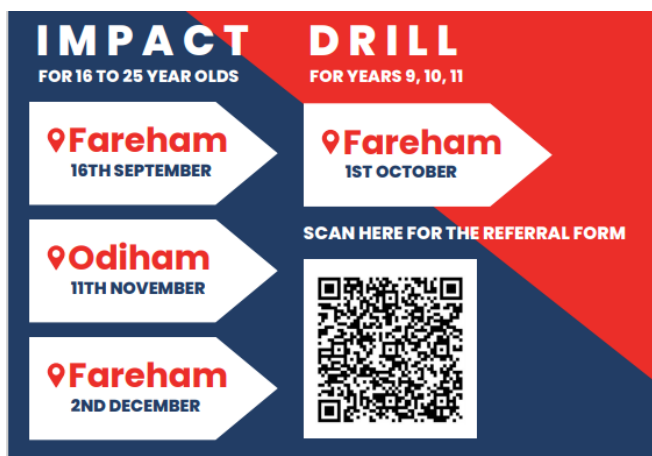


If you see something suspicious, have concerns for a neighbour or believe that someone you know may be the target of cuckooing please speak to either [Hampshire Police](#) or [CST](#). We can engage and refer to Catalyst to ensure that we can intercept and support those victims.

They can also provide early intervention work for prevention where it is suspected drug activity may be occurring in or near a vulnerable person's property. Further information about the great work that Catalyst do can be found [here](#).

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue – Are you aged 16-25?

HIOWFRS are running an exciting programme for 16-25 year olds called IMPACT. The programme runs for 5 or 6 days from Local Fire Stations, the next programme commences:



IMPACT DRILL
FOR 16 TO 25 YEAR OLDS
FOR YEARS 9, 10, 11


Fareham
16TH SEPTEMBER

Fareham
1ST OCTOBER

Odiham
11TH NOVEMBER

Fareham
2ND DECEMBER

SCAN HERE FOR THE REFERRAL FORM



at **Odiham Fire Station on 11th November 2024**

You will learn firefighting drills, develop resilience and understand the impact of our choices on ourselves, the community and emergency services.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting involved – please utilise the contact details below!



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