

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, 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

Happy New Year from your Community Safety Team (CST)

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to January's edition of our Community Safety Newsletter. With the start of the new year, we thought now would be a great time to remind you of all the things we can do to support you and your community. The CST focus on a wide range of issues including:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Neighbour Disputes
- Safety Advice
- Drug Misuse
- Safeguarding
- and much, much more...



We cover a wide range of areas and are always willing to support you and help, if possible, solve issues in the community. We also run several safety sessions with schools and youth groups, including StaySafe, ThinkSafe and Knife Crime Awareness workshops and have recently developed an offering around online safety for older persons.

If you have any concerns or need some advice - or if you would like to know more about our educational workshops, please contact us at communitysafety@hart.gov.uk and we will do our best to assist you.

FREE Community in Motion training – Become an Active Bystander

Community in Motion is designed to empower individuals to feel confident enough to intervene when they observe unacceptable behaviour being directed at others.



There is a lot of evidence to suggest that when we see unacceptable behaviour not being challenged by others – we are more inclined also to do nothing. This challenges that - 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.

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- *Understand the extent of gender-based violence in England and Wales*
- *Understand the role of bystanders in the prevention of abuse*
- *Identify a range of tools that can be used to safely support/challenge others*
- *Describe ways to support individuals who may disclose abuse*

This training is suitable for all - and the more people that are trained, the better equipped our communities will be to challenge and prevent abuse. We will be running evening sessions 1830 for a 1900 start until 2030 on **Monday 24th February 2025** and **Thursday 20th March 2025**.

For more information and to book your slot, please contact communitysafety@hart.gov.uk.

Vehicle Nuisance – What are we doing?

We have recently seen an increase in reports of ASB involving vehicles, which is common at this time of the year with darker nights and wetter roads ideally suited to behaviours such as 'drifting'. We wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about the work we are doing behind the scenes to tackle this issue. We have been working closely with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) and have been assisting them with evidence gathering to build a bigger picture of the issue. This has included CCTV scoping in the problem areas where possible which can support the Police in issuing Section 59 Warning notices.

So, what are Section 59 notices? And what powers do they give the Police?

“Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner which causes **alarm, distress or annoyance**. Where a vehicle is being used in this way, or otherwise amounts to careless or inconsiderate driving, a constable in uniform will have these powers:

- (a) *the power, if the motor vehicle is moving, to order the person driving it to **stop** the vehicle;*
- (b) *the power to **seize** and **remove** the motor vehicle;*
- (c) *the power, for the purposes of exercising a power falling within paragraph (a) or (b), to **enter any premises** on which he has reasonable grounds for believing the motor vehicle to be;*



- (d) *the power to **use reasonable force**, if necessary, in the exercise of any power conferred by any of paragraphs (a) to (c). The constable will also have these same powers where he has reasonable grounds for believing the vehicle has been used on any occasion in such a manner.”*

We will continue to support the Police to resolve these issues, and we would encourage members of the community to continue reporting such incidents through the proper recording channels to Police and to the CST – every report helps build the picture and strengthens the evidence needed to put solutions in place.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Business

The council and other organisations will have a Safeguarding Policy and Procedure in place to follow should you witness or receive a disclosure of abuse that you need to report. But as a member of the public, would you know what to do?

Anyone can raise their concerns directly with the Children's Services Department (CSD) for those under 18 and Adults Health and Care (AHC) for anyone over 18 – it is always best to seek consent before raising concerns if possible although not if it might be creating further risk e.g. if you suspect a parent of abusing their child in some way. Here are the contact numbers to seek help:

During office hours CSD: 0300 5551384 **AHC** 0300 5551386 **Out of hours for both:** 0300 5551373

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