

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

Another Successful Stay Safe Delivery

This week our team attended Court Moor School to deliver our **Stay Safe** programme with colleagues from **Stop Domestic Abuse, Hart South Police** and **The Willow Team** (part of Children's Services). These sessions complemented delivery of the powerful and impactful drama 'Our Town', sessions to 'make meaning' from the drama and then some challenges to illustrate the importance of communication, trust and resilience by the wonderful **GameChanger** team.

We want to say a BIG thank you to all the parents and children for attending and engaging so well in this important programme. It is one of the ways we raise awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

We worked with 228 Year 9 students over 2 days, covering CCE (often referred to as County Lines), healthy relationships, mental wellbeing, the impacts of antisocial behaviour (ASB) and knife crime.

We also invited their parents to attend an evening session to watch the drama performance and have open discussions about the very real and concerning situations our children may face to share how we can actively support them in navigating such situations by highlighting the people and agencies they can turn to for advice.



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 training 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 - 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 from 1830-2030 on the following dates:

Monday 24th February 2025 at Hart Civic Offices

Thursday 20th March 2025 at Rushmoor Council Offices

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

Drug Safety – When Online Purchase leads to Tragedy

Nationally, we have seen countless news stories of the dangers of purchasing drugs online, it is something we wanted to raise awareness of as there have also been cases within our own community.

Buying illegal substances online poses significant dangers, including exposure to unregulated and potentially lethal drugs, which can lead to overdose and death. The rise of dark web marketplaces has made it easier for individuals to access these substances, often without knowing its true composition or dosage.

To prevent deaths, it is crucial to promote education on the risks associated with drug use, encourage open conversations about substance abuse and provide accessible support and resources for those struggling with addiction.

If you, or anyone you know, is struggling with addiction – or if you simply wanted to educate yourself or your children, please utilise the amazing resources we have available in our community.



Please also see the following links to further support services available below:

- Social Services support for [adults](#) and [children and young people](#)
- [Inclusion Hampshire](#) can assist with addiction to drugs and/or alcohol
- [Catch22](#) can help with a range of issues including substance misuse, criminality and exploitation

PCC's Youth Commission – Recruiting Now!

The Youth Commission is a diverse group of young people aged 14 to 25, from across Hampshire and the IOW, who represent the voice of young people on police and crime matters. 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 present these recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Constabulary and other partners, to support positive change for young people.

Please follow this [link](#), where you will find:

- **The Youth Commission Report**
- **The Youth Commission Promotional video**
- **Recruitment posts for social media**
- **Recruitment poster**

The link for the online application form is [here](#).

Applications close on 28th February 2025 - this is a fantastic opportunity for young people to be heard.



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