

## Hart Community Safety Newsletter

### Who are we?



#### Community Safety Manager – Rachael Wilkinson

Experienced in Community Safety having worked previously under the Safer North Hampshire shared service (for Rushmoor) and having been a Designated Safeguarding Lead covering both Hart & Rushmoor for several years.



#### Community Safety Officer – Caroline Anamoah

Highly experienced in Neighbourhood Policing in the Hart area with great contacts across the district and with proven skills in problem solving in persistent and ongoing Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) issues.

We both have very busy family lives and understand the pressures of today being experienced by different age groups in a myriad of different circumstances.

Collectively, we are passionate about connecting with and serving the community of Hart, improving the lives of individuals suffering the impacts of ASB and helping to protect vulnerable individuals by seeking the support they need to improve their quality of life and wellbeing.

Contact us via our online ASB Form: [Anti Social Behaviour Reporting Form | Hart District Council](#)  
Or by phone: Rachael **07816 109687** or Caroline **07816 109682**  
Or by email to [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)

### Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

The shared CSP covering the three districts of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Hart District Council very much still exists ([www.safernh.co.uk](http://www.safernh.co.uk)) and the Community Safety teams from all three councils are the administrating members of the partnership. Other key partners represented include Hampshire Constabulary, MOD, National Probation Service, Health services and the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service,

The CSP looks to proactively tackle common priorities identified from crime statistics across all three areas in greater collaboration for success.

### What do we do around Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)?

Our role is very much one of liaison and support for other council services, partner agencies and residents. We can provide advice and guidance on a wide range of situations around ASB from verbal abuse in neighbour disputes to persistent issues with cannabis odours, to wider community impact issues such as ASB on the roads, or in public spaces.

Our aim is always to address negative behaviours rather than to target individuals and to resolve an issue without legal intervention, if possible. We can signpost to appropriate services around behaviour and assistance, offer Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Good Neighbour Agreements and support referrals for Mediation.

Intervention at the earliest point is always preferable and we have been working hard to actively promote our services across the Hart area through our partners and network of contacts to encourage people to report rather than suffer the debilitating impacts of ASB – often described as the ‘drip, drip effect’ offence.

When intervention work is unsuccessful, and it is proportionate to seek further legal action, we do have a number of enforcement tools at our disposal through the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, including:

- Injunctions
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Community Protection Notices
- Closure Orders

We will provide more information about these tools in the coming months.

### What is our current key message?

**Report, Report, Report** to Police through 999 in an emergency or 101/online through the link below in the first instance where ASB is witnessed or experienced:

[www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/)

Contact us **additionally** for further support, as we can often work with Police to resolve matters.

### How do we support vulnerable people?

In terms of vulnerable individuals, we meet monthly with partners at the Vulnerability Operational Group (VOG) to set in place Action Plans for those in need. We also provide Safeguarding training to all council employees and elected members and look to raise awareness around safeguarding issues at every opportunity.

We run the quarterly NE Hants Domestic Abuse Forum which offers open membership and provides an opportunity for practitioners to share their updates, best practice and details of training events coming up.

### Key Successes

We secured our first Closure Order at Court in April which has prevented a prolific perpetrator of ASB from continuing to alarm and distress vulnerable neighbours. We are currently pursuing a Civil Injunction against another prolific offender.

Vehicle ASB is on our radar and we have worked with Police colleagues around patrolling and identifying those responsible, resulting in us sending a number of ASB Warning Letters. We are further looking at preventative measures in particular hotspots.

We have commissioned diversionary outreach work and a Resilience Against Domestic Abuse project in specific support of young people across Hart.

We are looking to produce a monthly Hart Community Safety Newsletter from here on – to provide updates on key issues, hotspots and trends that the community can help with by raising awareness.

To sign up – contact [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)