

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](#)

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Safety is the Best Gift



Christmas can be a very stressful time for many people, especially where there is financial hardship, bereavement and mental or physical illness – we can all help by looking out for one another.

Community Safety in Action

Issue

Inconsiderate parking preventing those with disabilities from accessing their home without increased difficulty - which has then resulted in ongoing verbal abuse and threats.

Response

Where inconsiderate parking occurs on Public Highways, unless there is enforcement in place, i.e. a marked Disabled bay or double yellow lines etc, Hampshire County Council (who are responsible for all on street parking enforcement) are unable to take any action. Nobody has any greater right than anyone else to park anywhere on a public highway. For unadopted or private roads, this is a purely civil matter.

Inconsiderate parking itself is not a Community Safety matter and is not classed as ASB, however, ongoing verbal abuse or threats resulting from any requests or otherwise to alleviate difficulties caused by the inconsiderate parking is ASB.

Action

Individuals experiencing issues with neighbours or visitors to neighbours are always encouraged to try and sort matters out amicably in the first instance. Most people are entirely reasonable when they understand what the issue is and how they can help.

Where this has been tried and failed, resulting in ASB through verbal abuse or threats, reports should be made with evidence (independent witnesses or video footage) of the incidents to Police who will work with Hart Community Safety to decide the most appropriate resolution.

Outcomes

The most common resolution is a referral for Mediation services which encourages both parties to understand the issue from the other's perspective. Alternative resolutions include ASB Warning Letters, Good Neighbour Agreements and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts which all advise against the unacceptable behaviours and encourage positive behaviours. In severe cases, where informal measures have not helped, Community Protection Notice legislation will be considered.

Ultimately, the desired outcome is for all residents to live peaceably alongside one another despite differences in opinions, tolerance levels and lifestyles.

Think - Drive - Stay - Alive

Hart Community Safety organised a multi-agency event, hosted by Farnborough College of Technology (FCoT), earlier this month to reach 1,500 students aged 16-18 at both campuses. The event delivered some critical safety messages with the festive season around the corner.

The main theme was around the dangers of drink and drug driving, including an exercise with 'Beer Goggles' which imitates the impairment caused by alcohol and drugs with students also provided with advice on road safety, the importance of driving to road conditions and basic vehicle safety checks e.g. tyres, brakes etc.

A massive thanks to Rushmoor Community Safety, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service, the joint Roads Policing Unit for Hampshire and Thames Valley Constabularies and of course the Motor Mechanic Dept at FCoT for supporting this event.



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