

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 774476** or by e-mail: communitysafety@hart.gov.uk

Hart Youth Achievement Awards 2025 – Nominations Now Open

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Hart Youth Achievement Awards for 2025. Building on the success of previous years, these awards continue to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of young people across the Hart district.

The awards aim to recognize individuals aged 11–19 who have made significant contributions to their communities, demonstrated resilience, or achieved personal milestones. Whether it's through volunteering, creative endeavours, or overcoming personal challenges, these young individuals embody the spirit of dedication and perseverance.

Key Details:

- Nominations Close: 26th September 2025
- Awards Ceremony: October 2025

Fleet Phoenix encourages everyone to nominate deserving young people who have made a positive impact. This is an opportunity to highlight their stories and inspire others within the community.

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit: [Fleet Phoenix Services](#). Let's come together to honour and celebrate the youth who make Hart a vibrant and compassionate community!



After the success of the 2023 and 2024 awards, Fleet Phoenix is excited to announce that we will once again be celebrating the amazing achievements of the young people in our community at the 2025 Hart Youth Achievement Awards in October. With the help and sponsorship of local organisations, we would like to publicly recognise and celebrate the incredible work and successes of young people locally.

THE AWARDS

- Volunteering
- Community Champion
- Fundraising
- Courage
- Group Achievement
- Sports and Arts
- Academic Achievement

WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS
BY 26TH SEPTEMBER!

SCAN TO
NOMINATE



Each award has two age ranges (apart from the group award);

Junior (school year 6 and under)

Senior (school year 7 up to 25 years old).

Young people need to live, or be educated in Hart to be nominated.

With thanks to...



Empowering Young Minds: Think Safe 2025 Returns

Hart District Council is proud to announce the return of the Think Safe event in 2025, an initiative aimed at educating and empowering Year 6 students across the district. This year's program is set to engage over 500 students, providing them with essential knowledge and skills to navigate various safety challenges in their daily lives.

What is Think Safe?

Think Safe is an interactive educational event designed to teach children about personal safety and well-being. Through a series of engaging workshops and activities, students learn about different topics presented by lots of different agencies:

- Hart District Council - First Aid
- Hampshire Police – Personal Safety
- Stop Domestic Abuse - Healthy Relationships
- Network Rail - Railway Safety
- Community Safety Team – Online Safety
- Countryside Team – Planet Safety
- Natural England – Heathland Safety
- HIOW Fire & Rescue Service – Dangers of Arson



Why It Matters

The Think Safe initiative is more than just an educational event; it's a vital program that equips young individuals with the tools they need to make informed decisions and stay safe in various aspects of their lives. By addressing real-world issues in an age-appropriate manner, the event fosters a sense of responsibility and awareness among students.

Community Collaboration

The success of Think Safe is made possible through the collaboration of various local organizations and volunteers who are dedicated to the well-being of our youth. Their collective efforts ensure that the program remains relevant, engaging, and impactful year after year.

Stay Safe This Summer: Be Aware of Drink Spiking

As the weather warms up and we head out to pub gardens and festivals, it's important to stay safe—especially when it comes to drink spiking.

What is Spiking?

Spiking is when alcohol or drugs are added to your drink without your knowledge. It can happen to anyone, and the effects can be serious.

Stay Alert:

- Never leave drinks unattended
- Avoid accepting drinks from strangers
- Stick with friends and look out for each other
- Use drink stoppers or lids when available
- If you feel strange or overly drunk, seek help immediately

Know the Signs:

Confusion, dizziness, memory loss, and feeling more drunk than expected can all be signs of spiking.

If you or someone else may have been spiked, tell venue staff, call 999, or go to A&E.



Spiking is a crime - report it and help protect others too!

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour in Hart

As the evenings get lighter and the weather improves, we often see a rise in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across our parks, open spaces, and town centres. ASB can include things like vandalism, littering, public drunkenness, intimidating behaviour, and noise disturbances. While often seen as 'low-level' crime, it can have a serious impact on residents' quality of life and community wellbeing.

- If you witness or experience ASB, report it to Hart District Council or the police via 101 (or 999 in an emergency).
- Encourage young people to use local youth services and spaces responsibly.
- Speak up—reporting helps us target hotspots and take appropriate action.

We're working closely with local police and community groups to respond swiftly and supportively to ASB concerns. Let's all play our part in keeping Hart a safe, welcoming place for everyone. For more information or to report ASB, you can do so [here](#).

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