

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

Wildlife Harm – A Serious Offence

We have recently received reports of incidents in our community where individuals have been using catapults to target and injure local wildlife, including ducks, swans, and pigeons.

This behaviour is deeply concerning. It is not only anti-social, but also a **criminal offence** under animal welfare and wildlife protection laws. Causing unnecessary suffering to animals can result in prosecution, and we are working closely with Hampshire Police to ensure those responsible are identified and dealt with appropriately.

Our local community values its wildlife, and the actions of a few will not be allowed to spoil this for others. We are also working with local schools to raise awareness among young people about the consequences of this type of behaviour, both for the animals and for those involved.



We are asking anyone who has information, or who may have witnessed these incidents, to come forward. You can report directly online via [Hampshire Police](#) or by calling 101, or anonymously through **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555 111.

Together, we can protect our local wildlife and keep our community a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

New Nightclub Brings Life Back to Fleet

It's fantastic to see new life returning to Fleet town centre with the opening of **The Bunker** nightclub. The venue marks a positive step in supporting the evening economy and providing residents and visitors with more choice for entertainment locally.

With a vibrant night-time scene comes the importance of ensuring that everyone can enjoy themselves in a safe and welcoming environment. We are committed to working closely with Hampshire Police, licensing teams, and all licensed premises in the area to maintain high standards of safety.

Through joint partnership working, we will continue to focus on:

- Patron safety – ensuring that visitors feel secure while enjoying their night out.
- Responsible management – supporting venues to uphold their licensing responsibilities.
- Community reassurance – addressing concerns promptly and maintaining positive relationships between businesses and the community.



We welcome The Bunker to Fleet and look forward to seeing the town centre thrive, while making sure safety remains at the heart of our local night-time economy.

Hart Youth Achievement Awards - Reminder for Nominations

We are looking forward to publicly recognising again the talented, giving and community focused young people we have in the Hart District. We now need all members of the community to nominate those young people aged 11-25 who need celebrating – in 2 age categories: up to 16 **and** 16 and over.



The young people must also live or be educated in the Hart District. Nominations need to be in by **26th September 2025!**

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!

Crime Prevention Advice – Theft from Vehicles

We have seen a rise in reports of theft from vehicles in the area. Opportunistic thieves often look for easy targets, but there are some simple steps you can take to help reduce the risk:

- Always lock your vehicle – even if you're only leaving it for a short time.
- Remove valuables – never leave items such as bags, wallets, sat navs, phones, or tools on display. Even loose change or charging cables can attract thieves.
- Park smart – where possible, use well-lit areas, secure car parks, or park close to your home or in view of CCTV.
- Check your vehicle – before walking away, make sure windows are closed, doors locked, and alarms are activated.
- Mark your property – consider property marking or registering valuables on a database such as Immobilise.



Remember: many thefts from vehicles are preventable. By taking a few extra precautions, you can significantly reduce the chance of becoming a victim of crime.

If you see suspicious behaviour around vehicles, please report it online to [Hampshire Police](#) or by calling 101, or call 999 in an emergency if a crime is in progress. Information can also be given anonymously via **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555 111.

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