

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.

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Stay Safe Returns to Yateley School

Hart Community Safety are proud to announce the successful launch of our first Stay Safe event of this academic year. At the beginning of November, we've been at Yateley School, working **with 219 Year 8 students** to explore key issues including Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), Healthy Relationships, Knife Crime, and Anti-Social Behaviour. These are challenging topics, but with the support of our fantastic partners, we've delivered them in a way that's both meaningful and impactful.

The day begins with an immersive drama and workshop led by **Challenge Academy**, where students experience the realities of CCE and how young people can be drawn into risky lifestyles. This is followed by the Making Meaning workshop, where students unpack the drama and explore the internal and external pressures faced by the characters. It's a powerful and thought-provoking session that encourages deep reflection.

In the afternoon, students rotate through three focused workshops:

- **Stop Domestic Abuse** delivers a session on healthy relationships, helping students identify red flag behaviours and understand what to do if they ever find themselves in a difficult situation.
- **The Willow Team** presents a compelling workshop on knife crime, highlighting the dangers and consequences of carrying a weapon.
- **Hart District Council's Community Safety Team** wraps up the day with a session on anti-social behaviour, showing how small actions can escalate into large scale crime and impact communities.



We've already received fantastic feedback from both the school and parents. One parent shared:

"My daughter told me all about the day. Although she found the knife crime topic difficult, I know it was valuable. We found the parent session incredibly interesting and useful – we'd definitely recommend it to others."

This is just the beginning. We'll be visiting more schools across the district, continuing to deliver these essential messages and empower young people to make safe, informed choices. **Stay tuned for more updates as our Stay Safe sessions continue to make a difference.**

Think Drive Stay Alive – Road Safety with over 1500 Students from FCoT

Hart Community Safety joined forces with **Hampshire Police Roads Policing** and **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIOWFRS)** to deliver an impactful **Think Drive Stay Alive** event at Farnborough College of Technology.

1500 Students learned first-hand about the dangers of drink and drug driving, distractions behind the wheel, and construction and use offences. The session didn't stop at theory, students headed to the courtyard to engage with interactive stalls, including:



- **Beer goggles and games** to demonstrate impairment effects.
- Viewing a **real vehicle from a fatal crash**—a stark reminder of the consequences of driving at 106mph, three times over the drink limit, with cocaine in the system.
- Exploring a **fire engine** and learning how emergency services respond.
- Seeing a **roads policing stinger** in action.
- Speaking directly with Police and Fire officers about road safety.

This powerful event highlighted the real-life impact of risky driving behaviours and gave students practical insights to help them make safer choices on the road.

Crime Alert! – A rise in Vehicle Crime in Hart District.

We have seen a rise in both vehicle theft and theft from motor vehicles across Hart District. Criminals are using increasingly sophisticated methods, including targeting keyless entry systems and valuables left inside cars. Here are some key safety messages to help protect your vehicle:

1. Always Lock Your Vehicle

- Lock your car every time you leave it, even for a short moment.
- Double-check doors, windows, and the boot—don't rely solely on your key fob, as thieves can use signal jammers.

2. Protect Against Keyless Car Theft

- Store keys in a Faraday pouch or metal container overnight and keep them away from doors and windows.
- Consider disabling keyless entry if your vehicle allows.

3. Keep Valuables Out of Sight

- Never leave items like phones, laptops, handbags, or shopping bags visible inside your car.
- Remove sat-navs and wipe suction marks from windows.

4. Park Smart

- Choose well-lit, busy areas or Park Mark-approved car parks.
- At home, use a locked garage if possible and consider installing CCTV or motion-activated lighting.

5. Add Extra Security

- Use visible deterrents such as steering wheel locks, gear-stick locks, and anti-tamper screws for number plates.
- Consider installing an alarm, immobiliser, or a GPS tracker.

6. Stay Vigilant

- Never leave your engine running unattended—it's illegal and invalidates insurance if stolen.
- Report suspicious activity to the police or Crimestoppers.



If you experience any incidents or notice suspicious activity, report it immediately to Hampshire Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. For advice, prevention tips, or reassurance, you can also contact Hart Community Safety Team.

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