

Community Safety

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Hart District Council



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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



Merry Christmas from Community Safety!

As the festive season approaches, we want to take a moment to thank you for working together to keep our community safe throughout the year. Your vigilance and care make a real difference.

From all of us at Community Safety, we wish you a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Stay safe, look out for one another, and enjoy the celebrations!

Home Safety at Christmas: Keep Your Festive Season Secure

The holiday season is a time for joy, but it's also a time when opportunistic crime can rise. With homes full of gifts and many people away visiting family, it's important to take a few simple steps to keep your property and parcels safe.

Secure Your Deliveries

- Use safe delivery options: Choose click-and-collect or locker services where possible.
- Track parcels: Sign up for delivery alerts so you know when items arrive.
- Avoid leaving parcels in plain sight: If you're not home, ask a trusted neighbour to take them in.

Keep Your Home Secure

- Lock up properly: Double-check doors and windows before leaving, even for short trips.
- Set timers for lights: A well-lit home looks occupied. Smart plugs or timer switches can help.
- Don't advertise your absence: Avoid posting holiday plans on social media until you're back.



Protect Valuables

- Hide gifts from view: Keep presents away from windows where they can tempt thieves.
- Store packaging carefully: Boxes for expensive items left outside signal what's inside your home.

Be Neighbourly

- Look out for each other: If you're away, let a trusted neighbour know so they can keep an eye out.
- Report suspicious activity: If something doesn't look right, contact your local police or community safety team.

A few small actions can make a big difference in keeping your Christmas merry and secure!

NHS Life Cards: A Simple Tool That Could Save a Life

The festive season can be joyful, but for some, it's also a time of struggle. The NHS Life Card is a discreet, wallet-sized resource designed to provide immediate support for anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts, or for those worried about someone else.

What's on the card?

- 24/7 helpline numbers like Samaritans and Papyrus HOPELINE247
- Quick guidance on what to do in a crisis
- Local NHS mental health contacts

Why carry one?

- Fits easily in a wallet or phone case
- Offers life-saving information at a glance during moments of crisis

How to get one:

Life Cards are free through NHS trusts and local partners. Ask your local mental health team or community safety service for details. Details can be found here: [World Suicide Prevention Day 2025 :: Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Where to go for help

Advice and support for everyone:

- Download the **Stay Alive app** - on app stores
- Watch the 'save a life' suicide prevention training video - www.zerosuicidealliance.com/training
- www.hubofhope.co.uk for support in your area
- CRUSE** offers a free and confidential support service crusenow.org.uk

When you need to talk to someone or need urgent help:

- Call NHS 111** or visit 111.nhs.uk for mental health support
- Call Samaritans** on 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- Text HANTS** to 85258
- Visit Papyrus** at www.papyrus-uk.org for young people

In an emergency, always call 999
<https://hiowhealthcare.nhs.uk/help-crisis>



Hartley Wintney Care Group's Christmas Day Lunch

For many, Christmas Day is all about home and family, but for those who might otherwise be alone, Hartley Wintney Care Group brings the warmth of community with its annual Christmas Day Lunch.



Christmas Day Lunch
Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney
12 noon - 4 pm
For individuals and couples who would otherwise be on their own
All Ages Welcome
MUST BOOK BY 20TH DECEMBER
Contact Chris Cornwell 01252 843251
info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com
Generous donors include: Auriol Wines, Graves Butchers in Hook and the Victoria Hall Charity

This much-loved event embodies the spirit of the season: connection, kindness, and community.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a warm meal and friendly company this Christmas Day, please get in touch via:

info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com

or visit the Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group website – **MUST BOOK BY 20/12/2025**

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