

# 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](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)

## The Here for Hart Directory has had a refresh!

The Here for Hart Directory has recently had a refresh. We've updated the design to give it a more professional, user-friendly look that makes it easier for residents and professionals to find the support they need. You can take a look at the updated site here: [Here for Hart Directory](#)

## What is the Here for Hart Directory?

The directory was created to help promote available services, increase visibility, and support more Hart residents who may benefit from what they offer. Both residents and professionals use the directory as a single, trusted place to find local support, whether that's when assisting a client, signposting someone to community activities, or helping people stay independent at home.

## The directory includes:

- Advice and support services
- Clubs, groups and community activities
- Volunteering opportunities
- Money advice and housing support
- Mental health and wellbeing services
- Disability and carers' support

There are already over 500 listings, and we're keen to continue showcasing the brilliant work our community organisations provide. The directory is a collaboration with Hart District Council and Hart Voluntary Action (HVA).

## Are you a local community organisation that could benefit Hart residents?

You may already be on the directory (have a search here: [www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk](http://www.hereforhartdirectory.org.uk)), but if not, please let us know and we can list you for free. The more people who know about the directory, the more people will discover your services. We'd really value your help in spreading the word by sharing a link or get in touch and we'll send out you a promotional pack. Contact: [stephanie.king@hart.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.king@hart.gov.uk)

## Reporting Issues in Your Community

Knowing how to report issues quickly and to the right service helps us keep Hart a safe place for everyone. Our Community Safety Team (CST) works to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) and support residents experiencing ongoing issues that cause harassment, alarm or distress.



This can include things like:

- Noisy or disruptive behaviour
- Vandalism or criminal damage
- Threatening behaviour or intimidation
- Verbal abuse
- Littering and graffiti
- Misuse of vehicles, such as revving engines or dangerous use



ASB is often persistent and impacts quality of life, and we assess each report carefully to ensure the right response and support is provided.

### How to report ASB to CST:

You can contact the Community Safety Team via our [website](#) or by emailing [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk). Reports can also be made online through our dedicated [ASB reporting form](#).

### When to contact Hampshire Police:

If the issue involves crime or an immediate risk to safety, this should be reported to Hampshire Police.

- Call 999 in an emergency
- Call 101 for non-emergencies
- Or [report online](#)

Examples include violence, threats, drug activity, or incidents where someone is in danger.

**By reporting issues to the right team, you help ensure a quicker and more effective response, allowing agencies to work together to keep our communities safe.**

### Vaping – What Young People Need to Know

Vaping among young people is a growing concern, with around **1 in 4 (25%) of 11–15 year olds** having tried it, and nearly **1 in 10 vaping regularly or occasionally**. While often seen as harmless, vaping is not risk-free. Most vapes contain nicotine, a highly addictive substance. **Around 7% of 11–17 year olds** are current users, with some vaping daily. Nicotine can affect developing brains, impacting concentration, mood and learning, and young people are more vulnerable to its effects on lungs and overall health.

### What to do if you think your child is vaping:

- Stay calm and start an open, non-judgemental conversation
- Share the facts about health risks and addiction
- Set clear expectations about not vaping
- Seek advice from your child's school, GP or trusted support services if needed

**Vapes are designed to help adult smokers quit, not for children or non-smokers. The safest choice is not to vape at all.**

### Hart Youth Achievement Awards 2026

Nominations are now open until 25 September 2026 in two age categories – up to school year 6 and school year 7 to age 25 across the following categories: Community Champion, Courage, Academic Achievement, Fundraising, Group Achievement, Sports and Arts and Volunteering.

Get your thinking caps on, share with others and submit your nominations [here](#).

Help us to all celebrate the wonderful young people in Hart!



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