

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

Staying Safe During the Heatwave

Summer is a time for relaxation, socialising and enjoying the outdoors. By having regular conversations about safety, we can help ensure the community are making informed and safe choices. As with other seasonal safety messages shared in previous newsletters, a few simple reminders can go a long way in preventing incidents and keeping our communities safe.

With temperatures rising and more people heading outdoors to enjoy the sunshine, it's important to take a few simple steps to stay safe and well during periods of hot weather. While the heat can be enjoyable, it can also bring risks, particularly for children and young people who may be spending more time outside or near open water.



Top Tips to Beat the Heat:

- Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water regularly, even if you don't feel thirsty
- Avoid the hottest part of the day (usually between 11am and 3pm)
- Wear sun protection – light clothing, hats, sunglasses and SPF sunscreen
- Take breaks in the shade and avoid overexertion during peak heat
- Look out for others, especially younger children and those more vulnerable to heat

Heat exhaustion can happen quickly, so it's important to recognise the signs: dizziness, headaches, nausea, or excessive sweating and act early by cooling down and drinking fluids.

Water Safety – Important Reminders for Young People

Warmer weather often leads to more people visiting rivers, lakes and other open water areas. While these spots can seem like a fun way to cool down, they can be extremely dangerous.

As highlighted in previous Community Safety newsletters, it's essential to remind young people to follow water safety guidance and only swim where it is safe and permitted, paying attention to warning signs and local advice.



Reminders to Share:

- Never jump into open water: hidden hazards, cold shock and strong currents can pose serious risks
- Only swim in designated, supervised areas where possible
- Don't go into the water alone, always stay with friends and look out for each other
- Stay away from reservoirs, quarries and canals, which can be particularly dangerous
- If someone gets into trouble, call 999 and ask for Fire & Rescue – **do not enter the water yourself!**

Further advice on how to be safe around water can be found on the RNLI website linked [here](#).

It's also important to remind young people that water temperatures can be much colder than expected, even on very hot days, which can cause cold water shock and affect breathing and movement.

Let's work together to make sure everyone enjoys the sunshine safely.

Protecting Your Home from Burglary – Reminder of Key Advice

We have seen a spate of burglaries across the district so want to re-share some of our previous tips to protect your home...

Opportunistic burglars often look for easy targets, but a few simple steps can make a big difference in keeping your home secure.

- Lock doors and windows – even when you're at home
- Use timer lights to make your home look occupied
- Keep valuables out of sight from windows
- Secure sheds and garages to prevent tools being used to gain access
- Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property if you're away

If you notice anything suspicious or out of the ordinary – report any concerns to Hampshire Police via 101 or the online reporting tool found [here](#).

As highlighted in previous newsletters, small changes like these can help make your home less appealing to offenders and give you greater peace of mind.

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!



Safeguarding: are you worried about someone?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have concerns about an adult who may be at risk of harm, abuse or neglect, please report this to [Hampshire Safeguarding Adults](#) so they can provide the right support and protection. For any concerns relating to a child or young person, referrals should be made to [Hampshire Safeguarding Children](#) so that they can receive help as early as possible.

If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. Otherwise, please use the appropriate safeguarding routes to make a referral and help keep our communities protected and supported.

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