

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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## Cybercrime and cyber related fraud awareness sessions

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Cyber Protect Team are delivering interactive sessions covering different aspects of both online and offline scams, methods to keep yourself safe and spot behaviour which may be the start of someone trying to 'scam' you.

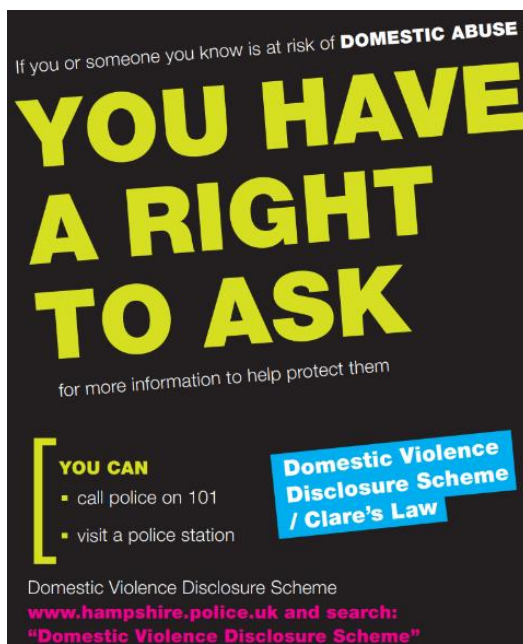
Cyber and Cyber-related fraud makes up a large number of reported crimes each month and costs local residents and communities significant sums of money each day, week and year. With a few simple tips you can keep yourself safer and spot these offences before they develop.



Events are running on the following days, click on the session to book your place:

- [Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm](#)
- [Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm](#)
- [Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm](#)
- [Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm](#)
- [Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm](#)
- [Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm](#)
- [Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm](#)

## Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme



If you or someone you know is at risk of **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

# YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK

for more information to help protect them

**YOU CAN**

- call police on 101
- visit a police station

**Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme / Clare's Law**

Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme  
[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) and search:  
"Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme"

If you are concerned your partner or former partner has been violent or abusive in the past, or you are concerned someone you know is at risk from their partner or former partner, you have a right to ask for more information from the police under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, also known as Clare's Law.

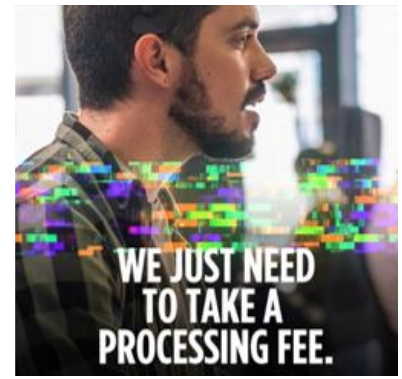
**How to apply:** Call Hampshire and IOW Constabulary on 101 or visit any police station. Please let us know you are requesting information as part of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. For more information: [Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme application](#)

**In an emergency, is someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.**

## Payment in advance fraud

A payment in advance scam is when a criminal pretends to offer you something if you pay a fee upfront.

This could be for a loan, a prize, or even a job application. It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to [Action Fraud](#).



## Make yourself heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999
- 2 Listen to the questions from the 999 operator
- 3 Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
- 4 If prompted, press **55**  
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.



## British Transport Police app

The free [Railway Guardian App](#) is an all-in-one safety app from BTP. It allows you to report crimes or concerns on the rail network, share your journeys with trusted contacts and get access to news, guides, or support.



## Hare Coursing has started – please report

We have seen quite a few Hare Coursing incidents in the North of Hampshire in the past few days, this is likely to spread.

Please continue to report all incidents of Hare Coursing.

**If it is in progress - Call 999 quoting Op Galileo. Never approach these individuals, your safety is our priority.** If it is safe to do so, please obtain any video or photo footage/Dash cam and provide as much information to the controller as you can on your report.



## PROTECT YOUR BIKE

- Register your bike at [www.BikeRegister.com](http://www.BikeRegister.com)
- Record your frame number and take a photo of your bike.
- Use locks that are approved to a Gold Standard by Sold Secure [www.SoldSecure.com](http://www.SoldSecure.com)



As well as using a gold standard lock, it is wise to register your bike for free on the national cycle database [BikeRegister](#). Also look out for **FREE** bike marking events being run by your local neighbourhood policing team, these are often advertised on the local team Facebook page.

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