CRIME PREVENTION YOUR UPDATE

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team **Edition 93, October 2026**

Bogus Traders

Hampshire and IOW Constabulary have been working alongside partner agencies to target bogus traders.

Stop! Think Fraud when someone knocks on your door, drops a leaflet through your letterbox or advertises on social media offering to do work in and around your home.





Please don't leave it to chance, if you need work doing on your home or garden, consult "Buy With Confidence" the list of Trading Standards checked and vetted tradespeople: https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/ or for residents living on the Isle of Wight, the Trader Approval Scheme: https://digitalservices.iow.gov.uk/tas/

Halloween 'No trick or treat' posters



Hampshire and IOW Constabulary's 'No trick or treat' poster is available for display if you don't want trick or treaters at your door this Halloween.

This poster can be displayed in your home, or homes of any neighbours or relatives. It should be displayed in a prominent position either on the front door or front window.

You can download the poster from our website here.

Big Conversation Survey

The OPCC Youth Commission brings together young people aged 14 to 25 from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Through their annual Big Conversation survey, they identify what matters most to young people and make recommendations to policing and partner organisations to help create positive change.



Please do share with the young people in your life – youth voice matters!

Click here to take part in the Big Conversation.

Spiking Awareness Campaign



You have the right to feel safe and have fun when going on a night out. To those with other ideas, we're watching you and we do not tolerate any form of spiking.

If you or a friend is spiked with drugs or alcohol there are things you can do to stay safe. Remember to:

- Stay with someone you know and trust and keep talking.
- Never leave the person you suspect has been spiked alone.
- Report it to venue staff, security and to police via 101.
- In an emergency call 999 or visit A&E.
- Keep hold of any evidence.
- If you think your drink, food, cigarette or vape may have been spiked then don't risk it.

We're also urging any bystanders to speak up and report anything suspicious.

Find out more here: Spiking | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

Remember it is illegal to:

- Set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Bonfire Night is extended until midnight)
- To throw or set off a firework in the street, onto a road or in a public place.
- For a member of the public to possess a 'display' style firework (Category 4)
- To store fireworks for private use for more than 14 days.
- To cause unnecessary suffering to animals with fireworks.



For more information please visit:
Fireworks: the law - GOV.UK

Blue Lamp Trust Safe Home visits

The Blue Lamp Trust offers free Safe Home visits for older people, vulnerable residents, and victims of burglary in Hampshire and IOW. Their trained, police-vetted Safety Technicians carry out a full home security and fire safety assessment and, where needed, install items such as:

- Door and window locks
- Spyholes and door chains
- Long-life smoke alarms
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Other approved safety equipment

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