

CRIME PREVENTION YOUR UPDATE



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Cost of Living Payment Scams

GOV.UK: You are eligible for a discounted energy bill under the Energy Bills Support Scheme. You can apply here: <https://bill-uk.gov.com/> **SCAM!**

The Department for Work and Pensions are warning the public to watch out for scammers targeting people about Cost of Living

Payments: [Cost of Living Payment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living-payment)



NBCC launches national week of action to target business crime



The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) is holding a national week of action to support businesses and reduce business crime across the country.

The week of action will start on Monday 17th October. Businesses trading on high streets and town centres are encouraged to get involved and display the ShopKind messaging in their stores.

All the ShopKind materials are free to download [here](#).

Visit the NBCC website to find out more: [NBCC launches national week of action to target business crime](#)

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 8th – 15th October



Hate Crime comes in many forms. Whether you or someone you know have been targeted verbally or physically; it's not ok, and it's against the law.

Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) give advice and support.

For a list of TPRCs in Hampshire and the IOW visit: [Hate Crime - Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(hampshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://hampshire-pcc.gov.uk)

Halloween Trick or Treating



Every year, Hampshire Constabulary receives calls from dozens of people who have been frightened by trick or treaters. It might seem like innocent fun, but it can be terrifying for elderly or vulnerable people. We want you to enjoy Halloween, but remember, not everyone wants to take part.

To download a copy of the 'Sorry, no trick or treating here' poster please click here: [2530318 - Trick or Treat A4 Flyer \(hampshire.police.uk\)](https://www.hampshire.police.uk/2530318-Trick-or-Treat-A4-Flyer)

National Home Security Month – advice from Secured by Design

As the nights draw in it is important to have some lighting around your property. At the front of your property look to have a light that automatically comes on at dusk and switches off at dawn. Energy efficient LED bulbs are ideal.



At the side and rear of your property you can install a switched light or one that is automatically activated by a motion sensor, commonly referred to as 'PIR lights'. Don't forget to think about light pollution and if this is going to impact your neighbours. [Keep your home safe and secure \(securedbydesign.com\)](https://www.securedbydesign.com)



Fireworks and the law

**Are you breaking the law?
Remember, remember...
It is illegal:**

To set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Bonfire Night is extended until midnight).

To cause unnecessary suffering to animals with fireworks.

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 fireworks)

To store fireworks for private use for more than 14 days.



Check your Credit Report

Do you regularly check your personal credit report? It could help you spot ID theft.

If you see entries you don't recognise, contact your bank/card provider immediately.



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