



Community Safety News

Graffiti Focus Week

The next Graffiti Focus Week takes place from 13 - 17 April. Graffiti Focus Week is a bi-annual event across North Hampshire, in which we raise awareness of the issues of graffiti through education, including talks in schools, and the negative effect it can have on the community. We also remove as much graffiti as possible.



This is a highly visible initiative, which improves the local environment and helps to improve perceptions of the local area. We have seen a substantial reduction in graffiti reports since last year, partly in thanks to 'nipping in the bud' any graffiti spread.

The following tips may reduce the likelihood of graffiti:

- Plant climbing shrubs on exposed brick walls.
- Plant hedges in front of wooden fences.
- Install security lighting.
- Report any graffiti by calling 101.

As well as graffiti removal, there will also be graffiti-prevention and vandalism-prevention education in schools, "most wanted" tag posters and patrols of graffiti hot-spot areas by enforcement officers. This project helps to ensure that graffiti is removed as quickly as possible, helping to provide a sense of pride and ownership where we live and work.

To report graffiti, visit www.safernh.co.uk, and click on 'Graffiti Focus Week' in the 'projects' tab. The site will also be updated with "most wanted" posters.

Fly-posting

Fly-posting is unsightly and can make an area feel unsafe or uncared for. It is illegal to put up fly-posting on a building without permission from the owner. It is also an offence to fix unauthorised signs to street furniture or trees.



Your local authority will aim to visit the site within three working days of being reported and arrange the removal of any unauthorised fly-posting, contact the person or company who has fly-posted to stop it from happening again and, where proportionate, ask them to remove it. Legal action will be taken in appropriate cases.

To report fly-posting, please contact your local authority:
Basingstoke - www.basingstoke.gov.uk / 01252 844844
Hart - www.hart.gov.uk / 01252 622122
Rushmoor - www.rushmoor.gov.uk / 01252 398399

Antisocial behaviour

We have produced a new leaflet defining antisocial behaviour.



The leaflet explains how our team and our partners deal with antisocial behaviour reports and who to report issues to.

To view a copy of the leaflet, visit www.safernh.co.uk

New website

The new Safer North Hampshire website has just been launched. The new look site is clearer, more concise and full of useful information about the Safer North Hampshire community safety team, upcoming projects and other initiatives.



Please visit www.safernh.co.uk to see the new site. Feedback would be appreciated.

Nuisance vehicles

There have been a number of calls recently regarding nuisance vehicles, including:



- Motorcycles that are ridden antisocially, illegally and in public spaces such as parks.
- Cars driven with unnecessary revving of the engine and a loud exhaust, wheel spinning, speeding and playing excessively loud music.
- Drivers congregating and driving their cars and/or bikes antisocially and being noisy in public car parks, particularly late at night.
- Illegal vehicle modifications.

Police officers can give warnings (under section 59) to people who are using their vehicles antisocially. If the warnings are ignored and the individual continues using their vehicle as a nuisance, the vehicle can be seized and possibly destroyed.

People like to spend their time in different ways and meeting friends in their cars may be how some choose to spend it. However, it is important that this is not to the detriment of the rest of the community.

To report nuisance drivers, call 101 with as much detail of the vehicle as possible, especially the vehicle registration number.



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