



## Community Safety News

### Drug Driving

New drug driving laws have come into effect, outlawing driving under the influence of illegal drugs, as well as some prescription medications.



Normal prescribed doses will not exceed the legal limit, so most drivers will be safe to continue taking their medication and driving.

Prescription medication covered under the new law includes:

- Amphetamine
- Conazepam
- Diazepam
- Flunitrazepam
- Lorazepam
- Methadone
- Morphine
- Oxazepam
- Temazepam

If you are not sure whether your prescription medication is likely to affect your driving, contact your GP or pharmacist for advice.

### Operation: Stronghold

Residents received hundreds of pieces of crime prevention equipment during our Operation: Stronghold roadshows held across Basingstoke & Deane, Hart District and Rushmoor Borough.



The 13 roadshows were aimed at providing crime prevention advice and materials to enable local residents to empower and protect themselves

.At each roadshow, council officers, Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch representatives were available to discuss protecting homes, vehicles and belongings.

A total of 586 people visited the roadshows, and received 396 pieces of crime prevention kit, including 68 padlocks, 5 alarmed padlocks, 52 timer switches, 64 door handle alarms and 66 personal alarms.

For future dates, visit our website at [www.safernh.co.uk](http://www.safernh.co.uk).

### Graffiti Focus Week

Report any graffiti across Rushmoor Borough or Hart District in time for Graffiti Focus Week from 13th—17th April.



To report graffiti, visit <http://www.safernh.co.uk/projects/graffiti-focus-week> or email [communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org](mailto:communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org).

### Community Safety Awards

Volunteers, police and members of the community were honoured at the inaugural Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Awards recently.



Attendees gathered in Aldershot from across Basingstoke & Deane, Hart District and Rushmoor Borough to receive commendations for bravery, professionalism and volunteer work..

Amongst those honoured were serving police officers for incidents such as saving the life of a woman who had fallen into a bog and was close to death, and an officer whose quick thinking prevented a woman from jumping off a tall building.

Local volunteers honoured included Nigel Pool for his commitment to the Fleet Angels street pastor programme, helping to ensure individuals and groups enjoy a safe night out in Fleet Town Centre. Other volunteers to receive awards included David Wenlock for his commitment and leadership with Farnborough Speedwatch, and John Koenigsberger for his achievements in reducing crime and the fear of crime as Chairperson of Rushmoor Neighbourhood Watch Association

Police, RAF officers and cadets and members of the public were also honoured for their involvement in a fatal road traffic collision at last December's Christmas Extravaganza in Odiham.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Simon Hayes said; "Attending this awards ceremony highlighted to me the commitment and dedication individuals play in helping keep people and places safe across Hampshire, and particularly in the north of the county. I commend all those who received awards and would also like to pay tribute to the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety team for initiating this excellent awards programme."



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