



## Community Safety News



Hitting the cold spots - helping you to stay warm

### Grants available for first-time central heating in Hampshire

Through Hitting the Cold Spots, Hampshire County Council and the Environment Centre (tEC) can help with the cost of installing first-time gas central heating in qualifying homes.

A warm home can improve health and wellbeing, and central heating makes a home more comfortable and cheaper to run. To qualify for assistance under this scheme you need to: own your own home or rent from a private landlord; have no central heating system in the home; live in a home that is expensive to heat (to be confirmed by an energy performance survey); and be on a low income.\*

The scheme is currently looking for eligible properties and households, so please contact the Environment Centre (tEC) for more information or to check eligibility, on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or email [stay-warm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:stay-warm@environmentcentre.com).

**Applications close mid-October 2016.**

*\*Terms and conditions apply.*

For full case studies please see: <http://www.environmentcentre.com/news/>

### Mental health & wellbeing information drop-in Friday 14th October

Pop along to the Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet anytime between **10am and 2.30pm**.

This event is for anyone who wants to learn more about mental health and wellbeing and find out about local support for all ages. Come along and pick up information and speak to local groups and support services that can help.

**For more information, visit [www.hart.gov.uk/health-wellbeing](http://www.hart.gov.uk/health-wellbeing)**

### Firework safety

Major events such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year are approaching in the coming months. Fireworks are safe if you use them properly. Please remember the fireworks code:



- Sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil. They should never be given to a child under five.
- Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch. Never use a naked flame.
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper and stand well back.
- Do not drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Never go back to a lit firework, even if it hasn't gone off - it could still explode.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Keep pets indoors.

You could also consider visiting an organised fireworks display in your area—check your local press for details.

For more information visit [www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/fireworks](http://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/fireworks)

### Halloween

For Halloween advice for elderly and vulnerable members of the community as well as children and parents, and to download a 'No Trick or Treat' Poster, visit the web address below:



[www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/halloween-no-trick-or-treat](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/halloween-no-trick-or-treat)



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