



Community Safety News

Public Space Protection Orders in Aldershot and Farnborough



In response to complaints and following consultation with the public, Public Space Protection Orders are now being enforced across Aldershot and Farnborough.

The new orders give the police and council officers powers to control a range of antisocial behaviour that has a detrimental effect on the local community.

Restrictions address behaviour associated with:

- Drinking alcohol
- The use of psychoactive substances
- Public urinating and defecating
- Loitering—causing nuisance including intent to beg
- Loitering and causing harassment, alarm and distress

The penalty for breach of the restrictions is a £100 fine, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days. If not paid within 29 days the council will look to prosecute, and a larger fine could be imposed. Once issued with a fixed penalty notice for breach of a PSPO, there is no right of appeal.

You can view the areas covered by the PSPOs at www.rushmoor.gov.uk/PSPO. For more information you can speak to one of our team on 01252 398399 or email us on communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org.

Stay safe at Halloween



If you're planning to enjoy Halloween bear these tips in mind:

- Think about costume safety
- Plan your trick or treat route and care when crossing roads
- Be safe and be seen
- Don't go alone: under 12s should be accompanied by an adult
- Never go into any houses
- Only knock on doors of homes displaying Halloween decorations
- Don't throw eggs or flour
- Respect people's right to not participate

If you don't want trick or treaters to knock at your door, you can download a "no trick or treaters" poster by visiting www.safernh.co.uk.

Fly-tipping fines increased in Basingstoke

If it's your rubbish, you're responsible- that's the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as it launches a campaign to crack down on those who illegally dump waste and to warn residents about the risk of paying rogue waste carriers.

The council is appealing to residents to choose carefully before paying someone to take their junk away as they can be held responsible if it is fly-tipped.

If you have any doubts, please visit a website such as <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or simply search "waste carrier licence check". For help with choosing a reputable waste carrier, use Checkatrade or Buy With Confidence to make a better decision.

The campaign has been launched in the wake of the council imposing the maximum possible fine on fly-tippers, with new fixed penalty notices raised from £200 to £400. The enforcement team investigates all reported incidents of fly-tipping and take action against anyone responsible.

To make a report, visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report. For more information on local recycling sites, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres.

Firework Safety



Around 1000 people a year are injured by fireworks. Attending an organised display is the best way to enjoy them, but if you do use them at home remember:

- Plan your display
- Buy fireworks that comply with British Standards (BS7114)
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use one at a time
- Read the instructions carefully
- Light the firework at arm's length and stand well back
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Direct fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Make sure the fire is out/made safe before leaving

For more information about firework safety visit: <http://www.saferfireworks.com/family/index.htm>.

