

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Register CCTV to help solve crimes

If you have CCTV cameras at your business or home address, register them today with Hampshire & IOW Constabulary's Community Portal to help us deter and solve crimes.

The service is free of charge and entirely voluntary. By registering with the Community Portal, you are not giving Hampshire & IOW Constabulary access to your CCTV system, you are purely making it easier for us to request and collect footage we may require for an investigation. The only footage we will ever have access to, is the footage you send to us.



Register your
cameras to help
us fight crime

If you are the owner of a local business or have residential CCTV door cams and would like to register, please email: DigitalEvidenceTeam@hampshire.police.uk

Cheque Fraud Awareness

Cheque fraud can occur in the following ways:

- An individual cheque or cheque book is stolen from you.
- A cheque is intercepted in the post (e.g. they are sent by post to a charity or appeal – the envelope is intercepted, cheque removed, payee changed, and paid in online).
- A cheque provides criminals with your name, sort code, account number and signature – with that information they can set up a direct debit, as well as take out loans/credit in your name.
- A fraudster pays you for goods/services using a stolen cheque, or deposits a fraudulent cheque into your account.

Please report [cheque fraud](#) to [Action Fraud](#). Report lost or stolen cheque books (or missing cheques) immediately to your bank (they have a 24-hour emergency number printed on account statements).

You can get free, confidential help from Victim Support if you've been affected by a scam:

Tel: 0808 16 89 111 (available 24/7) or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk



Police & Crime Plan Public Consultation

As an elected official, it is the Police and Crime Commissioner's duty to listen to public concerns and set the local policing priorities on their behalf. Have your say and inform the next Police and Crime Plan by completing the [survey](#) (which closes on 19th August 2024).

Look out for signs of child exploitation

Child exploitation is when individuals or groups coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into doing what they want in return for something the child wants or needs.

The 'Is Your Child Safe?' campaign offers advice to parents, guardians and care givers on how to spot the signs of child exploitation, what to do and where to get help.

Visit www.isyourchildsafe.org to see the support available in your area.



Cost free crime prevention tips to secure your home while on holiday



1. Ask a trusted friend, neighbour or family member to:
 - Put the bins out (and return them) on waste collection days.
 - Collect any parcels left on your doorstep.
 - Push through letters or flyers left sticking out your letterbox.
 - Clear any rubbish or leaves from the front of your home that may accumulate while you're away.
2. Remember to post holiday photos on social media when you get home, not while you're away as this advertises that your home is empty.
3. Keep valuable items out of view from the windows.

For further crime prevention advice please visit the [Hampshire and IOW Constabulary website](http://www.hampshireandio.gov.uk).

Every Action Counts ASB Initiative

The "Every Action Counts" initiative is part of a campaign to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) and encourage responsible actions, especially among children.

The Hampshire & IOW website provides guidance on how to discuss ASB with children, and the importance of being responsible for their actions.

The site also provides information on free and affordable groups, activities, and events happening for teenagers and young people in your area.

For more information visit: <https://hampshire.every-action-counts.co.uk/>

