



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Newport

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Dear Community,

Welcome to the February edition of the Newport newsletter. This newsletter will give you a synopsis of the current crime trends and issues that is affecting the community as a whole. In addition, we will use the opportunity to inform you of future policing initiatives and events.

The Newport Neighbourhood Team are responsible for dealing with incidents which present threat, risk, or harm to members of the community or their property, and situations which may give opportunity to those who would commit criminal offences.

Our aim is to help and protect the most vulnerable people in our community through education, engagement, prevention, protection and prosecution. We work with a number of key partners in order to achieve this, with the objectives of keeping our community a safe place to live and work.

We regularly attend community events and actively engage with the public to find out what their priorities are and what they think we should be concentrating on in the local area.

Beat Sugerries:

IOW College student beat surgery – Monthly – PCSO Gray and Harris

Christ the King College student beat surgery – Monthly – PCSO O’Sullivan and Vincent-White

Medina College student beat surgery – Monthly – PCSO O’Sullivan and Harris

Barton primary student beat surgery – Monthly – PCSO O’Sullivan

6th Form campus student beat surgery - Monthly - PCSO O’Sullivan

Pan Estate beat surgery (Isobel Centre) – Fortnightly – PCSO Harris

Nelly’s Community Café (Gunville) – Monthly – PCSO Vincent-White

PARKING ISSUES

Police have no powers to deal with 99.9% of parking issues.

Police can deal with the following issues:

- Pedestrian Crossings (inc. zig-zags) **
- Dangerous position (injury likely) **
- Red Routes.
- Blocked roads – Obstruction.

** Carry 3 penalty points.



Councils deal with the following:

- Any yellow line (single & double).
- Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ's).
- Clearways & Urban Clearways.
- Pavement parking (except London).
- Council car parks.
- Design of parking schemes.



Councils have the option to enforce “police” matters via CCTV, such as no entry signs, bus lanes, pedestrian crossings & box junctions. Parking contraventions and concerns are notified online via the Council website or can be phoned through on *Tel (01983) 821000*.

DOGS

Police deal with just two aspects of Dogs, Dangerous Breeds and Dangerously out of Control Dogs. Police enforce the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. This Act controls dogs bred for fighting and deals with any dog that is dangerously out of control irrespective of breed. Police & RSPCA deal with cruelty & neglect to any animal.

Dangerous Dog Breeds; Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino & Fila Brasileiro

Control in relation to where dogs can go, use of leads and dog fouling are issues legislated by and enforced by the Council. Noise from dogs is controlled by national legislation, but is also dealt with by the Council. Police have no powers in these matters.

Council Matters

Dog fouling on Isle of Wight

Dogs fouling on land open to the air where the public are permitted access.

Does not apply:

- If dog mess collected and placed in an appropriate bin.
- If there is a reasonable excuse (excludes – being unaware or no bags).
- Have consent of the land owner.
- The dog walker is registered blind or is disabled and the dog is trained by one of three charities, “Dogs for Disabled”, “Support Dogs” or “Canine Partners for Independence”.

Enforced by Environment Officer’s Team of Isle of Wight Council

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping can be a huge issue, creating a hazard and environmental concern. It also puts a strain and cost on the Council who then have to clean up the rubbish.

The IOW Council is supporting the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign which aims to help residence learn the best way to get rid of their household waste and to reduce the amount of waste that is taken and fly tipped by rogue traders. Even if you have passed your waste to a third party, you are still responsible for it and could be prosecuted if it is fly tipped. Please ensure, if you are using a “man and a van” that you check that they have a valid permit for the Islands waste sites.

Since June 2017 if residents use a van to dispose of their waste at the Island’s waste sites, they will now need a permit. This is free and last 12 months, it allows up to 12 trips per permit, you can apply for a permit by either visiting www.iwight.com/waste or by calling (01983) 823777.

If you discover fly tipping please report it via the IOW Council Website <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Waste-and-Recycling/Household-Waste-and-Recycling-Collection/Tasks>

Current Priorities

- 1) Tackling Drug related harm in the community.
- 2) Youth related anti-social behaviour.
- 3) To identify and protect vulnerable members of the community reducing their opportunities of becoming a victim or a potential offender.



[Isle of Wight Alert Community Messaging system](#)

The communities of the Isle of Wight play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe.

This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch. You do not need to join a specific watch scheme but you may find that there are like minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

If you live or work in the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

Please use the link <http://www.iowalert.co.uk> to access IOW alerts.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR REPORTING CRIMES OR INCIDENTS - TO REPORT THESE PLEASE CONTACT HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY ON 101

Scams:

Operation Signature is the force campaign to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud within Hampshire. Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

Did you know?

- 1 in 5 people fall victim to scams every year
- Nearly 50% of all adults have been targeted by a scam

Technology is enabling fraudsters to carry out attacks quicker and employ more complex behavior's to remain undetected.

What kinds of scams are there?

Common fraud types are:

- Mail scams: con artists use fake lotteries and prize draws, get-rich-quick schemes, bogus health cures and pyramid selling to get money from their victims
- Investment scams: the victim is offered investment opportunities in land, fine wines, gems, share sales or carbon credits which have little or no value.

- Romance scams: the scammer meets someone on a dating site and gains their trust. They tell their victim they need money for a family emergency or flights over to see them.

- Courier Fraud: fraudsters call and trick the victim into handing cards and PIN numbers to a courier on their doorstep or making them think they are helping in a police investigation by getting them to withdraw large amounts of cash.

- Fraud recovery scam: when fraudsters approach the victim again under a different guise, such as Trading Standards or Court officials, demanding money up front in order to finance court action to recoup some of the losses from the original crime.

There are many more types of fraud. Please see the Action Fraud website for more details.

Prosecutions are almost impossible with these complex scams, and are often committed by criminal gangs operating outside of the UK. Therefore prevention is key. Once a vulnerable victim is identified we can help to put in place simple measures to protect them and offer further crime prevention advice against other crimes such as distraction burglary, rogue trading and doorstep crime in general.

If someone is being targeted by these fraudsters, remember this person is only one of many. However, they can take some minor precautions to prevent themselves from becoming duped even further.

Advice:

Email:

- Ensure your computer is protected by personal firewall and anti-virus software and keep them regularly updated.
 - Report any abuse to your internet service provider (ISP).
 - Never reply to any email you are unsure of.
 - Visit Bank Safe Online to report all suspicious banking emails.
 - Report suspicious PayPal emails to spoof@paypal.co.uk.
 - Report suspicious eBay scams or emails to spoof@ebay.co.uk.

Telephone:

- Never accept offers over the phone “if they sound too good to be true, they usually are”.
 - Never give personal details over the phone.
 - Report any suspicious phone calls to your phone company.
- Consider registering your number with Telephone Preference Service (TPS Online) or 0845 070 0707.
 - Most telephone providers will block anonymous callers.
- Never give your credit or bank card PIN number out over the phone. This information is never requested legitimately by your bank or the police.
 - If you think something is wrong, hang up the phone.

Post:

- Many postal scams look genuine and are designed to trick you. Never respond by sending money or personal details to unsolicited mail.
- If you respond to one postal scam you may be bombarded by others as your name may be circulated to other scammers.
- If you are unsure about a piece of mail, ask a friend for their opinion or contact Consumer Direct on 0845 404 0506.
- Beware of unwanted mail from outside this country or from a post-box (PO Box) address in this country. Consider registering with Mail Preference Service either online or by calling 0845 703 4599.

Preventing and reporting doorstep scams

Unfortunately doorstep scams often target older people and those who are more vulnerable. Isle of Wight Trading Standards advise people to use the Stop, Chain, and Check method to help avert doorstep scams.

If someone unexpected comes to your door please:

- **Stop:** Are you expecting anybody? Do they have an appointment?
- **Chain:** Secure the door bar or chain before opening the door.
- **Check:** Ask for and double check the caller's identity.



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you need to report a crime, please ring **101** for all non-emergency calls or **999** for all emergency calls. Please **DO NOT** email us if you are reporting a crime. This is in case we are off duty or unable to reply to your email.



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In an emergency always call **999**

Deaf? Non-emergency text **07781 480999**

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