



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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## Crimestoppers: help put the brakes on drink and drug driving

Alcohol and drug drivers put other people's lives at risk. In 2023 Crimestoppers received over 45,000 reports about people regularly driving while under the influence of alcohol and or drugs.

It could be a work colleague, a neighbour, or even a family member or a friend. This can explain why some people are reluctant to go to the police, because of the fear of being identified.



You can give information 100% anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [online](#). Remember – in an emergency, always call 999.

## Courier Fraud reminder

**The police will never...**

- Contact you to ask for your PIN or bank details
- Ask to withdraw cash to hand over to them for safe-keeping
- Ask you transfer money out of your account for fraud reasons
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, or cards



We're receiving a high number of calls from people who have answered the phone to an unknown/withheld number and are informed they are speaking to a police officer who then persuades them to withdraw money, or transfer money, or buy valuables.

We don't involve members of the public in our investigations, we won't ask you to help us solve a fraud in a bank, we don't ask members of the public to withdraw or transfer money, nor buy gold/jewellery/valuables etc, we will never ask you for a PIN/one-time password.

Visit [our website](#) for more information and prevention advice.

## New Safer Together Hub

[The Hub](#) provides advice, guidance and information to anyone who is concerned about abuse, sexual violence and/or harassment, to help everyone in Hampshire feel safer. The online Hub is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones and has been developed in partnership with local councils, organisation and charities.

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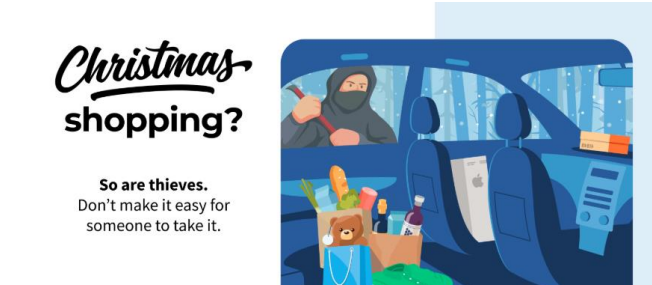


*Tackling sexual violence, abuse and harassment Together*

Information, advice and guidance

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Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Programme

## Prevention advice for the festive season

<p><b>Stay with your car this Christmas</b></p> <p>Don't leave your car unattended while it defrosts.</p>  <p>HAMPSHIRE &amp; ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTABULARY</p>	<p><b>Christmas shopping?</b></p> <p>So are thieves. Don't make it easy for someone to take it.</p>  <p>HAMPSHIRE &amp; ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTABULARY</p>
<p><b>Don't advertise your Christmas</b></p> <p>Dispose of present packaging carefully, as they can show that you have expensive goods inside.</p>  <p>HAMPSHIRE &amp; ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTABULARY</p>	<p><b>Away from home for Christmas</b></p> <p>Remember to set a timer to switch your lights on and off at regular intervals.</p>  <p>HAMPSHIRE &amp; ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTABULARY</p>






## Selling your car? Be aware of this scam

Motorists are being warned of a scam that sees potential buyers trying to knock money off the asking price by tampering with the vehicle.

This scam usually involves two or more fraudsters turning up to view a car for sale. While one distracts the owner, their accomplice tampers with the engine or exhaust by pouring oil into the coolant reservoir, exhaust or over the engine to make sure the car “breaks down” when it is test driven.

The scammer will then attempt to negotiate a lower price claiming the engine is damaged.

### Top tips:

-  Consider your location, can you meet somewhere with CCTV?
-  Have a trusted family member or friend with you during the viewing
-  Don't let buyers distract you or split up during car inspections
-  Never let anyone drive or inspect your car unsupervised
-  If smoke appears during a test drive have the car professionally inspected.

## Youth Commission Big Conversation 2024



The Big Conversation is now open for all 14 – 25 year olds living in Hampshire and the IOW to share their views, ideas and concerns. Their responses are then presented to the PCC Donna Jones and Chief Constable.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

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