

Community Safety

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This Newsletter aims to provide information around safeguarding and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), raise awareness of current issues across the district and promote the good work of our partner agencies and celebrate the successes we have had.

We can be contacted online: [Report antisocial behaviour | Hart District Council](#)

by phone: **01252 774476** or by e-mail: communitysafety@hart.gov.uk

Fleet Phoenix Spreads Its Support Wings

[Youth Charity, Fleet Phoenix](#) provide a range of amazing support services to young people across Hart and have just announced two new offerings:

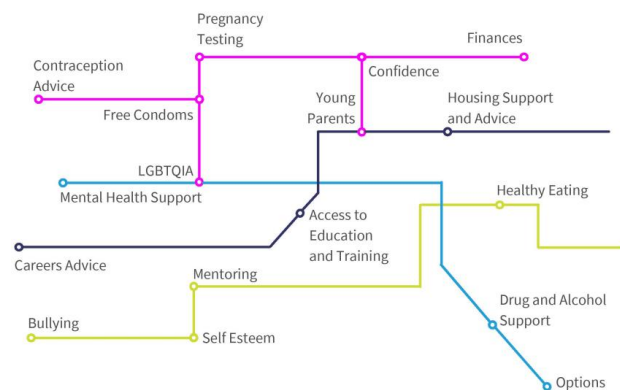


Anxiety: Unwound is for young people of secondary school age suffering from anxiety. You will learn what anxiety is, coping strategies, how to manage it, and overcome fears.

We offer a warm, welcoming, safe and confidential space, where the project will be delivered in a small group setting across an eight week course.



Are you aged between 16 and 25 and struggling with something in your life? Fleet Phoenix Open Door can help.



Anxiety: Unwound will be operating at The Point Youth Centre, Harlington Way, Fleet weekly during term times on Thursdays 4-5pm.

Open Door Hook will be operating out of The Club Room, Community Centre, Ravenscroft, Hook on Fridays 3-6pm.

For more information or assistance with a referral to **Anxiety: Unwound** or an appointment at **Open Door Hook**, please contact: info@fleetphoenix.co.uk

Vulnerability and ASB

Identifying vulnerabilities is an integral part of responding to ASB reports. The recent Housing Ombudsman Spotlight Report on **Attitudes, Respect & Rights – A Relationship of Equals** focused upon how practitioners should be responding appropriately to customers with a range of different needs to be able to achieve effective solutions.

For more insight, you can watch this free access [webinar](#) produced by Janine Green ASB & Associates on the subject which invited registered housing providers, ASB specialists and governance solicitors to explore how best to define and respond to vulnerabilities when investigating reports of ASB.

It shares examples of how customer relationships have been successfully managed, demonstrates compliance and clearly supports the notion that all partners need to work collaboratively to effectively provide long term support.

Operation Recall

Coming into Spring means being able to get out and about and enjoy lovely long walks in nicer (if not necessarily quite yet warmer!) weather, but there can be issues where owners with dogs come across livestock on those walks. Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock on agricultural land or is at large in a field with livestock, which can result in significant injury or suffering and in the worst cases, death of the animals involved. This can also have devastating consequences for livestock keepers, causing personal distress as well as significant financial cost/loss.

Whilst it is recognised that the majority of dog owners walk their dogs in a responsible manner, there are unfortunately a small minority whose recklessness puts the welfare of other animals at risk. As a result, last year, **Operation Recall** was born, with national animal welfare charities, including Naturewatch Foundation and the RSPCA, joining forces with the police and the National Rural Crime Unit (NRCU) to raise awareness and help tackle the issue.

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary is adopting Op Recall ensuring they are doing all they can to keep family pets safe, as well as livestock and have provided the following advice to help with the welfare of livestock and dogs:

- If you find a sheep on its back, try to roll it over and raise the alarm with the farmer if possible.
- It is so important to keep dogs either on leads or under close control around livestock.
- If you are walking your dog in a field and there is no livestock, please keep the dog in sight at all times, be aware of what it is doing, and be confident it will return to you promptly on command. ***If you cannot be confident of this, the dog should not be off the lead.***
- Ensure the dog does not stray off the path or area where you have right of access.
- It is a criminal offence for a dog to actively worry livestock. ***We want owners to be aware that in such instances, the owner or person in control of the dog can be prosecuted, and as a last resort the dog can be shot by the farmer to end an attack.***

For more information on Operation Recall, visit: <https://naturewatch.org/campaigns/operation-recall/>

Community in Motion

Would you like to be able to promote leadership and support within your community and empower people or feel empowered yourself to take action, no matter how small, to be able **to make a difference** when witnessing domestic abuse or violence within your community? Have you been a victim yourself and want to do what you can **to support and protect others**?

The Community Safety team will be delivering the first of its Community in Motion sessions on **21 May 2024 in the Civic Offices 1-4pm** - if you are interested in attending this training, or are part of a group that you feel would really benefit from this, please drop us a line at communitysafety@hart.gov.uk and we will be in touch with further details.

Or if you are interested in **becoming a trainer** in this subject yourself, there is one further opportunity to undertake the 2-day Train the Trainer course **FREE OF CHARGE 9am-4pm in Winchester on 22 and 23 May 2024**. You need to attend both dates to cover the complete course content.

To sign up, please contact: julie.ponton@portsmouthcc.gov.uk - there are 20 spaces available.

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