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Community Safety &
Neighbourhood Services **e-Bulletin**

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Welcome

Welcome to the Winchester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-bulletin. The aim of this bulletin is to update partners on local and national campaigns being supported by us as well as providing you with dates for your diary. Have a look on the City Council's website for more information about the work of the CSP and the Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services Team. The Website can be accessed using the following link;

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We hope you find this bulletin useful and welcome any feedback about this edition and content for future bulletins, our contact details can be found at the end of the bulletin.

September Campaigns

Welcome to the Neighbourhood Campaign



Thousands of new students have now settled into their first term of the academic year in Winchester. To help students get used to their new surroundings the city council launched the annual 'Welcome to the Neighbourhood campaign' on

September 17th 2018.

The council's Community Safety and Neighbourhood Services Team, city councillors and volunteers from the University of Winchester Students' Union visited all student properties in Stanmore, Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery, Weeke, Highcliffe, Winnall, Abbotts Barton and St Pauls Ward to welcome them and provide help & advice in getting them settled in their new community.

[Student Welcome Booklet.](#)

Loan Shark Campaign

On the 17th September 2018 the "don't get bitten by a loan shark" Campaign was launched by Winchester City Council

The signing was organised in conjunction with the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) to raise awareness of the problem and help people in the local community.

The partnership will raise awareness of illegal money lending, secure prosecutions and work with local organisations in Winchester and the wider district to ensure people in the hands of loan sharks are able to access appropriate advice, affordable credit and other sources of support.

What is a Loan Shark?

A loan shark, not to be confused with a high cost legal lender, is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Permission is given by the Financial Conduct Authority to individuals or companies whom they believe are “fit and proper”.

Loan Shark activity is characterised by deliberate criminal activity, with extortionate rates of interest charged on loans that mean borrowers can face demands for payment of thousands of pounds more than they borrowed and can often never pay off the loans. Borrowers who fail to pay or refuse to pay can be subject to intimidation, humiliation and extreme physical violence.

If you believe a loan shark is operating then please call the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) **on 0300 555 2222**.

If you have a community event we where can raise awareness either with colleagues or community residents please contact Janette Palmer with the details jpalm@winchester.gov.uk. Also contact Janette if you have a group of 10 or more who would be interested in receiving awareness briefing from the Illegal Money Lending Team.

National & Hampshire Campaigns

Action Fraud warns shoppers to stay tuned to fraud as £6.5 million is lost to gift card fraud

Action Fraud is warning the public to #StayTunedToFraud as fraudsters are contacting victims, claiming to be from well-known organisations including [Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs \(HMRC\)](#). Fraudsters are then tricking victims into making payments using iTunes gift cards.



How to protect yourself from gift card fraudsters:

Gift cards, including App Store and iTunes gift cards can only be used to purchase goods and services from the retailer named on the card. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher.

If you're contacted by anyone that asks you to do this, you're very likely the target of a scam.

- If you think you have been a victim of fraud, [report it to Action Fraud online](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Operation Rogue Trader



The Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services Team will once again be supporting the Op Rogue Trader Campaign by reminding residents to be aware of rogue traders & door step crime.

Offenders knock on the door pretending to be someone else. They may then:

- distract you to get in and steal items, sometimes with an accomplice
- pretend to have lost a pet
- claim they need to use your home phone
- claim they're from the council, a utility supplier (water or gas, for example) or even police.

ADVICE - If it's an emergency, call 999 now.

If you're not sure, don't open the door.

Further advice can be found on Hampshire Police website "[Who will call on you today](#) campaign".

Halloween!

Halloween will soon be upon us, and as always advice to children and their parents is to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may not wish to participate in the Halloween activities and can at times feel intimidated by groups of people calling at their doors. With this in mind, below is some advice for the elderly or vulnerable members of our community staying home this Halloween:

- If you do not know who is calling at your house you do not need to open the door
- Try to see who is at the door by looking through a spy hole or window before opening the door, if you have a chain on your door – keep this in place when opening the door
- If you feel threatened in your home please contact police.

British Summer Time (BST) this year ends at 2am on Sunday 29 October 2018.

Don't make an empty home easy for burglars to spot when it's dark.

Home security advice

For greater home security you can consider the following:

- Leave lights on to make your home look occupied
- Invest in timers that will automatic switch lamps and devices on and off
- Gadgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- Help lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- Thieves target homes that look empty
- Shut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- Only tell people you trust when going away
- Now you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends



Dates for the Diary

Christmas Lights Switch On - 15th November 2018 4:00pm -7:00pm

Celebrate the start of the festive period and join Heart Radio's Rich Clarke, who will be hosting an evening of live entertainment and fun, with the city's wonderful Christmas lights being switched on by local Winchester heroes nominated by members of the public

Lights will be switched on at 6pm.

Alcohol Awareness Week 19-25th November 2018

This year the theme of Alcohol Awareness Week is 'Change'

Change is necessary.

Change is possible.

Change is happening.

For more information visit www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

White Ribbon Campaign – 26th November 2018



Winchester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) will once again be supporting White Ribbon Day aimed at eliminating violence against women.

Representatives from numerous partner agencies, including the City Council Community Safety & Neighbourhood Services Team, Winchester Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum and Trinity

Women's Service will be in Winchester City Centre, St Maurice's Covert from 11am-1pm on the 26th November 2018. As always we will be asking people to support the campaign by wearing a white ribbon.

In the run up to the event, agencies will be making contact with local businesses to ask that they make white ribbons available to their staff on the day. The CSP will also be using social media to put out messages and quotes from survivors and service users about their contact with local services.

And Finally

If you require further information about any of the topics highlighted please contact the Community Safety Team at communitysafety@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 848 222.

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