Community Safety

The newsletter from
Hart District Council



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This Newsletter aims to provide information about how we can support those experiencing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), current issues across the district and successes we have achieved.

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Spring has Sprung

As the lighter evenings extend and warmer, (hopefully) drier weather arrives, outdoor living and activities tend to naturally increase. This can mean relaxed living and lots of fun to many, dusting off the barbecue and clearing garden spaces to make room for entertaining family, neighbours and friends.

For some, however, where due consideration is not given to surrounding neighbours, this can mean a time of intrusion and higher levels of disruption and noise into their otherwise peaceful home and garden space which can create high levels of anxiety if persistent.

Some level of noise and disruption between households is to be expected when living within close quarters with other properties, but this is a timely reminder that not everyone loves to party until the wee small hours and if you are planning a big event that you feel might impact your neighbours, think about giving them some advance notice out of courtesy so that they can make other arrangements if they wish to - or ensure ear plugs are close to hand if they need to get an early night – remembering that not everyone has their days off at the weekend.

Be aware that sound travels more in the quiet of the evening and even a little alcohol on board can crank up the volume and passion of conversations in a social setting. Be mindful not to smoke under the open windows of neighbours and generally employ the principle that if you wouldn't like to be disturbed by what you are doing, re-think what you are doing in consideration for others.

For anyone experiencing severe and persistent noise and/or antisocial behaviour – follow the advice on these Hart website links:

Report a noise issue | Hart District Council

Antisocial behaviour | Hart District Council

Coronation Celebrations

Unless you've been living under a rock, you'll be more than aware that the coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 taking a processional route through London from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and back. It will of course have extensive television coverage and many people will enjoy the event from the comfort of their home or in gatherings with family, neighbours or friends.

If you are thinking of travelling to London, be prepared as it is expected to be busy – you can use the TfL website to help plan your journey and to get live updates on any issues: Keeping London moving - Transport for London (tfl.gov.uk)

If you are hoping to plan a Coronation Celebration of your own, please see our website for further advice: Coronation celebrations | Hart District Council

As with any event or gathering - either in London or celebrations elsewhere - you are encouraged to stay vigilant and report anything you see that may present as suspicious activity or a potential safety concern either to Police on 999 or to: Action Counters Terrorism

Please also note if you live in the vicinity of one that pubs, clubs and bars across England and Wales will be able to stay open for an extra two hours on Friday and Saturday of the coronation weekend.

However you choose to enjoy the extra long weekend we have in this coronation year – have fun and stay safe.

Safeguarding in Action

Issue
A Hart resident presents at Hart District Council Offices in clear distress and in need of immediate support around a range of issues regarding finances, housing standards and mental health.

Response
Member of the Safeguarding Champions team attends to ascertain what is going on for the resident and to see in what ways, if any, support can be offered to alleviate the anxiety and stress of the resident and find a way forward.

Action
All relevant services are linked in to work towards resolving issues and engagement with health services is encouraged through NHS 111. A safeguarding concern is shared as follow up with Adults Health and Social Care.

Outcome
Financial assessment is completed, housing association agreed review of all issues in the home, foodbank organised to provide a food parcel to resident and mental health services committed to follow up – resident left the offices with a more positive outlook and a clear path forward.

Fund Raiser in Memory of a Much Loved Colleague

PCSO Sam Page from the Hart North Neighbourhood Policing Team, based in Fleet, is doing a charity skydive on 21st May, 2023 in memory of student PCSO Daniel Gower who sadly passed away late last year.

The aim of the skydive is to raise funds for one of the local youth Charities, Fleet Phoenix, that Police and Hart District Council work very closely with, and that Dan enjoyed involvement with during his time in Fleet.

Anyone who knew, met or worked with Dan, will know that he was an amazing individual who touched the lives of everyone he interacted with - both personally and professionally - and he will be sorely missed.

Sam has set up a Just Giving page and would be delighted if you could support her in remembering Dan by donating to this very worthy charity:

PCSO Sam - Skydive for Fleet Phoenix - In Memory of Dan

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