

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Enjoy your dog walks

National animal welfare charities are joining forces with the police and National Rural Crime Unit to raise awareness and help tackle the issue of livestock worrying while keeping our pets safe.

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 injury, suffering or in the worst cases, death of the animals involved. It is a criminal offence for a dog to actively worry livestock and dog owners risk prosecution. For more information visit our [website](#). Or visit: [How to enjoy your dog walks - advice on avoiding a sheep worrying incident](#)



Booking.com scam

Booking.com and Action Fraud are providing advice on how to spot signs of fraud and protect your Booking.com account after a rise in fraudsters requesting payments from bookings.



- No legitimate transaction will ever ask a customer to provide credit card details by phone, email or text message.
- If you receive requests requiring immediate attention, reach out to the Booking.com Customer Service team via the details on the official [Booking.com](#) website or app.
- If you have any doubts about a message, contact Booking.com directly. Don't use numbers or addresses in the message, use the details from the official website.
- For more information about protecting your Booking.com account, please visit: [Safety Tips for Travellers | Booking.com](#)

Registering and Marking Property

Christmas was a few weeks ago now, but it's not too late to protect your gifts and new purchases. You can do this by registering items for free on the national property database, [Immobilise](#). It's also a good time to review items you have already registered, removing any you no longer own and making sure your contact details are up to date.

For advice on using property marking kits and selecting the right one for your items you can take a look at the [Property Marking Guide](#) created by Secured by Design.



Buy with Confidence

A new year often means tackling projects or making purchases you've been planning for a while. Whether it's home improvements, finding a reliable service or making big-ticket buys, start 2025 on the right foot by choosing businesses you can trust.

Look for traders who are Trading Standards Approved through the Buy With Confidence scheme. They've been vetted by Trading Standards for quality and reliability, giving you peace of mind for all your plans this year. Start the year as you mean to go on – with confidence! Find reliable traders here: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk



CrimeStoppers campaign



Crimestoppers are running a campaign across Hampshire focusing on signs to spot that drug gangs are exploiting vulnerable people: [Warning: Vulnerable people are targeted, groomed & exploited by drug gangs | Crimestoppers](#)

Organised drug gangs exploiting young people and vulnerable adults is an increasing problem. Often the public or friends and families of those drawn into their activities are unaware of what signs to look out for that it is happening. The campaign emphasises how to pass on what you know 100% anonymously.

Tell Crimestoppers what you know by calling 0800 555 111 at any time or by completing a [secure online form](#) or via [Fearless.org](#) for young people where more can also be learnt about the warning signs of drug gang activity. With [Fearless.org](#) and [Crimestoppers-uk.org](#), computer IP addresses are never traced and no one will ever know you contacted them. Calls can never be traced.

Local Bobbies

It has been a year since the Local Bobby scheme was launched to reconnect the public with their local Bobby on the beat.

Who's your local police officer? You can find their name, email and telephone number by using the link below.

Just enter your postcode here:

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/LocalLookup>

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2025 is on the 11th February. The theme for this year is "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and other from scams online".

Resources and further information can be found on the

[UK Safer Internet Centre website](#)

