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# Community Safety

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## Christmas Advice

For some opportunist burglars Christmas can arrive early when they come across properties which appear to be insecure. Unoccupied homes that have valuables such as keys, electricals and Christmas presents on view can be tempting. So ensure your home and valuables are safe and secure over the festive period.

Shut all windows and lock them when you are not using the room, at night and when you leave your property. Lock all front and rear doors at night and when you are out. If you have a UPVC door with a multi-point lock ensure you lift the handle and lock it with the key. Ensure all car keys and other keys are out of sight and not in reach of windows and letterboxes. It doesn't take much for the keys to be hooked through the letterbox. When you are out Christmas shopping don't leave the bought items and other valuables such as phones, sat navs and bags visible in your vehicle.

If you see anyone acting suspicious around your or others properties contact 101.

## Bank Scam Advice

There have been several incidents in the area of people being phoned by someone purporting to be from their bank or building society. Having confirmed basic details and asked the victim to confirm who they are the caller goes onto explain that there is a requirement for the individual to have a new bank card.



The caller then goes onto explain that there is a new secure system to provide a replacement bank card or cash card to them. It is explained that a courier will call to collect the old card and the account holder must supply them with the PIN number. They will then be delivered a new card. A courier does arrive very quickly and collects the card and number and the card is then used to withdraw money.

If you receive a suspicious call please ring 101. Please ensure that all paperwork/letters containing any personal details are shredded prior to disposing.

## Winter Holiday Coaching Courses

During the school holidays week long football courses are available. These run from 10am - 2pm, are available to everyone aged 5 - 16 and cost £49 for the week. As well as coaching and practice, there will be tournaments and a chance to win trophies and medals. The courses are run by Aldershot Town FC's 'Shots In The Community' and the Safer Hart Partnership and supported by Hart District Council and Fleet Town Council.

19th - 23rd December 2011, Oakley Park  
13th - 17th February 2012, Oakley Park



Each participant receives two tickets to an Aldershot Town FC home league fixture and there is also the chance to be recommended to the ATFC Centre of excellence. To book on to a Holiday Coaching Course or for more information about the scheme contact the 'Shots In The Community' team on 01252 339384.

## Crime Reduction & Environment Week

Responsible drinking during the pre-Christmas period, particularly within Fleet's popular night time economy, will be the focus of 'Safer Hart's' Crime Reduction and Environment Week taking place from 12 - 18 December.

Hampshire Police and Hart District Council's Community Safety Team will be in the Hart Shopping Centre (12-2pm) on 12, 14 and 16 December to talk to members of the public about any issues they may be facing. Other activities will include licensing and under aged drinking checks on licensed premises, alcohol awareness and safety talks to schools and the launch of Best Bar None.

There will also be increased patrols of the area that week and partnership work with groups such as Pubwatch and Churches Together. Activities will include litter picking, removal of abandoned vehicles, fire inspections and dog warden patrols. CREW leaflets and Alcohol Awareness leaflets are available for interested parties, please contact 01252 774229 to have them delivered.

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