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Community Safety

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Graffiti Busting Week

The next Graffiti Busting Week, organised by the 'Safer Hart' Partnership and Hart District Council will be taking place from 12 - 16 March.



The bi-annual event sees members of the Community Safety team and a professional contractor remove as much graffiti from the district as possible. During this week, even graffiti on private property will be removed, if the landowner's permission is received.

Each year 'Safer Hart' removes around 100 instances of graffiti throughout the district, reducing the fear of crime and the impact on the community. Graffiti that is not removed during this week will be given priority during the next event.

Fortunately graffiti is not a major problem in Hart, and this project continues to ensure that unsightly and offensive graffiti is not able to spread. There are things you can do to reduce the chance of your property being targeted. Climbing plants on exposed brick walls, hedges planted in front of wooden fences, security lighting and of course, reporting to 101 any graffiti vandals caught in the act will all help protect yourself and your neighbours.

To report graffiti please contact community-safety-team@hart.gov.uk

The Base Youth Club



From February through to July members of our Community Safety Team will be running workshops for Year 6 students at The Base youth club in Hook.

The ASB Interventions Officer will be providing fun and informative workshops for the young club attendees. The topics include Internet Safety; Stranger Danger and Healthy Life Styles.

If you would like to come along to the youth club or for more information please visit thebaseyouthcentre.co.uk.

Arson Fightback



Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service has joined forces with the Police, Ministry of Defence and Landmarc to work together to reduce heath and woodland fires across Hart. Over the last year 44% of all calls across the region were to fires out in the open, typically on large areas of heath land which as well as a threat to local wildlife, puts a huge demand on the fire service.

We would ask you to support our mission by being vigilant when making use of our countryside. By following simple guidelines, such as avoiding dropping litter, careful disposal of cigarettes and reporting any suspicious activity, you can help reduce the risk of further accidental fires. Dial 999 and request the fire service if you see a fire. An early call could mean the difference between a small, easily controllable fire and a widespread, devastating fire.

We believe that some fires have been maliciously ignited. 'Safer Hart' continues to promote school education about the dangers and consequences of arson and drive down cases of deliberately set fires and arson in the region. As a result of similar work carried out last year we successfully prosecuted two youths for heath land arson.

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service offer cards with useful contact numbers. If you are a member of a group that uses the countryside copies of these can be obtained by dropping into Rushmoor Fire station.

We hope that dog walkers, mountain bikers and ramblers will carry these and be able to use the information whilst they are out in the woods or on the heath land so that everyone can continue to enjoy the countryside.

For more information visit www.hantsfire.gov.uk.