



PORTSMOUTH



April 2021 Newsletter

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Police Update: Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank all of our Portsmouth residents and businesses for their continued support throughout what has and continues to be very challenging time for us all. As we know, the advantage of Neighbourhood Watch is that before this event, the group have always have the mind set of looking after each other, it is my hope that one positive that may come out of the Pandemic and indeed lockdown is that more people will now look to join the Neighbourhood Watch Community groups.

Can I please ask that you speak to your friends, family & colleagues to express the advantages of NHW – please also ask them to sign up to www.hampshirealert.co.uk if they are not in their own NW Group. As we begin to emerge from lockdown things may be different however, our focus remains on Engaging with the Communities we serve, addressing local concerns and tackling crime. With your continued support, we will achieve our goals.

You can find us on **Website:** www.hampshire.police.uk Please follow us and encourage others to:
[Portsmouth Police on Facebook](#) [Portsmouth Police on Twitter \(@PompeyPolice\)](#)
[Portsmouth Police on Instagram](#) Please **join us** as above to provide you with regular **local updates**.

During the period of Civil Emergency – COVID-19, your local Police teams have been at work out on patrol and providing updates via our digital media platforms. Our position is to always engage with our communities, explain why we want them to do what we need them to do, and encourage people to do the right thing. We know the vast majority of people are fully complying with the guidance and advice to continue to limit the spread of COVID-19. Over the past months, we have seen a fantastic response from you and we would like to thank you for that.

For more information about the new guidelines visit
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

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Website: www.hinwa-nw.org.uk

Community Warden Update: The Wardens are a friendly, approachable source of support and advice for residents. They can help with: • Reports of ASB • Fly tipping and graffiti • Neighbour nuisance • Dog fouling • Dog nuisance and Dog Control Orders • Littering
Email safecleantidy@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or phone 0800 085 3840 (10am and 10pm – at all other times please leave a message on the answerphone).

Stay water safe with the summer coming. We want you to enjoy your summer and stay safe in and around the water. Tombstoning is a dangerous craze which involves jumping off high levels into the sea. If you know someone who might be involved in tombstoning please discourage them from taking part. It's important that peer pressure doesn't affect their judgment or influence them to join in this hazardous activity, which can result in serious injury. Why is it dangerous?

1: Nobody is completely sure what is beneath the water and how shallow it could be.
2: Submerged objects like rocks. They may not be visible and can cause serious injury if people jump onto them.
3: The shock of cold water may make it difficult to swim. 4: Other children may copy others' actions
5: Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away from the shore
Community wardens are working closely with the Police to help prevent injury through tombstoning. If you are concerned call the Police on 101 (or 999 in an emergency) or contact community wardens on 08000 853840.

Portsmouth is a city of dog lovers Portsmouth is a city of dog lovers and the vast majority are responsible and clean up after their dogs mess. But we still need your help to make our city even cleaner. If you witness someone failing to pick up after their dog or if you want to report instances of dog mess you can call 0800 085 38 40, you can also report it via our website which is <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/the-council/report-it.aspx>. The more evidence we have the more likely we can sort out the problem. If possible, please provide information on: times when the offence(s) took place • description of the dog • description of the owner • address they are seen entering or leaving • vehicle registration.

Trading Standards Update:

Trouble with Cold Callers? To request a 'no cold calling' sticker pack please email with your full address to trading.standards@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Suspected scam emails can be simply forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete. If you feel that you or someone you know has been or is currently suffering from falling victim to a scam then contact; **Action Fraud** on 0300 123 2040 or <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime> or alternatively; **Citizens Advice** on 03444 111 444 or <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam>

A CRUEL rogue trader who charmed a pensioner into paying more than £140,000 from her life savings for 'worthless' maintenance work has been jailed. Michael McCann, 25, first befriended his victim, a Southsea woman in her 70s, before tricking her into handing over £20,000 in cash and signing away £123,000 in cheques over several months. Heartless McCann used 'blackmail' to stop her going to the authorities – but a PCSO concerned about the work alerted Portsmouth City Council's trading standards team. Now he has been condemned as 'especially cruel' after he was jailed for 32 months at Portsmouth Crown Court for making thousands from bogus work.

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