

Be alert to ticket fraud this summer



Festival and concert goers looking to get last minute tickets to this summer's top events are urged to be on their guard against fraudulent sellers, as new data reveals £6.7 million was lost to ticket fraud last year.

Protect yourself by:

- ✓ Only buying tickets from the venue's box office, the promoter, an official agent or a well-known and reputable ticket exchange site.
- ✓ Pay by credit card or payment services such as PayPal (instead of bank transfer) which gives you a better chance of recovering the money. Be wary of unsolicited emails or adverts offering unbelievable prices.
- ✓ Use vendors that are members of [Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers \(STAR\)](#), as they have signed up to their strict governing standards.

The NBCC Safe Spaces Scheme extended to Private Security Industry



The Safe Spaces scheme, which was launched by the NBCC in 2023 to make retail outlets a safe space for people in need of help, is being extended to include private security organisations.

The scheme already has support from the likes of John Lewis Partnership, Waitrose, Coop, Asda, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Next and Boots meaning that there are in excess of 13,000 retail units offering a safe space.

To find out more information and to sign up to the scheme, click this link: [Safe Spaces \(nbcc.police.uk\)](#)

Master Locksmith Lock Snapping Advice

The Master Locksmith Association (MLA) has a host of useful guides and tips on keeping your property safe.



On their website you can find out what lock snapping is and how to prevent your uPVC or composite door against this common break-in method. They will also show you how to check if your current locks are anti-snap and fitted correctly. Visit the MLA website here: [What is Lock Snapping & How to Prevent It - Master Locksmiths Association](#)

HMRC QR Code Scam Alert

HMRC have identified a new VAT email scam, which may encourage you to scan a QR code. HMRC will never ask you to submit personal information via a QR code.

If you have received this email, do not engage, and report it to HMRC here: [Report suspicious HMRC emails, text messages and phone calls - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-suspicious-hmrc-emails-text-messages-and-phone-calls)



Rural Times Spring Edition

The latest edition of Rural Times is now available to view on our [police website](#)

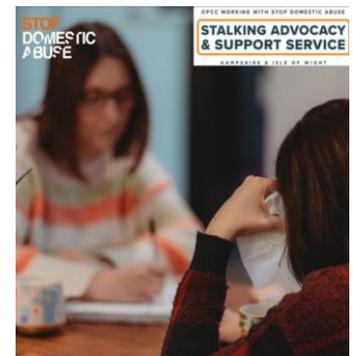
This edition focuses on the spring season, with police and partner efforts to tackle trends of livestock worrying this time of year under Operation Recall, and pleas to members of the public and dog walkers to be mindful of livestock, ground nesting birds and young deer who are vulnerable in spring.

Stalking Advocacy and Support Service

The Stalking Advocacy and Support Service is provided by Stop Domestic Abuse. It offers support and advocacy to victims of stalking, irrespective of whether the perpetrator is known to them or they have reported the stalking to the Police.

Just call, email or visit the [Stop Domestic Abuse website](#) for practical and emotional support delivered by specialists.

Helpline: 0330 0533 630 Email: stalking@stopdomesticabuse.uk



Bike Register Marking Scheme

Neighbourhood Police Teams continue to deliver free Bike Register Marking and Registration events across Hampshire and IOW. To find out more about the benefits of Bike Register please visit: [The National Cycle Database | BikeRegister](#)

To find your nearest event please either follow your local area Neighbourhood Team on Facebook, sign up to [Hampshire Alert](#) or visit the Bike Register events page here: [Find a marking event | BikeRegister](#)



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