CRIME PREVENTION YOUR UPDATE

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Stolen Goods



Organised criminal gangs are behind many thefts, selling the stolen items to fund their other crimes, such as large-scale drug supply. It leads to a cycle of crime which damages local communities and causes people to feel unsafe in their own neighbourhood.

The stolen items are often sold via online market places, local online community pages or at car boot sales. If you've been offered a bargain that seems too good to be true, it could be stolen.

Think you know where stolen goods are being sold? Your information, however small, could help keep your community safe. Tell Crimestoppers what you know 100% anonymously. Crimestoppers pass it on for you and no one will ever know that you spoke up. Call free, any time, on 0800 555 111, or fill in their quick & secure online form.

Amazon Impersonation Scam



Report Fraud has identified an emerging trend in reporting which involves a victim being contacted by a criminal claiming to be from Amazon who informs them of alleged suspicious activity on their Amazon account.

The criminals then claim that unauthorised items have been added to the victim's Amazon basket. To make the fraud appear genuine, they provide delivery addresses that do not belong to the victim and claim that someone is attempting to purchase the items using the victim's bank details.

EyesOn App

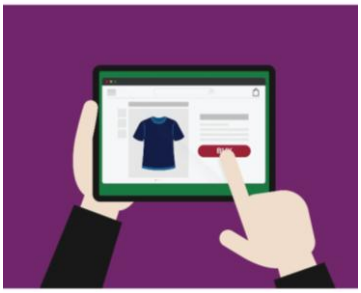
Our dedicated EyesOn app, allows people with a business connection to the rural or wildlife environment (such as farmers, gamekeepers and rural estate owners) to receive direct rural policing updates from us, but more importantly – offer them a bespoke tool to report information to us about crime, ASB and suspicious activity. There is also a private rural community within the app that approved users can join, such as rural businesses, workers and partner agencies. Since we launched in March, we have welcomed 500 members. Download EyesOn for free through the App Store on your phone.

Lights On



- **L**eave lights on to make your home look occupied
- **I**nvest in timers that will automatic switch lamps and devices on and off
- **G**adgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- **H**elp lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- **T**hieves target homes that look empty
- **S**hut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- **O**nly tell people you trust when going away
- **N**ow you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends

Online Shopping Tips



- Always use a credit card for all online purchases – if you spend between £100 and £30,000 you will receive protection under Section 75 of the Credit Consumer Act, and you won't be sharing your bank details.
- Read online reviews to check websites and sellers are genuine, and ask to see high value items in person or via video link, as well as getting copies of the relevant documentation.
- Always access the website you're purchasing from by typing it into your web browser and be wary of clicking on links in unsolicited emails or posts on social media. Always ensure you click 'log out' or 'sign out' of websites.
- The introduction of Lucy's Law makes it illegal for you to purchase pets sold by a third-party seller. If you're looking for a pet, buy it directly from a breeder or consider adopting from a rescue centre instead.
- If you have visited a website you think is suspicious you can report it to the National Cyber Security Centre.

Rural Times



The latest edition of Rural Times is now available to read on the Hampshire police website, highlighting recent police activity and matters affecting rural communities now we are in the autumn season.

Some of the issues highlighted in this edition include hare coursing and some recent arrests and cross-border operations linked to this, as well as game bird poaching which we continue to see.