

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Free course for young motorcyclists launched by Police

Police in Hampshire and the IOW are launching a new free course funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner aimed at educating young and inexperienced motorcyclists so they can ride safely on our roads.

[SmartRide](#), combines classroom learning and observed rides with our own Roads Policing motorcyclists and is targeted specifically for young motorcyclists, who have not yet learned the skills that older drivers have.

The next course will be held on Saturday 18 July. To book your spot, please [sign up here](#).



Rural Times



The latest edition of Rural Times has now been published to our website and can be found [here](#).

This edition highlights how police and partners are proactively dealing with issues surrounding stolen plant and farm machinery, and waste crime. The online magazine also touches on rising metal theft across the county, advice on livestock worrying and fuel theft, and some recent arrests, prosecutions and court appearances for rural offenders.

Counter Terrorism Reporting

Have you seen or heard something that doesn't feel right? Could it be related to terrorism? Trust your instincts and report anything that doesn't feel right to security or report online in confidence at <https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>

In an emergency call 999.



It is ok if you are not sure, you can call ACT on 0800 789 321 to talk through your concerns in confidence. Your call will not be recorded. You do not have to give your name.

Counter Terrorism Policing take every report seriously. Their dedicated teams work 24/7 reviewing reports from across the country and carefully investigate before taking any action.

Report Fraud: Courier Fraud continues to evolve across the UK

Criminals are using increasingly sophisticated and persistent tactics in [Courier Fraud](#) with total losses exceeding £21m in 2025. They tend to target older people aged 70 and above. This group makes up the majority of victims, with those aged between 76 and 96 alone accounting for around 62% of all reports.



How to protect yourself from courier fraud:

- **Transferring money:** Your bank or the police will never ask you to transfer money to a safe account.
- **Couriers:** Your bank or the police will never send a courier to your home to collect bank cards, cash, or other valuables such as jewellery.
- **Check if it's genuine:** Contact the organisation directly using contact details you know are correct, such as those on official websites, the back of your card or by calling 159 for your bank.
- **Caller ID:** Don't trust the Caller ID display on your phone - it's not proof of ID.
- **Report suspicious calls:** You can report suspected scam calls by sending a text to 7726 with the word 'Call' followed by the caller's number.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud contact Report Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via their website at <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/reporting-a-fraud/>

Operation Makesafe



[Operation Makesafe](#) is a national project, looking to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation initially within the Hotel & Leisure industry, it has now expanded into care homes and taxis services. It aims to empower businesses and organisations to tackle exploitation through increased awareness and

training by being able to identify potential victims of child sexual exploitation, and alert the police to intervene to safeguard any at risk children. Campaign materials and advice can be found on our website here: [Op Makesafe - Preventing Child Exploitation | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary](#)

EyesOn – the bespoke rural crime App

We're encouraging people with a business connection to rural Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to sign up to the free [EyesOn app](#). The first rural application of its kind, EyesOn offers a digital solution to filing crime reports as well as a secure 'chat' function between groups of local users and police. App store links can be found here: <https://eyesonapp.com/download/>

