

Happy New Year to all our readers.

We hope you all had a splendid Christmas and are already enjoying the start of 2023 ! Let's hope that January and February don't bring too much really cold weather. Let's hope also that our energy bills don't increase as much a some 'experts' believe they might!

With all the gloom and doom around just now, last year was very difficult for many people locally as well as across the country and indeed abroad. We would like to believe that Mr Putin comes to his senses and stops his futile and senseless aggression in Ukraine soon.

We also hope that Mr Sunak and his government come to their senses and award the NHS pay settlements that make sense. Our hard working nurses and other staff must be rewarded for the wonderful work they do, and have done, despite 12 years of Tory cutbacks.



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Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards 2023



Fareham runs these awards each year in recognition of residents who have made a positive difference to the lives of local people.

There are two categories:

Young Citizen of Honour for under 18s. Citizen of Honour for 18s and over.

For more information and to nominate someone online, visit:

www.Fareham.gov.uk/coh or call 01329 824400

The deadline for nominations is **31 January 2023**

Osborn Road Car Park Plans



Osborn Road Multi-Storey car park is to be replaced with a new 'surface' car park. Initially 120 spaces were proposed but this has been increased to around **139** modern sized spaces. Solar energy generation and electric vehicle charging facilities will be included.

Work on the new car park is planned to start this year.

You can "Have Your Say" on the proposal by clicking on this link:

Osborn Rd Car Park

or, if you prefer, copy and paste this link into your browser:

https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=167163142377

The Survey will close on **7 February 2023**.

Action on Offensive Graffiti

The area of Upper Wharf has been targeted by hate speech graffiti.

This picture shows the graffiti was still there on 29 November !



has been removed as this picture, taken on 9 December, shows !

The site owners have at last reacted to requests by the FBC Streetscene department and pressure by your local Lib Dem Councillors **David** and **Katrina** and got the job done.

Unfortunately, more offensive graffiti has appeared recently. We ask the owners to again remove this eyesore and for local authorities to redouble efforts to stop this happening again.

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ROYAL Stitches



Another NEW enterprise has recently opened in Fareham's West Street. *"Royal Stitches"* offers a repair service for all types of clothing and other material items.

Don't throw away that loved jacket or dress, have it repaired. We believe this new business deserves to succeed so, please,

"Use it or Lose it".

Fareham & Gosport Voluntary Car Scheme

A Reminder that the Fareham & Gosport Voluntary Car Scheme, which is entirely run by volunteers, enables vulnerable/elderly members of our community to get to appointments conveniently and economically when public transport options are not viable.



If you need to get to a medical appointment at hospital or any of the local health centres and you have difficulty getting there, contact the scheme by phoning **02392 231899**.

This scheme is a charity and only asks for a donation to cover costs and the fuel for volunteer drivers who will take you to your appointment and return you to your home afterwards.

To find out more, visit the **Community First Website**

If you have mobility issues but need to get around Fareham shops,

"Shopmobility" can help.

You can rent an electric mobility scooter or wheelchair from their office on the ground floor of the Osborn Road multi-storey car park.

The Shopmobility office is open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Call 01329 282929 for more information and to book a scooter.

Visit the website : **Shopmobility Fareham**

Wallington Village Grand Quiz



The Annual quiz for residents of Wallington Village and Fareham East will take place on:

Saturday 4th March 2023

Venue: Wallington Village Hall, Broadcut, Fareham.

Doors open: 7:00p.m. Quiz Starts: 7:30p.m.

Teams of up to 6.

£10pp. Includes fish supper and alternatives.

There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks.

Tickets now on sale. Contact: Katrina on katrinatrott@gmail.com or phone: 01329 310389







Recent Hampshire and Action Fraud Alerts

Fareham man due in court to face weapon and drugs charges

17 January 2023

A Fareham man is due in court this week to face drugs and weapon charges.

Jayden Tooley, aged 18, of Butser Walk in Fareham, has been summonsed to appear in court in relation to the following offences:

- Possession of cocaine with intent to supply
- Being concerned in the supply of cocaine
- Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place, namely a knuckleduster

Tooley will appear at Portsmouth Magistrates' Court on Thursday 19 January.

Message Sent By

Jack Backwell (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Nuisance Phone Calls and Messages

Are you receiving nuisance phone calls ? Calls such as: "Your computer is showing faults", "Your roof insulation is not up to standard" or simply, when you pick up the phone there is silence ?

You can easily report these calls to the *Information Commissioner's Office (ICO*).



The more that these annoying, and sometimes concerning calls are reported, the more likely something can be done to stop them.

Getting Unwanted Calls ? REPORT THEM !

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Two Arrested in Connection with Park Gate Robbery

13 January 2023

Officers investigating a robbery in Park Gate have made two arrests.



The circumstances are that a man had his Rolex watch stolen from his home address after advertising it for sale online.

He had been hoping to use the proceeds of the sale to pay for private medical care.

Police were told that a man and a woman attended the victim's address on 6 September, however he was threatened at knife point by the man and the pair left with the victim's watch - described as a silver Rolex Oyster Perpetual DATEJUST, with a white gold fluted bezel and a jubilee bracelet.

Following a number of enquiries, a 26-year-old man from Kent and a 24-year-old woman from Worcestershire were arrested on suspicion of robbery.

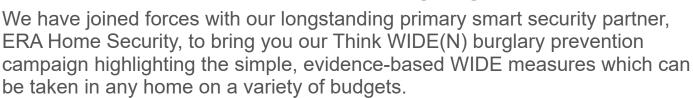
They have been bailed until 26 March while further enquiries are conducted.

Message Sent By Jack Backwell (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)

Think WIDE(N) to Prevent Burglary

16 January 2023

Nearly two-thirds (65%)* of us are worried about our home being broken into, yet there are simple, proven measures we can all take to halve our chances of being burgled.



At Neighbourhood Watch, we also believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so we've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE(N):

- W: WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked
- I: INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb
- D: DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors
- E: EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor
- (N): NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours

Leaving home? Use this free <u>home security checklist</u> to leave your home safe and secure.

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network, said *'We know that by securing your home's windows, interior, doors, exterior and keeping an eye out for neighbours, we can all give ourselves the best chance of preventing burglary.*

If you have been burgled recently, criminals are familiar with your home and may come back once you've had time to purchase new items. Act soon to avoid being retargeted - use the WIDE(N) advice for a combination of simple yet effective prevention measures.'

Learn more at <u>ourwatch.org.uk/thinkwiden</u>.

* <u>Neighbourhood Watch Crime and Community Survey 2022</u>

Best wishes,

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team

ourwatch.org.uk / Facebook / Twitter / Instagram / LinkedIn / Online shop

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

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Central Support Team (NWN, Enquiries Dept, England and Wales)

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The Blue Lamp Trust

Hampshire Constabulary wanted to share an update with you from our partners, <u>The Blue Lamp Trust</u>, of which our Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney is a Trustee.

The Blue Lamp Trust helps protect vulnerable residents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from becoming victims of crime - as part of their crime prevention advisory service.



The scheme from the Blue Lamp Trust offers **FREE** home visits providing both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety.

They visit residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who are:

Vulnerable due to age (over 65) Disabled A victim of crime A victim of burglary A victim of domestic abuse

Their trained, police vetted, Bobby Scheme Fitters will visit and carry out a full survey and, as appropriate fit items free of charge, such as:

Locks Spy Holes Door Chains Smoke Alarms Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Installing Key Safes

They can also supply and fit Supra C500 Key Safes. These are ACPO Police Accredited and have a 5-year guarantee. Cost £75.

All of the Blue Lamp Trust advisors are police vetted and carry ID cards to reassure local residents that they are genuine – and please remember, they will not be offended if you ask to see their ID to validate their identity.

Referrals

If you, or anybody you know, is eligible (based on the criteria above) and would benefit from a Bobby Scheme referral, please enquire via the Blue Lamp Trust website at <u>https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-choice/</u>.

Alternatively, you can make an enquiry by calling the Blue Lamp Trust directly on 0300 777 0157.

Message Sent By

Wes Hutchins (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)

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