



Community Safety News

Police Apprentice winners present animation for World Safer Internet Day (February 7)



Students from Robert May’s School, Odiham were chosen as winners of Hampshire Constabulary’s Police Apprentice sexting prevention campaign. They presented their film to an invited audience at Hart District Council on February 6.

The winning idea

The students, aged 13 and 14 years-old, created an animation film warning how one young girl’s nude picture can spread like a ‘wildfire’ once sent to someone else. The film illustrates how the female character sends a naked selfie to a boy before he shares the picture many times with other young people.

You can watch this film on Hampshire Constabulary’s YouTube channel via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqgCryoJ5es>.

Young people protecting their peers

The students who created and produced the animation are: Alfie Payne, Chyanne Cox, Katherine Bowditch, Annabel Main, Charlotte Applin and Anna Driver. Everyone involved in this project is proud of the dedication displayed by the students in producing this film, and their commitment to setting a positive example for other young people.

Hampshire Constabulary’s school and youth engagement co-ordinator PC Maria Carrick said: “What we recognise and respect through our Police Apprentice initiative is the credibility and expertise that young people hold in developing solutions for issues that affect them. This is about educating and safeguarding so young people feel confident in speaking with the police, and seeking help.”

Any young person worried about an image they have shared can talk to a Childline counsellor who will work with the Internet Watch Foundation to try and remove the image from the internet. They can ring 0800 11 11 or online by visiting www.childline.org.uk

The NSPCC has created a guide for parents on talking to their children about sexting, and getting images removed from circulation, as well as other issues relating to their online world - www.nspcc.org.uk/sexting Parents can also contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 if they are worried about a child or for support in getting an image of their child removed from the internet.

Thefts from motor vehicles

Thefts from motor vehicles are increasing—especially from vehicles left unlocked. Ensure all valuables are removed from your vehicle, even if you are only leaving it briefly.

Graffiti Focus Event 24-26 April 2017



An annual event to rid the streets of graffiti will be launched in April. The Graffiti Focus Event will take place from April 24-26, with the aim to remove as much graffiti as possible.

This is a highly visible initiative, which improves the local environment and perceptions of the local area.

The following tips may reduce the likelihood of graffiti:

- Plant climbing shrubs on exposed brick walls.
- Plant hedges in front of wooden fences.
- Install security lighting.
- Report any graffiti via FixMyStreet or email:

Online video stories reveal the effects of living with domestic abuse

A video uploaded on YouTube featuring a survivor of domestic abuse, has revealed the true nature of living life with an abuser. Jane’s story, which is available via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_g1OSD45tg, shows the journey of a 17 year-old girl, who falls in love with an older man, who begins to manipulate and control her.

He systematically isolates her from her family and friends, she becomes pregnant and is unable to go to university. Jane was physically and verbally abused by her partner until she left him to make a new life for herself and her children. She said: “I didn’t think anyone would believe me, but I had lots of support. Domestic abuse will always be a part of my story, but now we can go anywhere and do anything.”

Another video, also featured prominently on the North East Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum website, tackles the subject of domestic abuse within the Nepali community. The Nepali video, created by Rushmoor Citizen Advice, is in Nepalese, with English subtitles, and follows a number of different family scenarios, in which a woman is abused by her partner, a man is abused by his wife and a woman has her money taken by her father-in-law to pay for his gambling debts. For Nepali domestic abuse information, click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U28Zta4iQQ>.

These videos are an attempt to get people talking about domestic abuse. ‘Jane’s story’ shows her recognising that she was being manipulated and controlled and choosing to leave to find a better life for her family. The Nepali video is important as it shows domestic abuse occurs in all communities but sometimes people who are being abused have language and cultural difficulties which can make it more difficult to know how to seek support and what to do next.

Hopefully this helps to bring these difficult subjects out in the open and help people talk about them freely.

