

HAYLING ISLAND

Press Release

Cold Callers

There have recently been a few incidents of cold callers who have targeted areas of the Island looking for sales and trying to carry out work. In one incident an elderly resident paid dearly for work that had been carried out. The following advice will help against Cold Callers.

- If you're not sure who is at the door, don't open it.
- Check the identity of any caller by calling the company they claim to be from by using the number from your local directory.
- Contact a Neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check the caller's identity before opening the door.
- Contact neighbours or your NHW scheme and pass the message on.
- If Callers are very persistent contact your local council or the Police.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

The above two events are again rapidly approaching and I would like to ask everyone for assistance in helping us to ensure that they pass off safely and without incident.

A leaflet has been produced which has proven helpful in recent years in providing advice on matters of safety for the evening and how to enjoy it without upsetting local residents. The leaflet also doubles up as a poster advising people that the householder does not wish to participate in Halloween or receive callers.

The following advice is provided and hopefully if heeded everyone will enjoy the event.

- Where possible an adult to accompany children as a matter of safety.
- If young people are out in an unsupervised group that they only visit house holds that they know.
- Not to visit residences alone.
- Not to enter houses, but remain on the doorstep in a group and allow the householder to bring the treats to them.

- To make sure that they do not take flour and eggs with them to use as ‘tricks’ as use of these items causes a lot of mess and distress to householders – which may result in the police being called to attend.
- If there is no answer to the door, or a ‘No trick or Treat’ poster or sign displayed they must leave immediately.

Leaflets are being distributed to some local shops and are also available from the Police Station. Should anyone require any further advice or information then feel free to contact any of the team on the below details. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Hayling Safer Neighbourhood Panel - Priorities

The Safer Neighbourhood Panel did not sit in September. As such the priorities for August were carried forward. The next meeting will be on 11th October at the Bridge Centre, Hayling Island.

The current priorities are –

- Parking across the Island particularly Elm Grove and Mengham Road.
- Youth Engagement on Hayling Island.
- Speeding – particularly The Seafront

Beat Surgeries for October

Thank you to all of you that came and spoke with us at the surgeries in September, we have received a lot of feedback from them.

The beat surgeries for October will be at –

Monday 4th October, 1100 – 1330 at the Co-Op in Elm Grove
 Tuesday 5th October, 1130 – 1330 at Sainsbury’s in Mengham Road
 Wednesday 6th October, 0930 – 1130 at Beachlands Tourist Office

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of these surgeries, they are not just for reporting crimes but you can also seek advice or discuss any local issues that you’d like to see tackled which can go to the next panel meeting.

Contacting the Team

Hayling Island Police Station is open to the public Monday – Thursday 1000-1400 and Friday’s 1600-2000.

You can contact us on 0845 045 45 45 and ask for Hayling Island's Safer Neighbourhoods team. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and an officer will call you back. Alternatively you can email us on hayling.island.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.