

Welcome to the February bulletin

This monthly bulletin is designed to share up-to-date crime prevention information and advice with our Neighbourhood Watch schemes. We welcome your feedback as we want to make this bulletin as useful as possible.

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Advice on domestic use of CCTV

There have been a rising number of complaints to both the Police and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner (SCC) from neighbours and other members of the public who believe that CCTV cameras are being used to spy on them and their families.

Important reminder: if your CCTV captures images outside the boundaries of your household, then the General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act will apply to you, and you will need to ensure your use of CCTV complies with these laws.

Click here for further advice: [SCC Guidance on the use of domestic CCTV](#).

Action Fraud Update

ActionFraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040

Instasham – fraudulent investments being advertised on social media

Action Fraud (AF) is warning Instagram users to be wary of fraudulent investment posts offering ‘get rich quick’ schemes on the app. [Click here](#) for more information.

Beware of what you share...

New research shows that less than half of people in the UK set their social media to private. Click [here](#) to read more. Learn more about how to manage your privacy settings on popular devices and online services [here](#).

Priority Services Register

This is a little known but invaluable service that all utilities companies offer.

Bills can be presented in a format easier for the customer to read such as large print, or in audio. The main aspect for crime prevention is that a password can be set up so that the customer knows they have a genuine caller.

It is a FREE service – and easy to register, but there is a small criteria for eligibility, of which vulnerability is one of them. As an example please [click here](#)

Money Mules

A money mule is someone that is recruited, often unwittingly, by criminals to transfer illegally obtained money between different bank accounts.

Money mules can be recruited in a number of ways; foreign students who need to have a UK bank account are openly approached in the street, romance fraud victims are asked to move money for their 'beloved', and someone responding to a job advert to 'work from home' are just some of the many examples.

Here are some top tips from www.moneymules.co.uk

Useful links:

Immobilise

We recommend registering your property for free on [Immobilise](#).

Hants Alerts

Sign up to [Hants Alerts](#) to receive up to date advice and information from the police in your local area.

Rural Times

This magazine is produced by Hampshire Constabulary's Country Watch team and contains useful information for rural residents in Hampshire and the IOW. [Click here](#) to read the latest edition