

Welcome - We hope you enjoy this May edition of the bulletin for officers, staff and partners.

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Password Security

The [National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#) is urging people to use **3 random words as a passwords after** they published an analysis of the 100,000 most [commonly re-occurring passwords](#) that have been accessed by third parties in global cyber breaches.

The most popular passwords include:

1) 123456 (23.2m accounts) **2) 123456789** (7.7m accounts) **3) query** (3.8m accounts)

Visit the [Have I Been Pwned](#) website to check if you have an account that has been compromised in a data breach.

Action Fraud Update

Over 5,000 people reported to Action Fraud that they had lost a total of just over £7 million to holiday fraud in 2018.

[Click here](#) for advice on how to spot and avoid travel related fraud.



Safer Communities Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner is pleased to announce the launch of a new funding round for October 2019 to September 2020 to support victims and reduce offending. They are looking for new and exciting approaches, as well as those that have been proven to work. Applications are for a maximum of £15,000. The deadline date is 7th June 2019 at midday. For more information click [here](#).

Victim Care Service

The [Victim Care Service](#) provides support for victims of crime to cope with, and recover from, the harmful effects of the crime they have experienced. This service (provided by Victim Support) is open to all victims no matter what the type of crime, regardless of whether the crime has been reported to the police or not, and no matter how recently or how long ago the crime took place.

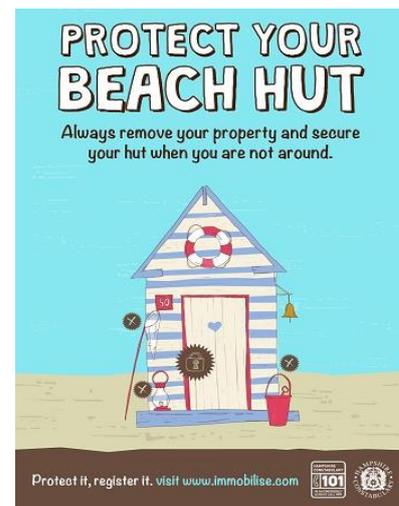
- Call [0808 178 1641](tel:08081781641) Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, and Saturdays 10am-4pm
- Out of hours call the Victim Support [Supportline](#) for free on [08 08 16 89 111](tel:08081689111)

Beach Hut Security

The weather is getting warmer and people will be using beach huts a lot more as we move into summer. Protect your hut with these top tips:

- ✓ Fix strong solid shutters over glazed areas. These should be securely fixed and locked in place.
- ✓ Fix a solid steel security bar across the door. This should be bolted through the door and reinforced at the back (inside the hut) with a steel plate with matching aligned holes and use concealed screws or coach bolts.
- ✓ Use good quality closed shackle padlocks which should be at least 6cm/2.5 inches wide, and use coach bolts instead of cross head screws for fixing.

Any additional locks on the door should be positioned a third of the way down the door.



Social Media App Awareness

Do you know what sites your children are using? Do you know what your children and the people they 'meet' on them can say or do on them? Find out more at [Get Safe Online](#)

SNAPCHAT



Snapchat is a popular photo sharing app that lets users share their photos for a few seconds before they 'disappear'. But anyone receiving a pic can keep it by taking a screen shot. The site is criticised for making it easy for children to be stalked or groomed.



On Ask.fm anonymous users ask other users questions. They can easily hide their identity and say what they like without any consequences. Bullying and abuse on the site has allegedly led to very traumatic experiences amongst youngsters.