



## November 2020

Dear Partners,

Whilst the second lockdown has not been as restrictive, it has had an impact on our communities economically and socially. Most of the community have abided by the restrictions in place, so thank you. Basingstoke have issued some enforcement notices where repeat breaches to the regulations have been identified.

We will continue to target repeat breaches. Schools and colleges have had a difficult time ensuring year groups enter and leave at different times and it is vital parents and students support the plans to keep everyone safe.

Our engagement plans include conducting beat surgeries in supermarkets. Keep watching our Facebook and Twitter page to find out details. We have also been able to undertake some speeding enforcement during this lockdown in our rural communities - which is targeted at keeping all road users safe as more of us are walking or cycling.

The first of our new 'National Uplift' officers have arrived in Basingstoke and have started patrolling. I am hugely impressed with their enthusiasm, and welcomed them to our lovely Borough. I am sure they will enjoy working in our community.

Here are our latest District Priorities:

- COVID-19 – Engage, Explain, Encourage and if laws are broken, Enforce
- Gang related youth crime
- Drug related harm
- Rural crime (theft of quad bikes)

I encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues.

Take care and stay safe,

**Chief Inspector Karen McManus**

## COVID-19 Update

At the time of writing, we remain in the second national lockdown. This is for review on December 2 - when the government will return to the system of tiered controls.

It is very much hoped that the difficult restrictions people are dealing with now will have a positive impact.

Limiting the spread of infection is primarily the responsibility of public health, and not just down to police, and we will continue to work with businesses, government, hospitality owners, local authorities, education establishments and others.

We have proportionate plans in place with dedicated patrols, and we will be out in our communities, speaking to people and ensuring they understand what is required.

Members of the public can tell us about possible breaches of regulations via our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>.

Our officers continue to work hard to keep us safe from the full range of crimes.

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Just a reminder that there are different ways the public can get in touch with us.

As well as 101 for non-emergencies and 999 for incidents in progress, you can also report online by visiting [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk).

There is also a new facility to report Anti Social Behaviour by visiting:

[www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-b/report-antisocial-behaviour](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-b/report-antisocial-behaviour).

Rural crime is a current priority for the district and we are seeing a trend in the theft of quad bikes, gardening equipment, plant and power tools from sheds and outbuildings.

The public is advised to keep high value items secured and locked at all times or out of sight if possible. They should consider installing CCTV, tracker devices, automatic security lights and/or a monitored intruder alarm system to assist with crime prevention. They should report any suspicious vehicles or people in their neighbourhood.

## ACT Early

Our colleagues at Counter Terrorism Policing have launched ACT Early – a new Prevent campaign to offer advice and support to spot the signs a vulnerable person close to you might be risk of terrorist groomers.

It is difficult to be a parent at the best of times, but while we endure this pandemic and the impact of increased social isolation on our mental health and that of our children, we know that there are additional risks and we want people to know what help is available to them.

The increase in time spent online due to Covid19, and a rise in hateful extremism, is creating an environment in which there is more risk of young and vulnerable people being targeted by terrorist groomers.

Online grooming can happen to anyone. Young and vulnerable people can be drawn into a way of thinking by what they view and who they speak to online, and it can be difficult for parents, friends or family to know what signs to spot or what to do.

Our research tells us that parents, family members and friends are the first to see the changes in behaviour which might indicate that a loved one is being radicalised. But currently just 2% of people we help through the Prevent programme come to the programme because of concerns raised by those same people who know them best.

That is because most people don't realise that Prevent is here to offer that help and support. Which is why we're supporting the new website and advice line, **ACT Early**, because we realise that this support is needed now more than ever. Visit [www.actearly.uk](http://www.actearly.uk)

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## Words Against Weapons



A new sculpture depicting some of the thoughts and feelings of Basingstoke's young people about knife crime has been unveiled as part of a project by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Commission and Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) to tackle youth knife crime through artwork.

Within Hampshire, Basingstoke is an area facing a high level of knife crime. The Youth Commission has been working closely with the Violence Reduction Unit to both identify the drivers of violence, and interventions that could help prevent young people taking a path that leads to violence.

The Basingstoke Peace project sought to raise awareness of the consequences of knife crime and promote positive activities for young people. HCT developed a series of positive, creative sessions giving young people a safe space for discussion, as

well as opportunities to learn new skills and value their voice and contribution within their final artwork.

Over the summer, artist Jono Retallick worked with young people at Ashwood Academy, the Youth Offending Team and residents living at the YMCA hostel to create the sculpture. All participants made individual tiles for casting, with words embedded in them around strength and weakness. During the workshops, the young people were encouraged to think about using their words instead of weapons, and share their experiences, in some cases of using or being threatened by knives.

When restrictions ease, it is hoped that the sculpture will be on public display in Basingstoke and that the project can roll out to other areas across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight raising further awareness and adding new layers to the sculpture.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane, said: Reaching young people early, building their skills and resilience and supporting them to fulfil their potential are vital. Although police enforcement is an important part of tackling violence, early intervention to prevent young people from becoming involved in violence at the outset is key. It is apt with this week being a national week of action against knife crime (Op Sceptre) that the results of the young people's creative endeavours are now unveiled and ready to display at the appropriate time."

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## Investigation and News Updates

Jury trials in England and Wales continue with changes in courtrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines.

For up to date information and guidance for all court users, please go to the [HM Courts and Tribunal Service website](#).

We continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders, protect the vulnerable, and provide reassurance to our communities. Here are just a couple of examples:



Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £10,000 for anonymous information that leads to the conviction of those responsible for the murder of Frazer Brabant.

The 31-year-old father-of-two was fatally assaulted on Thursday 31 October last year in Basingstoke. To support officers with their investigations,

Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £10,000 for information the charity exclusively receives – either online at [Crimestoppers-uk.org](http://Crimestoppers-uk.org) or by calling 0800 555 111 - that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for Frazer's murder.



Officers took part in the Basingstoke & Deane Remembrance Day service on November 11. The ceremony was held virtually this year due to the pandemic restrictions but was shared with the public via the Mayor's Facebook Page. With gratitude to servicemen and women, past and present, who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms. Lest we forget.



Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police joined forces last week in an operation to tackle criminality in rural areas.

Officers from Hampshire's Country Watch, TVP's Rural Crime Unit, Roads Policing and Dog Unit were out on patrol in northern Hampshire and Thames Valley.

Officers seized one vehicle for no insurance and arrested a man on suspicion of driving whilst impaired through drink or drugs. Officers and the police helicopter were also involved in a pursuit after a vehicle failed to stop near Hartley Wintney. The vehicle has since been traced and enquiries are ongoing.



Three men were arrested following a series of warrants at addresses to tackle the supply of Class A drugs.

Properties in Britannia Drive, Dorset Crescent, Colyer Close in Basingstoke and Goddard Square in Andover, were searched and three men in their 30s were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs or money laundering. They have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

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## Reassuring Basingstoke & Deane



Officers across the town and rural areas continue to get out and about to ensure everyone is kept safe and reassured of our presence.

## And of course, the public can find us on Facebook as Basingstoke Cops and on Twitter @BasingstokeCops

Here are just a few examples of how our team uses social media as a great engagement tool:

**Basingstoke Cops**  
Published by Orlo · October 30 at 2:12 PM · 🌐

Hampshire Constabulary is presenting certificates to Tadley's spookiest homes! PCSO Bethany Ireland will be giving the certificates to those who've got into the spirit of Halloween - but in a COVID-safe way. Advice about celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night from Hampshire County Council is available here.  
<http://orlo.uk/oqNCW>



**Basingstoke Cops**  
Published by Orlo · November 6 at 2:10 PM · 🌐

Officers have been patrolling Chineham Shopping Centre today due to reports of shoplifting from the stores. We have also been keeping an eye on the supermarkets and so far everyone has been respectful to staff and not panic buying.  
Please keep carrying on being respectful and polite to one another during these tough times.



**Basingstoke Cops**  
Published by Nikki Holt · October 21 at 11:37 AM · 🌐



**Hampshire Constabulary** ✓  
October 20 · 🌐

Please click on the link below to access the Autumn 2020 edition of Rural Times.  
This edition includes articles about the Countryside Code, the rural crime strategy and our efforts to tackle quad bike thefts.  
We hope you find this an interesting read.  
<http://orlo.uk/Z9aQt>

**Basingstoke Cops**  
Published by Orlo · October 30 at 2:33 PM · 🌐

Teenager from Tadley charged with drug and weapon offences.  
<http://orlo.uk/LvLv8>





## Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

Modern Day Slavery

<http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/>

Schools & Education

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/>

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.

