

Protect your home – think WIDE(N)



Neighbourhood Watch are promoting home security through their WIDE(N) campaign. Having a combination of the WIDE features is proven to be effective at securing your home. Trusted neighbours also keeping an eye out for each other's property is also key to reducing burglary and so the WIDE acronym has been extended to WIDE(N):

- **WINDOWS** – Keep windows locked
- **INTERIOR**: Put inside lights on a timer or use a smart bulb
- **DOORS**: Double or deadlock your doors
- **EXTERIOR**: Put outside lights on a sensor
- **NEIGHBOURS**: There's safety in neighbours, keep an eye out for each other



Take a look at the [Neighbourhood Watch page](#) for further information and links to resources.

Beware of fake QR codes

Scammers are taking advantage of our trust in QR Codes. A scammer could replace a genuine QR Code with a malicious one. For instance, the QR Code on the side of a parking meter or contactless payments could have been replaced by criminals to link to their 'fake website'.

QR Codes claiming to be from a trusted company or an 'amazing offer' could be included in emails to lure victims to phishing website to steal your personal information.

If you do need to scan a QR Code make sure you check the preview address and if you are unsure or it looks suspicious do not visit the site. It may be safer to use the trusted phone apps or visit the genuine website. **The QR code above is genuine** and will take you to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight constabulary website page for reporting crimes.



Stop, Hang Up, Call 159

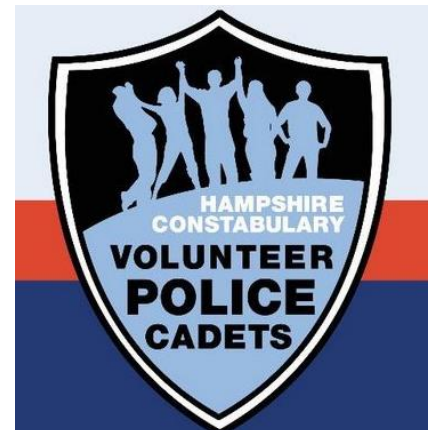
If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details, stop, hang up and call 159 to speak directly to your bank. The number works in the same way as 101 for the police and 111 for the NHS. It's the memorable, secure number you can trust to get you through to your bank every time. 159 will never call you.



Calling 159 costs the same as a national rate call. The majority of High Street banks operate through 159 along with several telephone companies. For more details on the service and to see a list of included banks please look at the [Stop Scams UK website](#).

Volunteer Police Cadet Leaders needed

Volunteering your time as a Cadet Leader is a very personally rewarding thing to do. You do not have to have previous experience, only an interest in helping young people achieve their best and reach their full potential. We welcome adults from all walks of life and particularly encourage those without a policing background. You will undergo vetting to the highest national standards, including an enhanced DBS check enabling you to work alongside young people.



We currently have vacancies in **Southampton, Hedge End, Andover, New Forest, Basingstoke, Winchester, Portsmouth, Havant, and Gosport**. To apply, please visit

<https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HC/job/Other-Volunteer-Cadet-Leader-HC591651-HAM/846545501/>

British Transport Police app

The free [Railway Guardian App](#) is an all-in-one safety app from BTP. It allows you to report crimes or concerns on the rail network, share your journeys with trusted contacts and get access to news, guides, or support.



#PuppySmuggling

Organised crime groups are smuggling puppies into the UK to sell for a profit. The puppies are taken from their mum much too early, leaving them vulnerable to disease and distress.

Thinking of buying a puppy?

If you buy through an unauthorised source, you could be funding organised crime.

Speak up to our charity, 100% anonymously, if you have any information about the criminals behind puppy smuggling.

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