



WELCOME

Welcome to the July edition of our Paws on Patrol Newsletter. Within the newsletter you will find useful information from partner agencies, ways in which you can keep yourselves safe and information on any current issues/campaigns.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

It's been a wonderful start to getting back out into the community in a covid safe way promoting our scheme and discussing any community safety matters with the public.



We have had 54 new members join our scheme throughout June.

We would like to welcome you to the scheme.

WALKING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Coastal walking

- Keep clear of cliff edges and riverbanks, they may be unstable ground.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
- Take extra care in dark and slippery conditions.
- Always take a charged phone.
- Check the weather and tides to prevent being cut off.

Safety advice in the countryside

- Extinguish cigarettes and other smoking material properly - don't let them start a grass fire!
- Only use BBQs in suitable and safe areas – NEVER leave them unattended!
- When you're having a BBQ, keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies and always dispose of single use BBQ's safely
- Clear away bottles, glasses and any broken glass to avoid them magnifying the sun and starting a fire
- Explain to children the dangers of playing with and lighting fires
- Dispose of smoking materials such as cigarettes safely

Starting a deliberate fire is a criminal offence and you could end up with a criminal record as a result of starting a deliberate fire.

Our members can help by calling the Police on **101** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** if you see anyone setting deliberate fires.

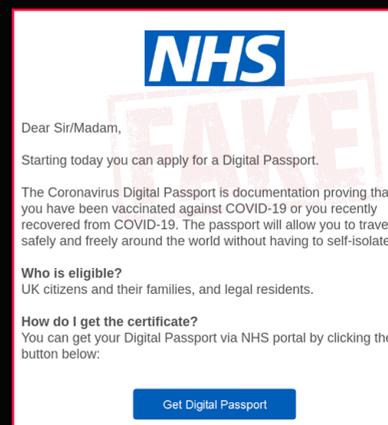


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Vaccine passport scam emails reported over 370 times

- i* Remember, the NHS would never ask for your bank details as your vaccination status can be obtained **for free** through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.
- i* If you receive a suspicious email, you can report it by forwarding the email to: **report@phishing.gov.uk**. Your reports will help us to remove the fake websites used in these scams.



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Watch out for 'vaccine passport' scam emails

Action Fraud have received a number of reports from members of the public who have been sent emails purporting to be from the NHS, offering them a vaccine passport. The fake emails claim that the passport will allow you to travel safely and freely around the world without having to self-isolate. The emails ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

Remember

The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.

The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking passwords.

The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.

The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up.

If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to **report@phishing.gov.uk**.

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting **www.actionfraud.police.uk**.

CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

We would like to remind our members you can report crime information to Crime Stoppers 100% anonymously. They have been around since 1988. They are independent. Everyone who gives them information stays 100% anonymous.

They won't ask your name. Won't judge. Just listen to what you know. When you hang up the phone or click 'send' on our anonymous online form, you're done.

No police contact
No witness statements
No courts

To Report a crime

Dial: 0800 555 111

Website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Speak up. stay safe!

Crimestoppers is not the Police

If you require urgent police attention please **dial 999**

Warm weather advice



Walk your dog when it's cooler; early morning or late evening



Ensure your dog has plenty of water and shade all day



If you can't hold your hand on tarmac for seven seconds, then it's too hot for your dog's paws



WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-Social Behaviour is defined as “behaviour by a person which causes or is likely to cause, Harassment, Alarm or Distress to persons not of the same household”.

Examples of Anti-Social Behaviour may include:

- Drunk or rowdy groups
- Harassment or intimidation
 - Street drinking
- Vandalism & or graffiti/litter
 - Throwing missiles
- Drug related nuisance
 - Noise nuisance
- Aggressive or threatening behaviour





ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

NEATH TOWN CENTRE

Neath Port Talbot's Community Safety Partnership is calling on the public and our Paws on Patrol Members to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour in Neath town centre to South Wales Police.

There are many ways in which you can Report Anti-Social Behaviour to South Wales Police.

All non-urgent incidents should still be reported via the police non-emergency number **101**

Prefer to send an email to South Wales Police:

SWP101@south-wales.police.uk

online via the website: <https://bit.ly/SWPReportOnline>

Direct message via SWP social media Facebook or Twitter accounts

In an emergency situation always dial **999**

We would like to update our members on the latest actions being taken by the Partnership to tackle anti social behaviour issues within the Neath Town Centre:

Operation Lileium –The launch of Operation Lileum by South Wales Police on the 27th March 2021 has led to an increase in police activity and patrols, plus additional powers to disperse people intent on engaging in antisocial behaviour



Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP)

The BCRP is continuing to grow its membership. The BCRP is a joint scheme between South Wales Police, Neath Port Talbot Council and town centre businesses in Neath and Port Talbot to reduce criminal activity. Businesses that sign up to the scheme are given access to benefits such as a radio surveillance system to communicate with other traders about criminal activity, and up to date photographs and information on local offenders.

Licensed premises

The Council's Licensing Officers have engaged with businesses in Neath town centre reminding them of their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 to help prevent crime and disorder and ensuring that alcohol is not sold to customers that are intoxicated. Officers have also encouraged premises to limit the sale of items such as single cans with the aim of preventing street drinking.

Support services

Services such as WCADA (Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction), Wallich, Platform and the Salvation Army continue to offer outreach support to those battling addiction, or facing difficult times – taking services directly to people to help them engage in support and make better choices, and offer treatment services.

Housing and homelessness services

The council's Housing Options service continues to meet regularly with South Wales Police to discuss the individuals of most concern and ensure appropriate action is taken and support provided.

At the start of the pandemic in March 2020, Welsh Government issued guidance to all local authorities stating any household/individual with no accommodation available to them was to be offered temporary accommodation. As a result of this the council saw a substantial increase in demand for temporary accommodation, more than doubling the normal demand, and had to source additional accommodation across the borough.

The Housing Options service only has a duty to house those with a connection to the county borough, except in exceptional and rare circumstances such as a person being unsafe in their home authority.

Investment into the town centre

work is continuing to progress on a new multi-million pound redevelopment scheme to make the town centre. The project will deliver a major leisure, wellbeing, shopping and learning zone for Neath's town centre featuring a swimming pool, gym, health suite, retail floorspace and a modern library.

CCTV

the council has recently begun the tendering process to replace the current CCTV cameras with a modern digital solution capable of producing significantly higher definition images. There are more than 20 CCTV cameras in the Neath area which are in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Town Centre Support Officer

The council is currently in the process of recruiting a Town Centre Support Officer whose role will involve attracting greater footfall and promoting local shopping.

Engagement Events

The council's Community Safety Team has restarted engagement events in the community, following changes to COVID-19 restrictions. This will include Neath town centre. This allows businesses and residents to speak to the team, and gain a better understanding of what issues matter to them and what is causing concern. Community Safety can then work with partners to address these issues.





ASB AWARENESS WEEK 19TH - 25TH JULY

Partners will be at various locations across Neath Port Talbot during ASB Awareness Week offering support and advice relating to anti social behaviour matters.

Tuesday 20th July 1-3pm
Neath Town Centre, New Street

Wednesday 21st July 12-2pm
Pontardawe, Arts Centre

Thursday 22nd July 4-9pm
Aberavon Beach, RNLI Car Park

Thursday 29th July 3-5pm
Port Talbot, Market



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July Pop Up Engagements!

We are now engaging with paws members and members of the public in a covid safe way.

Thursday 15th July 10am - 1pm @ Victoria Gardens, Neath

Tuesday 27th July 10am - 1pm @ Pontardawe Recreation Ground

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for further details and future events

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If you wish to receive this newsletter in Welsh or if you have any questions please contact us via community.safety@npt.gov.uk