

Community Security Update: Local Events, Crime Reports, and Essential Scam Warnings

Staying informed is our best defense against local crime and digital fraud. This month's roundup covers everything from neighborhood policing initiatives in Poole to the latest security insights from *Which?* and the *National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)*.

1. Local Policing & Events



Meet Your Local Team: Community Contact Point

Your neighborhood policing team is hosting a drop-in event. This is your opportunity to speak with local officers, report a crime or incident, or discuss issues affecting your area. There is no need to make an appointment. You can drop in at any event and talk to the Police about your area

- **When:** Wednesday, 3rd June 2026 | 15:00 - 17:00
- **Where:** The Dolphin Poole, 110 Dolphin Centre, Poole, BH15 1SZ
- **Exact Location (What3Words):** [///resist.worker.robot](https://www.what3words.com////resist.worker.robot)
- **More Info:** Check local priorities and calendar events via the [Dorset Police Website](https://www.dorset.police.uk/).



Recent Local Crime Reports (Broadstone Area)

Dorset Police are appealing for witnesses or information regarding two recent incidents in Broadstone. If you know anything, please contact them via [Dorset Police](https://www.dorset.police.uk/) or call **101**. Alternatively, contact **Crimestoppers** anonymously at [Crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/) or call **0800 555 111**.

- **Vehicle Crime (Higher Blandford Road):** A red Peugeot Speedfight 4 125 LC SPO moped was stolen on Monday, 11th May, between 9:00 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. (Ref: 55260068532)
- **Residential Crime (Station Approach):** An orange Scott Aspect bicycle was stolen from outside the Leisure Centre on Friday, 1st May, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The thief cut through the securing lock. (Ref: 55260063125)



Important Reminder: Do not use the Dorset Alert system to report active crimes. Always call **999** if someone is in immediate danger.

2. Cyber Security & Fraud Prevention



NCSC Guidance: Leave Passwords in the Past

Overtaking decades of traditional security advice, the **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)** now strongly recommends transitioning away from traditional passwords. Because standard passwords often lack the resilience needed to face modern cyber threats, users are urged to switch to **Passkeys** wherever they are supported.

Bank Impersonation Scams & "The Spoofing Trick"

Scammers have grown highly adept at spoofing official phone numbers to make it look like your bank is calling you regarding a "fraudulent payment."

- **The Golden Rule:** If you receive an unexpected call claiming to be from your bank, hang up immediately.
- **What to do:** Wait a few minutes for the line to clear, then dial **159** to be connected safely and directly to your bank's verified fraud team.

Links You Should Never Click

The *Which?* Tech editor warns that staying safe online requires recognizing red flags before it's too late. Be hyper-vigilant against:

- **Sim-Swap Fraud:** Criminals trick mobile networks into transferring your number to a new SIM card to intercept one-time SMS verification codes.
- **Delivery Scam Texts:** Phishing links sent over SMS, WhatsApp, and Facebook Messenger claiming to be from popular couriers.
- **AI-Generated Social Media Traps:** Watch out for fake "days out" packages (e.g., Buckingham Palace markets or hot air balloon festivals) using highly realistic AI images to sell tickets to attractions that do not exist.

3. Protect Your Finances

Romance Fraud Costs UK Victims £102M

A chilling report shows that romance fraud stripped UK victims of over £102 million last year. Criminals exploit online relationships on dating sites and social media, increasingly using AI-generated photos to build trust before manipulating victims into sending money or trying fake cryptocurrency investments.

- **Who is targeted?** Individuals aged 55 to 74 experienced the greatest financial losses.
- **Key Advice:** Never send money, crypto, or gift cards to someone you have only met online. If you suspect fraud, report it to [Report Fraud Online](#) or call **0300 123 2040**.

Pension Scams on the Rise

With major inheritance tax rule changes impacting pensions in less than a year, fraudsters are actively weaponizing consumer confusion and fear. Ensure you verify any pension advice or transfer opportunities through official channels before moving your hard-earned retirement pots.

Tools to Protect Yourself

- **Check App Access:** Review which third-party apps have background access to your sensitive files by auditing your [Google Account Settings](#) or [Apple ID Account](#).
- **Report a Scam:** Help protect the wider community by submitting suspicious links or messages directly to the [Which? Scam Sharer Tool](#).

Monthly Campaign: If You See It Report It

If you witness a crime, immediate danger, or suspicious activity in the UK, report it right away. Contact emergency services by calling 999. For non-emergencies or to share intelligence, call the police on 101 or use your local constabulary's online reporting tools.

Specific safety and security reporting options depend on the situation:

- **Travel & Public Transport:** On the railway network, text the British Transport Police at 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40.
- **Terrorism & Extremism:** Contact the UK Anti-Terrorist Hotline at 0800 789 321 or use the Action Counters Terrorism service.
- **Anonymous Tips:** If you prefer to stay completely anonymous, report information to [Crimestoppers](#) by calling 0800 555 111.

And Finally do not forget the Coffee Morning St John's Church at 10:30am 25th July 2026

Join the watch members at our

Coffee Morning



Come along for a free cuppa,
informative talk on a hot topic
and chat with members of the
Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch

Coffee morning dates for 2026

Saturday
18 April

Saturday
25 July

Saturday
24 October



From 10.30 am to 12.30pm
at St John's Church Annexe,
Dunyeats Road entrance
(Tudor Road junction)



For more information visit www.broadstonewatch.org.uk