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The Hughenden Street Association vision

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

Responsible Dog Owners

We are so blessed to live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A (very) few people seem determined to trash it. Why? Chucking empty drinks bottles, wrappers and hot drink containers is dreadful however, there is one piece of 'rubbish' that is more dangerous: dog poo. A stroll in Hughenden Valley in the allotments, the copse and meadow provided a snapshot. Two bags of poo were placed at the foot of a tree, and another was chucked over the fence towards the small football pitch. There are bins readily available, so why just dump the bags? Perhaps a bigger issue is the poo clearly visible on the ground. Too often a small minority of dog owners are not being vigilant or perhaps they simply don't care. Either way, it is not acceptable. Please be responsible. *End of rant!*



Motor Vehicle Theft in Hughenden Valley



Thames Valley Police would like to remind everyone to be particularly careful about car security.

There has been a report of an attempted theft from a motor vehicle in Hughenden Valley. At approximately midnight on the 1st February 2024, unknown offenders have opened the door of a vehicle parked on a private driveway and have proceeded to look through the interior before leaving empty handed. Two people are seen on RING footage, one was seen pedalling away on a pushbike towards the Valley Road/Coombe Lane, the other person ran off towards the Harrow direction on Valley Road.

Please remember to leave no valuables in your car when left unattended, loose change, sunglasses or even a gym bag thrown on the back seat will encourage criminals to enter your car/van. So please ensure nothing is left. If you see anyone acting suspiciously, this could be stood outside a property (keeping watch) in the early hours, or any other behaviour that is not normal for your neighbourhood, please call 999 and report immediately.

If you require any further crime prevention advice, please contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on HighWycombeRuralINHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

Avoid Romantic Scams and Heartbreak



Romance fraud is when scammers trick their victims into giving them money or information which helps them steal money from them. Scammers slowly gain the victim's trust to eventually ask them for money or obtain enough personal details to steal their identity. If the scammer successfully persuades their victim to lend or give them money, they will usually come back with more and more reasons for needing more. Sometimes victims are asked to pass money from another country through their account – this could be money laundering.

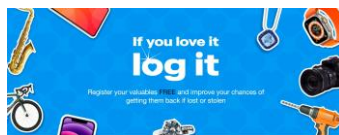
There are signs of a scammer being at work:

- The scammer asks you a lot of questions about yourself.** The more information they know about you, the easier you will be to manipulate. Eventually, you might start speaking over the phone.
- The discussion is friendly at first but turns romantic very quickly.** They shower you with compliments and claim to be falling in love with you.
- Their story, or parts of it, change over time.** If some part of their story doesn't sound quite right or match what they said last month, that could indicate they are lying.
- They refuse to video call you, or meet in person.**
- Eventually, the scammer asks you to lend them money.** They use any number of reasons, such as needing help to pay for a flight to meet you, or they're in some sort of trouble.



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Random Acts of Kindness Week 2024

Next Monday – 11th February- heralds the start of **Random Acts of Kindness Week**. Research shows that helping others can be good for our mental health. It reduces stress, improves our emotional well-being and even benefits our physical health. In short, doing good does you good.

It's essential to look out for each other in and around our communities. This is how we protect and maintain good mental health for all.

If you do nothing else today, keep an eye out for an opportunity to help someone with a random act of kindness or hold onto that warm feeling when someone helps you.

Doing something nice for someone doesn't cost a lot of time or money. It's the small things in life that can make a big difference. Find some ideas [HERE](#).



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