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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>

Scam update – Top Twelve emerging frauds

It is a sad fact of life that scammers seems doggedly determined to part people with their money and make many peoples' lives a misery. Which? Magazine has highlighted the latest emerging scams to look out for which include:

- **Computer fixing fraud** – up 24% year-on-year – average loss of £1,296
- **Dating scams** – up 39% year-on-year – **AVERAGE** loss of £10,349
- **Phone fraud** – up 48% year-on-year – average loss of £252
- **Pyramid/Ponzi schemes** – up 59% year-on-year – average loss of **£50,429**

To see the full list click [HERE](#).

An interesting observation is that young people (aged 20 -39) are more likely to report being scammed accounting for 39% of all reports to **Action Fraud**. This also reminds us that anyone can be scammed and that we all need to be vigilant.

To get timely tips and updates you might like to sign up to the Which? Magazine free scam alert service. Click [HERE](#). Over 330,000 people have signed up!

Scams in inflationary times



With the costs of road fuel, gas & electricity, postage, and many food products escalating at the present time, please be aware that scammers are taking advantage of this situation.

Three in four people are said to have been targeted by suspicious activity since November.

Phishing emails may impersonate energy companies and government departments by offering rebates on gas & electricity bills and council tax refunds. When victims hand over personal details, scammers drain their bank accounts.

Victims may also be targeted by someone claiming to be from a legal company collecting outstanding debts on behalf of the **energy companies**. Victims who fall for this may still be left with debts to pay to the energy companies.

There is also evidence of **door-to-door** scamming that impersonates the energy companies with offers of cut-price deals, so defrauding customers.



To report a suspicious email click <https://bit.ly/3f0seID>



Ways to improve community health and wellbeing

More suggestions from **Neighbourhood Watch** to help us to remain connected and to reduce social isolation.

1. Arrange a Community Walk Through

Walking around your area with your neighbours can help identify areas of concern. In short anything that affects your community including: safety issues, access for disabled residents, lighting, parking, road use concerns e.g. speeding! Here is what you might like to do: get 5-7 people from different backgrounds together, who can offer unique perspectives about issues of safety and inclusion. Walk around the neighbourhood once in the day time and once after dark. Make a note of any issues or concerns and send them to HSA Chairman Stan Jones: stantheelectric@btinternet.com.

2. Go Greener in your community

Living in a green community can give you increased morale, improved health and wellbeing, pride in your community. Hughenden is blessed by its semi-rural location and by walking instead of taking the car we can make a significant positive impact on our carbon emissions. Cars emissions are high during those first few miles, so why not walk? You might like to join the **Hughenden Valley Climate Group** or set up a complementary Group in your Ward. Start the conversation TODAY! ☺

Sun? Ski? Staycation?



The internet is the most popular place to research and book holidays and travel, however it is also a favourite for fraudsters constantly trying to scam us with holidays, accommodation and travel that don't actually exist. Click [HERE](#) for some Top Tips to avoid becoming a scam victim

Don't Forget.....

Easter Monday: beating the bounds. To take part in this free to attend event please register your interest and to receive directions (could be useful!): boundary@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

30th May – 5th June is **Neighbourhood Watch Week**. Lots of information and events – virtual and in person – are being planned across the region. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

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