

1st October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, last year there was considerable disturbance in the West of the City on Halloween Night. This year we are working together to avoid a repeat of the incidents that occurred such as damage to property, thefts from local shops and the tipping of cars on to their sides. The behaviour of the youths involved caused harassment, alarm and distress to a number of residents and considerable disruption to those living in the area.

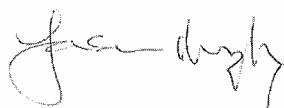
We want children and young people to enjoy Halloween safely. However, it is important that we continue to prevent these incidents from happening again. We are aware that some children and young people believe Halloween is an opportunity to act out and cause disruption on Halloween, including for social media. We would like to ask parents to ensure that they discuss with their children the risks, ensure that you are aware of your children's whereabouts on the evening and make them aware that anti-social behaviour and crime will be dealt with swiftly.

Officers from a range of services will be working with the Police on 31st October to ensure Halloween passes off safely.

If anyone has any information or thinks they may know someone who is involved in these incidents, please call 101 or alternatively people can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Incidents or information can also be reported online at the Hampshire Constabulary website, at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

We appreciate your continued help in solving this complex issue and thank you for all of the support provided up until now and into the summer.

Yours sincerely,



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