



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Dear parent/guardian,

Over the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night period police will be carrying out extra patrols, to provide a reassuring presence, keep people safe and deter anti-social behaviour.

Halloween is always a busy time for police and sometimes what others consider harmless fun can be a serious nuisance or danger to others.

To ensure everyone enjoys the celebrations we're urging parents and guardians to please make sure they talk to their children about being considerate to neighbours and others in the community.

Sadly, we've seen in previous years that some people see this time of year as an excuse to commit anti-social or criminal behaviour, and this will not be tolerated.

If you and/or your children are planning to go trick or treating, please consider the following advice to help everyone stay safe and prevent distress being caused to others:

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.
- Don't knock on the doors of strangers.
- Only visit houses where there are signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations and pumpkins outside.
- Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime. Threatening and abusive behaviour can amount to an offence too.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly when it is dark.
- Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.

If you witness any suspicious or criminal activity taking place, please call 999 straight away.

Kind regards,

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team