



# Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



The communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight play a key role in helping the police to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and the police is vital to achieving their aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe.

The Hampshire Alert website [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk) invites you to participate in the exchange of information with Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch. You do not need to join a specific watch scheme, but you may find that there are like minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

If you live or work in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight, you can register on the website to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. The number of messages you receive will not be excessive and may only be 1 or 2 per week. This is likely to increase as more use is made of the system.

As an example, the following Alert was sent out recently on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)-

*Fraudsters are sending out virus infected emails that claim a package has been seized by HM Revenue & Customs upon arrival into the United Kingdom. The official looking scam email, claiming to be from Royal Mail, contains a link to a document which will install malicious software on your computer designed to steal credentials like account names, email addresses and passwords.*

The bottom line to this scam is never to click on attachments in e-mails from an unverified source and also that Royal Mail will never-

- Send an email asking for credit card numbers or other personal or confidential information.
- Ask customers to enter information on a page that isn't part of the Royal Mail website.
- Include attachments unless the email was solicited by a customer e.g. customer has contacted Royal Mail with an enquiry or has signed up for updates from Royal Mail.
- Receive a person's email address as part of any home shopping experience.

If at any time, you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online: [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud) or by telephone: 0300 123 2040

Please note: the Alert messaging service is not for reporting crimes or incidents - to report these please contact Hampshire Constabulary as shown below.