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| Community Safety & Wellbeing eNewsletter header with West Sussex County Council logo**Welcome to our March 2024 eNewsletter**

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| Stop CE Awareness Day 18th March |

Think Twice, Think Abuse on National Child Exploitation Awareness DayOn Monday (18 March), it will be the 10th anniversary of National Child Exploitation Awareness Day, where local and national agencies unite to highlight issues surrounding child exploitation and raise awareness of the various risks children and young people may face in the places and spaces they spend their time, including online.This year’s focus is [Think Twice, Think Abuse](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vc3RvcC1jZS5vcmcvbmF0aW9uYWwtY2hpbGQtZXhwbG9pdGF0aW9uLWF3YXJlbmVzcy1kYXkvIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDMxNS45MTg0NTIxMSJ9.yljDDL9EniwsaV7dZCMqiCWWjnJxr0NfKQrVrKKy6Rc/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) which calls on professionals, families and community members to be curious about the things they see and hear, to trust their gut instincts if something doesn’t seem or feel right, and to report their concerns.  To find out what we are doing in West Sussex to support exploited children and young people, click the blue button.

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| [**Find out how we support exploited children in West Sussex**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lndlc3RzdXNzZXguZ292LnVrL2ZpcmUtZW1lcmdlbmNpZXMtYW5kLWNyaW1lL3NhZmVyLXdlc3Qtc3Vzc2V4LXBhcnRuZXJzaGlwL2xhdGVzdC1uZXdzLWFuZC1jYW1wYWlnbnMvc3VwcG9ydGluZy1leHBsb2l0ZWQtY2hpbGRyZW4taW4td2VzdC1zdXNzZXgvIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDMxNS45MTg0NTIxMSJ9.XRL4Q4MowBXqwZ6t2uLeHG67Btq-fcgV3NYZlGDd0mc/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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Teenager sitting on the ground with their hands covering their face Supporting Sussex Police to raise awareness of county lines gangsLast week, we partnered with Sussex Police to support their education, engagement and enforcement work around county lines.On a day-to-day basis, some of our work in the Community Safety and Wellbeing Team focuses on safeguarding children and young people from county lines gangs, so to tie in with Sussex Police's activities made perfect sense.During the week, colleagues from across our team ran safeguarding sessions with professionals, foster carers and taxi drivers teaching them about county lines, signs to look out for that might mean a child or young person is involved in county lines and where to report if they have any concerns.We also visited hotels in various locations across the county to raise awareness of the existence and occurrence of child exploitation, gave staff scenarios that may indicate an individual is being exploited and linking the staff in with Sussex Police if they needed help and support in the future.You can find out more about county lines on the Sussex Police website.

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| [**Advice and information on county lines from Sussex Police**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnN1c3NleC5wb2xpY2UudWsvYWR2aWNlL2FkdmljZS1hbmQtaW5mb3JtYXRpb24vY2wvY291bnR5LWxpbmVzLyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAzMTUuOTE4NDUyMTEifQ.Gp5FWeJyzsldLAY35kokE-vH6kW9ax-aw2k5nKpTxww/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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Little book of big scams front coverThe Little Book of Big Scams is now availableThe Little Book of Big Scams is the go-to booklet the police use to educate the community and vulnerable victims about the signs relating to fraud. It also provides tips on how best to protect yourselves against future scams.Until this year, it was only available as a printed booklet or online, but thanks to Surrey and Sussex Police’s Operation Signature Team there is now a braille version available for the sight impaired community, which was launched on 4th January - World Braille Day.If you know someone who would like to [read the braille version](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/results?p_p_id=crDetailWicket_WAR_arenaportlet&p_p_lifecycle=1&p_p_state=normal&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_search_item_id=XX00423921&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_facet_queries=&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_agency_name=AUK000038&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_query_filter=organisationId_index%3AAUK000038%5C%7C1&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_search_item_no=1&_crDetailWicket_WAR_arenaportlet_back_url=https%3A%2F%2Farena.westsussex.gov.uk%2Fsearch%3Fp_p_id%3DsearchResult_WAR_arenaportlet%26p_p_lifecycle%3D1%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_facet_queries%3D%26_searchResult_WAR_arenaportlet_agency_name%3DAUK000038%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_query_filter%3DorganisationId_index%253AAUK000038%255C%257C1%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_search_item_no%3D1%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_search_query%3Dlittle%2Bbig%2Bbook%2Bscams%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_search_type%3Dsolr%26p_r_p_arena_urn%253Aarena_sort_advice%3Dfield%253DRelevance%2526direction%253DDescending%26_searchResult_WAR_arenaportlet_arena_member_id%3D45880238&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_search_query=little+big+book+scams&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_search_type=solr&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_sort_advice=field%3DRelevance%26direction%3DDescending&p_r_p_arena_urn%3Aarena_arena_member_id=45880238), our West Sussex Library Service has four copies available for library members to take out on loan. [Becoming a library member is free](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYXJlbmEud2VzdHN1c3NleC5nb3YudWsvcHJvdGVjdGVkL2pvaW4tdGhlLWxpYnJhcnkiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzE1LjkxODQ1MjExIn0.qeDqADH9oUwWNEQYgwX8rPK7dsl0dHFpbXbI1KpDfeA/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) and can be done online or in-person at your [local library](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYXJlbmEud2VzdHN1c3NleC5nb3YudWsvb3VyLWxpYnJhcmllcyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAzMTUuOTE4NDUyMTEifQ.I0xtW_8x4sDC7oML2o-AyNkZa42gIMXfq3KK1oenxk8/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l).There are also a small number of printed booklets available at the libraries to pick up and take home if you feel someone you know would benefit from having one or it can be viewed online.

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| [**View the Little Book of Big Scams online**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnN1c3NleC5wb2xpY2UudWsvU3lzU2l0ZUFzc2V0cy9tZWRpYS9kb3dubG9hZHMvc3Vzc2V4L2FkdmljZS9vcGVyYXRpb25zLWluaXRpYXRpdmVzLWFuZC13YXRjaC1zY2hlbWVzL29wZXJhdGlvbi1zaWduYXR1cmUvdGhlLWxpdHRsZS1ib29rLW9mLXNjYW1zIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDMxNS45MTg0NTIxMSJ9.JQ-NQ1I9_jgiwXdV32RJ4PLIgSKdG6HaHBKI1WzSr4g/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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A person sitting on a chair holding a phone  Description automatically generatedFraudsters aren’t fussy. They’ll pick on anyone.Alongside the Little Book of Big Scams, the Government's latest campaign “Stop! Think Fraud” has been designed to help you reduce your risk of becoming a victim by teaching you to spot the tactics and techniques commonly used by fraudsters.The campaign is backed by leading counter fraud experts and provides consistent, clear and robust anti-fraud advice to residents. To find out more, just visit the website.

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| [**Visit the 'Stop! Think Fraud' website**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vc3RvcHRoaW5rZnJhdWQuY2FtcGFpZ24uZ292LnVrLyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAzMTUuOTE4NDUyMTEifQ.axz3gSUT7DRwexCNb9UMzaBd2JjIjQ-BkGhde_yCITw/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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West Sussex Libraries Wellbeing Month. Connect. Give. Keep learning.  Be active. Take notice.Stay well with West Sussex Libraries this monthMarch is West Sussex Library Service’s annual Wellbeing Month, where they celebrate and highlight the ways that libraries, books, reading and all their services, activities and resources can support you with your mental and physical health.This year, alongside all the great regular information, booklists and events that they have available throughout the year, there are also some special activities and drop-in sessions on offer for both adults and children. To find out about all the great things our libraries have planned for your wellbeing this month, visit their website.

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| [**Visit West Sussex Libraries Wellbeing Month page**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYXJlbmEud2VzdHN1c3NleC5nb3YudWsvd2VsbGJlaW5nLW1vbnRoIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDMxNS45MTg0NTIxMSJ9.1NpDgjMloJG6nOFBXw5KD84PtzKmZ3YaUez1Z2d5CL0/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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Are you scam savvy? written on a blue background with three pairs of hands holding different internet enabled devicesFree sessions available to keep you safe against scamsOur Digital Safety Team has more of their popular online and in-person 'Are you scam savvy?' events available for residents to attend over the coming months.These free 1.5 hour sessions are available to anyone who wants to keep themselves, or friends and family, from falling victim to different types of scams, including telephone, courier and romance fraud which are all a concern in West Sussex. The dates available for the online only sessions are:* Wednesday 22 May: 1pm - 2.30pm
* Friday 5 July: 11am - 12.30pm

In-person ‘Are you scam savvy?’ sessions will also be taking place in three West Sussex Libraries across the county:* Friday 19 April at Crawley Library: 10am - 11.30am
* Monday 20 May at Bognor Library: 10am - 11.30am
* Monday 17 June at Shoreham Library: 10am - 11.30am

If you can’t attend the library events in person, there is also the opportunity to view these online.Booking is essential to attend any of the in-person or online sessions and free tickets can be ordered through Eventbrite. The team look forward to seeing you all soon.

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| [**Book your free place on eventbrite now**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmV2ZW50YnJpdGUuY28udWsvby9jb21tdW5pdHktc2FmZXR5LXdlbGxiZWluZy13c2NjLTE3NDU2NzYzOTEyIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDMxNS45MTg0NTIxMSJ9.Eo1sO0kXY_QTfCwjBD0tatIYVbFcsj4k3BGbEkvJhGs/s/842687562/br/238886033963-l) |

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